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**October 17th, 2017**

***“Real strength has to do with helping others” ~Fred Rogers~***

**In this edition - Special Announcements, Upcoming and Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities**

**A. *SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Taking Back Our Votes**

**Wednesday, October 18th, 6 pm, Sykes Student Union Ballroom C**

Ready to take back our votes? Join Dub C Votes, WCU's nonpartisan voter engagement platform, as they host a forum on gerrymandering reform. Guest speaker Carol Kuniholm, founder of Fair Districts PA, will break down the severity of gerrymandering in Pennsylvania, and provide concrete steps towards action. Find more event details at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1948735195379127/>

**Apply for WCU’s Alternative Break Trips by October 27!**

The Alternative Break program brings together WCU students from across campus for an experience unlike any other! Students will engage in a week of meaningful service during a University break to explore what it means to be active citizens. We are offering 5 domestic Alternative Break trips during spring break (March 11-17, 2018). Read all about our incredible service trips and apply on our website: [www.wcupa.edu/ab](http://www.wcupa.edu/ab) **Applications due October 27 at 11:59pm!** Questions? Contact Kate Colyer kcolyer@wcupa.edu

**Food Recovery & Social Justice with DC Central Kitchen**

**Thursday, October 26th, 7pm in Emily Asplundh Concert Hall**
Alexander Justice Moore, the Chief Development Officer for [DC Central Kitchen](https://dccentralkitchen.org/), the oldest and largest community kitchen in the USA will be giving a talk open to the community to discuss the important “food fighting” work they do to help end the cycle of poverty, combat food insecurity, decrease recidivism, minimize food waste and support sustainable local farms. The event is free, but tickets are required and can be reserved online at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1948735195379127/>

**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)

***B.    UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**The Great Pumpkin Carving**

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

**Friday, October 20th, 5pm-9pm**

**Saturday, October 21st, 3pm-9pm**

The Chadds Ford Historical Society is 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, 11am-4pm**

Did you know 1 pint of blood can save up to 3 lives? Do your part and donate now. 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.

**East Goshen Township Pumpkin Festival**

**Saturday, October 21st 10am-1pm**

Come out and help with the EGT Pumpkin Festival. There will be hay rides, face painting, petting zoo, bowling, apple bobbing and more. If you are interested in learning more or to volunteer contact Jason Lang at 610-692-7171

**Healthy Halloween**

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

Help at the Annual Healthy Halloween Party 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!

**Tree Planting**

**Saturday, October 21st 2017, 9am-12pm**

The Brandywine Conservancy will be having an upcoming tree planting on their campus in Chadds Ford and invite you to join them to help! Volunteers do not need any previous tree planting experience. For more information or to volunteer contact Meredith at mmayer@brandywine.org

**Rise Against Hunger**

**Sunday, October 22nd, shifts from 12pm throughout the rest of the day**

This international hunger relief organization distributes food and life-changing aid to the world’s most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030 is holding a food packing event and needs volunteers! To learn more about this event, go to [http://www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org/)  To sign up, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0545a9aa2faa8-rise> to sign up.

**Pumpkin Painting**

**Monday, October 23rd**

Ascend Hospice is looking for a group of volunteers to paint mini pumpkins for their hospice patients. They will provide pumpkins, paint and brushes. Pumpkins would need to be picked up no later than October 23rd. If interested contact their volunteer supervisor at Marina.McGough@ascendhealth.com

**Fall Festival**

**Friday, October 27th 3pm-9pm**

Trinity Church is looking for volunteers for their upcoming fall festival. This event is located at 1022 Pottstown Pike West Chester, PA. For more information or to help volunteer contact their Pastor at pastorcraigdunaway@gmail.com

**Healthy Halloween, Kennett YMCA**

**Saturday, October 28th 6pm-8pm**

Kennett Area YMCA is hosting their annual Healthy Halloween with a spook room, DJ, dancing, games, and crafts a moon bounce and more. They will also be hosting their youth coat drive during this event. If you would like more information on either of these or would like to volunteer, contact Kelly at ksharp@ymcagbw.org

**AACR’s Revolutions for Research**

**Saturday, November 4th**

American Association for Cancer Research are looking for volunteers at their Revolutions for Research indoor cycling event, being held at the Simeone Auto Museum. For more information or to sign up to volunteer check out this link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d45aaad2aa5fe3-revolutions5>

**Try a Tri**

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

<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, 10am-1pm**

Make a difference in a homeless families holiday season and 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, 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm**

Come out to Everhart Park to help with the annual fall clean up! There are two 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

**West Chester Christmas Parade**

**December 1st, 2pm-11pm**

The town of West Chester will be hosting their annual Christmas Parade and are in need of volunteers. There are shifts throughout the night and you can sign up to assist with multiple things. Volunteer opportunities included and are not limited to banner installing, vendor set up, sponsor check in, parade marshals and so much more! To volunteer visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4ea8a929aafb6-west>

**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***

**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

**SPCA Regular Volunteer**

The Brandywine Valley SPCA is looking for more individuals to add to their committed volunteer team. To join fill out the application on their website at <http://bvspca.org/get-involved/volunteer/> Volunteers can help with dog walking, training, socializing, playing, cat/kitten socialization, photography/marketing, cleaning tasks and going to community events. This is with a minimum of 4 hours a month.

**Crossroads Hospice**

The Crossroads Hospice is looking for volunteers to join their team! Volunteers are asked to visit with a patient at the patient’s place of residence. As a direct care volunteer, their main role is to provide companionship and emotional support. This might mean simply sitting and listening, holding their hand, journaling, scrapbooking, pet visits or playing a game of cards. Volunteers make their own schedule but are asked to visit 1-2 times a month. To learn more go to [www.crossroadshospice.com](http://www.crossroadshospice.com) or call (215) 956-5110

**The Crime Victims’ Center of Chester County**

CVCC is looking for volunteers to help with providing crisis support and resources to victims of crime and their families. Training sessions are offered twice a year, the upcoming training is during January-February of 2018. If you would like more information visit [www.cvcofcc.org](http://www.cvcofcc.org)

**Kennett Senior Center Assistant**

Kennett Senior Center is looking for an assistant. The assistant is needed to help get information out to the media on a regular basis, usually weekly. This is great for Journalism, Communications and Marketing majors work would consist of writing articles, notices and press releases to local media to promote Kennett Senior Center. For more information contact Andrea Durynski at adurynski@kennettseniorcenter.org

**Volunteering at Safe Harbor**

Safe Harbor of Chester County has multiple volunteer opportunities. You can help in the kitchen by picking up donated food and or preparing and serving meals. In the shelter you can support the staff during early morning or evening hours, lead activities and maintenance approved projects. You could also fundraise to support Safe Harbor. For more information on volunteering or to get involved visit [www.safeharborofgwc.org](http://www.safeharborofgwc.org)

**Saturday Night Lights, West Chester YMCA, Saturdays, 7pm-10pm**

October 14th 2017- May 26th 2017, 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, Sundays 1pm-3pm**

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 different stations throughout the building. If you would like to volunteer on a particular Sunday or sign up for multiple Sundays, go to  <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-family1>

**Adapted Wellness Program** Are you interested in volunteering with individuals who have disabilities? On Mondays, the program is 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 left are 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.

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

[*http://wcupa.edu/volunteersearch*](http://wcupa.edu/volunteersearch)

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