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**November 8th, 2017**

***“People coming together as a community can make things happen.”   ~Jacob Rees-Mogg~***

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**A. *SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Leadership Connection Panel**

**Tuesday, November 14th 5:30pm-7:30pm**

Students interested in mission-driven work and community impact are encouraged to attend Campus Philly's Leadership Connection event. This event will provide perspectives on careers in government, advocacy and non-profit organizations. There will be pizza and professionals for students to expand their network with as well. To register visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leadership-connection-tickets-37007968831>

**Colleges against Cancer Mustache Dash 5k**

**Saturday, November 18th, 10:15am**

West Chester University’s Colleges against Cancer is hosting their 3rd annual 5k at Hollinger Fieldhouse! This is a fun run/walk created to raise awareness for cancer patients who lose their hair during treatment. Register to help raise awareness and participate in a fun morning! All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. To register for the race go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/WestChester/MustacheDay5K>

**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***

**Turkey Trot**

**Thursday, November 16th, 5pm race start**

Come out and run or walk the annual West Chester University Turkey Trot. Pre-5K yoga will begin at 4pm in Ehinger gymnasium lawn and is open to all. Be sure to bring at least 2 non-perishable food items for the WCU Resource Pantry. You will need to hand-in your times before you can receive your shirt. Be sure to bring a photo ID to the registration table. To participate visit <https://www.wcupa.edu/_services/campusRec/forms/turkeyTrot/>

**Tree Planting**

**November 16th-19th, times vary**

Join the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, which connects people with horticulture and together create beautiful, healthy and sustainable communities, in their mission to plant 800 trees. Follow this link to find out where you can help and who to contact <https://phsonline.org/programs/tree-tenders/tree-planting-volunteer-opportunities/?bblinkid=66622076&bbemailid=5519802&bbejrid=412301173>

**Thanksgiving Meal Delivery**

**Friday, November 17th, 10am-1pm**

Make a difference to a family in need this holiday season and assist in delivering Thanksgiving boxes to them!  Contact Robin Meixner at r.meixner@friendsassoc.org  if interested in this opportunity.

**Hanging of the Greens**

**Saturday, November 18th**

The Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce needs help getting West Chester ready for the Holiday season!  Please consider volunteering for either the morning or afternoon shift to help hang pine greens and bows on doors and windows of stores downtown! This is a fun opportunity for a club or organization, a group of friends, or even just yourself!!  If you are interested sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044ba4ac29a3fb6-hanging>  by November 15th!

**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 shifts 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

**Colleges against Cancer Mustache Dash 5k**

**Saturday, November 18th**

If you are interested in helping out at the Mustache Dash, volunteers are needed to help before, during, or after the 5k. This event will be held at the Hollinger Fieldhouse located on South Church Street, and its goal is to raise awareness about cancer patients losing their hair to treatment and to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Contact Jaclyn Gallagher at JG863311@wcupa.edu if you are interested in volunteering.

**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 banner installing, vendor set up, sponsor check in, parade marshals and so much more! To volunteer visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4ea8a929aafb6-west>

**Angel Tree Volunteers**

**Saturday, December 9th**

West Chester YMCA is going to help provide presents for 800 children this Christmas! They are in need of volunteers to help receive presents from their members and load the portable container with gifts. As volunteers you are transporting packages from inside the building to the container outside so dress appropriately for the weather. To volunteer no clearances or applications are needed for this one time opportunity. Sign up for a shift at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-angel2>

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

**Bilingual Volunteers Needed**

The Clinic located at 143 Church Street Phoenixville, PA is looking for bilingual volunteers to help with communicating with patients. Volunteers are needed on a weekly basis from 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm throughout the week. Please call or email Ann Shum at 610-935-1134 ext. 33 or ashum@theclinicpa.org to learn how you can make a difference at The Clinic!

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

Breakfast and Lunch Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday to help with set up, serving and clean up. Breakfast shift is 7:30am until 9:30am and lunch shift is 11:15am until 1:15pm. For more information contact iqstudios@aol.com

**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 to help get information out to the media on a regular basis, usually weekly. This is great for Journalism, Communications and Marketing majors because 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 g

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**

Now through 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>

**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

**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***

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