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**November 14th, 2017**

***“Just be Thankful” - Unknown***

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***A. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Hanging of the Greens**

**Saturday, November 18th**

The Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce is **still 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!

**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/>

**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.

**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, 10:15 am**

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. To register for the race go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/WestChester/MustacheDay5k>

**Philadelphia Marathon**

**Sunday, November 19th**

Help is needed for the Annual Philadelphia Marathon this month! There are volunteer opportunities from Clothing Collection, Course Marshaling, Water Stations and more! To find out more about the volunteer positions or to sign up go to <http://philadelphiamarathon.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?start_over&id=22932>

**Holiday Decorating**

**Monday, November 27th**

The Hickman is going to be decorating for the holidays and needs your help! Decorating will be from 9am until 5pm if there is an hour or two you can go to help make the Hickman festive for the holidays they would greatly appreciate it. For more information or to volunteer contact Jen Harris at jharris@thehickman.org

**Bazaar Set Up**

**Thursday, November 30th**

The Hickman’s annual Bazaar will be taking place on December 1st. They are looking for volunteers to help with setting up for this wonderful event! If this is something you’re interested in volunteering for contact Jen Harris at jharris@thehickman.org

**Bazaar Support**

**Friday, December 1st, 8am-5pm**

The Hickman will be hosting their annual Bazaar and are in need of volunteers to help with selling merchandise and clean up after the event. If you want to volunteer for an hour or two contact Jen Harris at jharris@thehickman.org

**Annual Warm Wishes Coat Event**

**Friday, December 1st**

La Comunidad Hispana’s annual coat distribution will be taking place on Friday, December 1st at their Kennett Square location. La Comunidad Hispana is searching for volunteers to help at this distribution event. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more contact Norma Diego-Flores at 610-444-7550 X247

**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>

**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, greeting, helping in the gift shop and more! If you are interested in volunteering sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4caba829aaf58-candlelight>

**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. To volunteer sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-angel2>

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

**Grant Writer** The Erik Foundation is looking for a volunteer to help a startup 501(c)(3) get going by donating time and expertise in identifying potential grants that are aligned with their mission and intended beneficiaries. The Position begins Nov. 15th and no grant writing experience is necessary, but you may get an opportunity for some training in grant writing, if you choose. They are in need of computer literate individuals that can search for grant opportunities that meet their defined criteria so that they can apply. You would access a database of funding organizations and upon finding an opportunity that fits, record the name of the foundation and some other information. You would access the database at either the Exton (PA) library or the Free Library of Philadelphia (1901 Vine St.) They will teach you how to access and use the database. This is an opportunity to help a service organization that is getting established and also learn a new skill or two to add to your resume, such as grant writing. For more information or to apply contact Deborah Brussolo at info@theerikfoundation.org

**Chester County Food Bank's**Volunteer hub has daily service opportunities. From helping in the kitchen, to outside on the farm or in the warehouse! To get involved check out their hub at <https://chestercountyfoodbank.volunteerhub.com/events/index> and sign up for an open shift!

**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

**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

**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 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>

**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.

**Kisses for Kyle** Join the Kisses for Kyle foundation annual holiday gift program to support families battling childhood cancer! Visit <http://www.kissesforkyle.org/9th-annual-holiday-gift-drive/> by November 30th to see how you can donate and help these families!

**Compeer Chester County** Compeer Chester County is looking for volunteers to have a one-to-one Compeer relationship, be a pen pal or E-buddy with adults experiencing loneliness and isolation. For the one-to-one Compeer relationships volunteers must commit 4 hours a month to the program. Training is provided for each volunteer and the Compeer staff will help match you to a friend! To be involved in an extremely rewarding program visit <https://compeer.mhasp.org/volunteer/> for more information.

**Front Lobby Volunteer Assistants** the Care Center Foundation at 127-129 South Matlack Street in West Chester is looking for volunteers to greet visitors, answer the phone, accept delivers and complete other various office tasks. The Center is open from 7:30am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday with flexible volunteer hours. For more information or to sign up to volunteer contact Ms. Claudia Brown at (610)436-6226.

**The Arc of Chester County** Volunteers are needed at The Arc of Chester County in a variety of positions. Opportunities include classroom assistants for children with autism, advocacy program volunteers, and committee members, assistants for preschool children with disabilities, administrative support and more! Whether you are looking for an on-going, year round or one time volunteer opportunity The Arc of Chester County has a fit for you. For more information on these volunteer positions go to <http://www.arcofchestercounty.org/support-the-arc/volunteer/>.

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

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