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**December 5th, 2017**

**“If the world is cold, make it your business to build fires” ~Horace Traubel~**

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***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)

**Home Support Fund Drive for Deployed Troops**

WCU’s Student Veterans Group is hosting a holiday fund drive to support our troops who are deployed during the holidays. All items will be mailed to the USS Bunker Hill & Service members deployed overseas. Items needed include non-perishable food/snack items, toiletries, socks, gloves, civilian attire, etc. Cards are also appreciated. Be sure to bring all your donations to the Veteran’s Center Lounge at 624 South High Street no later than Friday, December 8th.

**Winter Puppyland to Benefit Barclay and Friends**

**December 7th, 1pm-4pm**

Come to the Sykes Ballroom to participate in the Puppyland fundraiser. There will be an agility course, photo booth, bake sale, hot cocoa, Christmas music, raffles and a lot of puppies! The entrance fee is $10, and all collected funds will go towards replacing personal items for victims such as hearing aids, glasses, dentures and more.

***UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**Pete's Produce Farm**

**Thursday, December 7th, Monday, December 11th and Tuesday, December 12th**

Chester County Food Bank is looking for volunteers to help plant, maintain, and harvest crops at Pete's Produce Farm. This will take place at 1015 Westtown Road, West Chester PA 19382. If you want to help with this event visit <https://chestercountyfoodbank.volunteerhub.com/events/index> .

**Downingtown Good Neighbor Christmas Parade**

**Saturday, December 9th**

**Downingtown Good Neighbor Christmas, Inc., who present the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony are seeking volunteers for parade help. This is a fun way to get in the holiday spirit! If interested in volunteering, please contact Dianne Plaugher at** dtownchristmas@aol.com

**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>

**Christmas Toy Store**

**December 16th, 8am**

Over 400 Chester children will be individually selected to come and “shop” in the Christmas toy store. Each child will get a personal shopper to take them around the store. After picking out their toys parents will take the presents to the wrapping station to wrap the toys to put under the tree for Christmas day. Volunteers are needed as personal shoppers, present wrappers and in inventory, there are 3 shifts you can pick from. If this is something you are interested sign up at <http://www.andrewlhicksjrfoundation.org/2017/toy-store-volunteer-sign/>

**Pictures with Santa**

**Sunday, December 17th**

West Chester YMCA is looking for volunteers for this annual event from 1-3pm.  This is a fun time for families to come get a picture with the jolly ‘ol elf himself as well as enjoy face painting, moon bounces, crafts, and reindeer food!  If interested in signing up, please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-pictures2>

***ONGOING VOLUNTEER/INTERNSHIP/EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES***

**Meals on Wheels** As the days continue to get colder, consider volunteering to deliver a warm and nutritious meal to homebound seniors. There is no cooking required, meals are already prepared you just need to pick up the meals for your area and deliver them. You can decide what day and how often you would like to volunteer. To learn more or get started go to <http://www.mowcc.org/volunteer.html>

**Gymnasium Monitor** Qualified people are in need to monitor the YMCA gym between 3-8pm Monday through Friday and weekend mornings. The monitors are asked to make sure that people are using the gym in a safe way, control members using the gym for playing basketball and, running youth games. If this is something you are interested in please email Amy Leman-Terrell at alemanterrell@ymcagbw.org

**Private Care**A member of our community is looking for an individual to volunteer and assist her in being a 1:1 with her son who has special needs. She would like the volunteer to assist him with every day activities like socializing, interacting with others, taking him into the community like the park or library, playing games with him and helping him with his homework. This is a great opportunity for someone who is planning to go into social work, counseling or special education. For more information contact Laura Chandler at lchandle@devereux.org

**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

**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 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.

**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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