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**October 3rd, 2017**

***“You’ve always had the power my dear, you just had to learn it for yourself”***

 ***~The Wizard of Oz~***

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**A. *SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**WCU Resource Pantry**

West Chester University is proud to have established an on campus resource pantry for students in need, located in Commonwealth Hall, Lower Level. The pantry offers seasonal fresh vegetables, nonperishable food, personal hygiene products, school supplies, and a career closet.  To make an appointment, contact Gabby Singh at pantry@wcupa.edu or visit [www.wcupa.edu/pantry](http://www.wcupa.edu/pantry)

**WCU Resource Pantry Food Drive**

**September 29th-October 13th**

West Chester University is celebrating the one year birthday of our on-campus resource pantry located in Commonwealth Hall, Lower Level. The pantry offers seasonal fresh vegetables, nonperishable food, personal hygiene products, school supplies, and a career closet. Volunteers are needed to help check on the bins halfway through the drive and at the end of the drive to collect bins across campus and unload them at the pantry. If interested in volunteering sign up for a shift at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4eada723a0fe3-food> if these times do not work with your schedule, consider donating non-perishables; look for the yellow bins across campus!

**DC central Kitchen’s Alexander Justice Moore**

**Thursday, October 26th, 7:00pm in Emily Asplundh Concert Hall, West Chester University**

Author of The Food Fighters, Alexander Justice Moore will be speaking on our campus. This is a free event, but you must RSVP through<https://wcupatix.secure.force.com/ticket/#details_a0S36000003v7ecEAA>

**5k Charity Walk & Kids Fun Run/Fall Festival**

**Saturday, October 7th, Westtown School (975 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA)**

Come support the community for this special day to unite with anti-trafficking experts to work together to help young girls, parents, schools, victims, survivors and law enforcement. The day begins with a panel discussion and then goes into a 5K Walk/Run on a beautiful nature trail. The day ends with a Meet & Greet with community advocates, social service agencies, emotional therapies, job skills for survivors and so much more! There will also be face painting, pumpkin carving and activities for younger children during the panel discussion in an open area directly next to parents. Come out to support Walk Her Home!

***B.    UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**Fair Acres Geriatric Center Emerald Ball, The Redwood Community Center**

**Friday, October 6th**

Come to interact with our residents either by talking to them, dancing with them (i.e. pushing someone around the dance floor in their wheelchairs), or simply dancing with each other beginning at 6:30 pm until about 8:30 pm.  “It makes such a difference to have students present – you can see it in their smiles” quotes Cheryl Everngham, Director of Volunteers. Contact her at 610-891-5770 or evernghamc@fairacres.org if interested.

**West Chester University's Women and Gender Studies** **Walk Her 5K**

**Saturday, October 7th**

The Walk Her Home 5K raises awareness and support of sex trafficking victims. In addition to the 5K there will be a discussion panel regarding signs and prevention of sex trafficking with experts. There will also be a Fun Run and Fall Fest for kids. These activities will include pumpkin carving, face painting and more. Registration begins at 9 am. The event will be held at the Westtown School. To register please visit<https://walkherhome.org/registration/>.

**The Hickman Senior Friends of West Chester Fall Clean Up**

**Saturday, October 7th**

What a great way to enjoy the beginning of fall and help out our community at the same time.  This is walking distance from campus located at 400 North Walnut Street in West Chester. Please email Yolanda Spruill at yspruill@thehickman.org by Friday September 29th if interested.

**Group Leaders for Paranormal Investigations**

**Saturday October 14th**

Chadds Fords Historical Society is partnering with Delmarva Historic Haunts (DHH) to perform public Paranormal Investigations at their sites. They are looking for enthusiastic group leaders to help guide and monitor groups of approximately 10 guests as they navigate each site during the investigations.   DHH will lead the actual investigations. Investigation times are 7:30pm-10:15pm and 10:30pm-1:15am.   They ask that you arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to starting (times are shown below) to prep for your group and receive event information. To sign up go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4caba829aaf58-volunteer>

**Tree Planting**

**Saturday October 14th**

Join in on planting trees to create riparian buffer along Valley Creek from 8:30am until 12pm! All you need is gloves, boots and a shovel if you have one. This volunteer opportunity is located at Cedar Hollow Preserve, 1635 Church Road in Malvern PA. Contact Ray Clarke at raymond.clarke@outlook.com or 610-247-7090 if interested or with any questions!

**The Great Pumpkin Carving**

**Thursday, October 19th, 5pm-9pm**

The Chadds Ford Historical Society are looking for volunteers for their annual Great Pumpkin Carve. Volunteers are needed to assist with admissions, handout wristbands, help at the membership tent, t-shirt sales, raffle booth, glow stuff and at the CFHS store. If you’re interested in volunteering at the event sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4cadaf28a0f85-20161>

**American Red Cross Blood Drive, Sykes Ballrooms B and C**

**Thursday, October 19th**

Did you know 1 pint of blood can save up to 3 lives? Do your part and donate now.  Blood drive will run from 11:00am until 4:00pm. Sign up at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/rcbmobile/drive/chooseDonationTime.jsp>  Please visit:   <http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation> and search by sponsor code WCU to schedule an appointment.  Please contact tedra.farrell@redcross.org if you have questions.

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**Healthy Halloween**

**Saturday October 21st, 4pm-8pm**

Help at the Annual Healthy Halloween at the Upper Main Line YMCA. Actors are needed to fill the rooms and halls of their “Wild West Ghost Town”, friendly characters are needed to lead groups of families through the Cassatt Mansion, and volunteers are needed to help run the different carnival games! Plus so much more. Costumes and role review will be done upon arrival. Please contact the Upper Main Line YMCA at braicich@ymcagbw.org if interested in this volunteer opportunity.

**Healthy Halloween**

**Saturday, October 21st, 5pm-9 pm**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-healthy3>

Annual Healthy Halloween is a fun time for the volunteers!  Come dressed in a costume, if you choose, and have a great evening entertaining the community as our facility gets transformed into a Halloween Haven!

**Rise Against Hunger**

**Sunday, October 22nd**

An international hunger relief organization that distributes food and life-changing aid to the world’s most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030. [http://www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org/)  Volunteers are needed for shifts from 12:00 pm and on through the rest of the day.  Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0545a9aa2faa8-rise> to sign up.

**Try a Tri**

**Sunday, November 5th, 3:30pm-7:30 pm**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-tryand>

Volunteers are needed for the pool deck, wellness floor, and gym attendants.

**Thanksgiving Meal Delivery**

**Friday, November 17th**

Make a difference in a homeless families holiday season.  From 10:00am until 1:00pm help assist in delivering Thanksgiving boxes to families in need! Contact Robin Meixner at r.meixner@friendsassoc.org if interested in this opportunity.

**2017 Fall Park Clean Up**

**Saturday, November 18th**

Come out to Everhart Park to help with the annual fall clean up! There are two shifts 9:00am until 12:00pm the second shift is 1:00pm until 4:00pm, but you're welcome to stay and do both! Some gloves and rakes will be available but if you have your own be sure to bring them! For more information contact herb.schwabe.FOEP@gmail.com

**Candlelight Christmas**

**December 1st, 10am-4pm**

The Chadds Ford Historical Society is looking for volunteers to help with their upcoming Candlelight Christmas tours. Help is needed for setup and breakdown before and after the event as well as helping with advance ticket sales, parking assistance, being a greeter, gift shop help and more! If you are interested in volunteering sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4caba829aaf58-candlelight>

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***C. ONGOING VOLUNTEER/INTERNSHIP/EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES***

**SNAP Swimming, Saturdays**

September 9th - October 21, 1:00-2:30 pm Special Needs Adapted Programming (SNAP) Swim Lessons.  This is a great opportunity for those who have a desire to work with people with disabilities.  You don't have to have experience teaching lessons, but you will be in the water with the participants.  Those who have volunteered in the past love this class!  You do need to commit to the entire session.  <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-adapted1>

**West Chester Area Senior Center Breakfast and Lunch Volunteers**

Breakfast Volunteers needed Monday through Friday 7:30am until 9:30am. Help set up, serve and clean up.  For more information contact iqstudios@aol.com.  Lunch Volunteers needed Monday through Friday 11:15am until 1:15pm. Help set up, serve and clean up. For more information contact iqstudios@aol.com

**Saturday Night Lights, Saturdays**

October 14th 2017- May 26th 2017, 7:00pm-10:00pm The YMCA is looking for volunteers to interact with teens in lots of fun activities, like playing games, shooting hoops, and simply being a great role model! Feel free to sign up for one Saturday or multiple at<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-saturday>

**Family Fun Time West Chester YMCA** on Airport Road hosts family time every Sunday from 1:00pm until 3:00pm. Families can jump in the moon bounce, play kickball, swim in the pool and much more. The YMCA is looking for volunteers to help run the different stations throughout the building. If you would like to volunteer on Sunday or multiple sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-family1>

**Adapted Wellness Program**, Are you interested in volunteering with individuals who have disabilities? On Mondays, there is an adapted wellness program held in the Sturzebecker Fitness Center from 4:15pm until 5:30pm or 5:15pm until 6:30pm. If interested contact Samantha McAleer at sm847607@wcupa.edu

**Special Olympics Rammies Soccer**, on Thursdays at the Women's Rugby Field from 4:15pm until 6:15pm you can help volunteer with individuals who have disabilities.  If interested contact Samantha McAleer at sm847607@wcupa.edu

**ELS Language Centers**, the English as a Second Language provider for West Chester University located on the 4th floor of Mitchell Hall, is calling for volunteers to join their new program called International VOICE: Volunteers Offering Individual Conversation in English. Volunteers would commit to meet and converse with an ESL student for one hour each week for a 4-week session. Fall 2017 sessions begin September 11, October 9, November 6, and December 4. ELS students come from Japan, China, South Korea, Thailand, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Ivory Coast, and other countries. For more information or for an application, please contact Pam Trowbridge, International Student Adviser at ELS Language Centers: ptrowbridge@els.edu or 610-436-3578.

**Communications and Social Media Intern**

Friends Association offers a semester-long non-paid internship to current full-time or part-time college students that will directly benefit their education and ultimately their career. The internship is approximately 15 hours per week.  Please a send cover letter and resume to Marie Paxson at m.paxson@friendsassoc.org.

**Development and Marketing Intern**

Friends Association seeks a dynamic, self-starter to assist development marketing and communications efforts. This internship is an excellent opportunity to experience various aspects of marketing while working for well-known nonprofit organization.  5-10 hours/wk. Send cover letter and resume to Robin Meixner at r.meixner@friendsassoc.org.

***CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE VOLUNTEER DIRECTORY FOR EVEN MORE OPPORTUNITIES AT***

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