**SERVICE CORNER**

**September 25, 2018**

**Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs**

**Commonwealth Hall, Lower Level, 715 S. New Street**

[www.wcupa.edu/volunteer](http://www.wcupa.edu/volunteer)

**“The most rewarding things you do in life are often the ones**

 **that look like they cannot be done”**

**~Arnold Palmer~**

***\*\*\*\*\*2018 Fall Volunteer Fair TOMORROW\*\*\*\*\****

**2018 Fall Volunteer Fair**

**Wednesday, September 26th, 11:00am – 2:00pm**

The Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs will be hosting the 2018 Fall Volunteer Fair in the Sykes Ballrooms! Make sure to stop by and connect with over 50 community and government agencies! All students, faculty, and staff are welcome so please stop by and bring a friend. It’s a great feeling to get involved and make a difference!



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***SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Alternative Break Program LAST Informational Session**

**Wednesday, September 26th, 7:30pm**

Are you interested in a meaningful service opportunity beyond West Chester's campus?  Apply for the Alternative Break Program and learn what it means to be an active citizen and travel to a new community for an experience unlike any other.  To learn more, attend this informational session in Sykes 255.  For any questions, email Shannon Gillespie or apply [here](https://ramconnect.wcupa.edu/submitter/form/step/1?Guid=a84d7f9f-fe7b-43f3-bd1a-8e0071fa378a) today!

**America Reads Youth Mentoring Program**

America Reads Youth Mentoring Program is an academic enrichment program that sends college students into the Chester County community to mentor youth in local after-school and childcare programs. Serve as a mentor and build positive relationships with children, provide homework assistance, enhance social skill development of youth, and facilitate extracurricular activities while developing your own personal, social and professional skills and becoming a Student Leader for our WCU campus. To set up an interview contact Kaileik Asbury  or visit <https://www.wcupa.edu/_services/stu.slv/americaReads.aspx> for more information.

**The WCU Resource Pantry** eliminates barriers to degree completion for students with financial need by providing access to resources, while empowering students to learn independent living skills and achieve long-term stability. The Pantry offers non-perishable food, fresh produce from the campus gardens, personal care items, school supplies, and winter and career clothing. Please visit us to learn more or shop during our hours of operation: Monday – Wednesday 8:00am-4:30pm, Thursday 8:00am-8:00pm, and Friday 8:00am-4:30pm. We are located on the lower level of Commonwealth Hall next to Health Services.

**Red Cross Blood Drives** Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. You have an opportunity to donate right here on campus!

[Sign Up Here](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive)

10/16 Sykes Ballrooms 9:00am-2:00pm

11/6 Sykes Room 115 1:00pm-6:00pm

***UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**Garret Williamson Tree Planting**

**Saturday, September 29th, 9:00am-1:00pm**

Are you somebody that enjoys nature and is not afraid to get their hands dirty? Volunteers are needed to help plant some trees at 395 Bishop Hollow Road, Newtown Square, PA. RSVP Here.

**South Mountain YMCA Camps Mountain by Moonlight**

**October 12, 13, 19, 20, & 26 5:30pm-10:00pm**

Camp YMCA is in need of volunteers for various nights in October. There are different volunteer opportunities available from carnival games, to the concession stand, to dressing up and performing at one of the many scenes along the haunted hayride route. Volunteers must be 18 years or older. For more information or to volunteer contact Tracey Braymiller at 610-670-2267 or tbraymiller@smymca.org.

**Friends of Everhart Park Fall Clean Up**

**Saturday, November 17th**

The Friends of Everhart Park of West Chester is holding their annual fall clean up on the fourth Saturday of November. Huge leaf piles need to be cleaned up off the basketball courts of the park and they could use all the hands they can get to help! If you are interested in helping out at this event visit <https://www.friendsofeverhartpark.com/volunteer>

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

**Downingtown Area Senior Center**

The Downingtown Area Senior Center has been providing a warm and happy living opportunity for seniors for 43 years now! It is located at 983 East Lancaster Avenue Downingtown, PA 19335. They are looking for volunteers and are willing to match your interests with their needs. If you are interested in volunteering please visit <https://www.downingtownseniors.org/make-a-difference/>

**Pocopson Home Volunteers**

**1695 Lenape Road West Chester PA, 19382**

Join a unique group of people that provide the residents of Pocopson Home a happy and homelike environment. Volunteers are always needed in the following areas: reading stories, drawing, playing cards, games, pet therapy visits, musical entertainment and more. To become a volunteer contact the Activities Director at 610-793-1212 ext. 6813.

**Safe Harbor**

Safe harbor makes it its mission to provide housing, food, and access to support services for single homeless men and women. It is located at 20 North Matlack Street, West Chester, PA 19380. They greatly value their volunteers and are always looking for more! There are opportunities to volunteer in the shelter, in the kitchen, in the evening, to present programs, and to help with fundraisers/events. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please visit <http://safeharborofgwc.org/html/volunteer/volunteer.html>

**The Barn at Spring Brook Farm**

The Barn at Spring Brook Farm is located at 350 Locust Grove Rd, West Chester, PA 19382 and its goal is to enrich the lives of children with disabilities through animal-assisted activities. There are many different volunteer opportunities such as assisting children with the animals, caring for the animals and maintaining the barn and its grounds. Volunteer as an individual or with a group! If you are interested please visit <http://springbrook-farm.org/volunteer/>

**Ronald McDonald House of Delaware**

The Ronald McDonald House of Delaware provides a safe and affordable “home-away-from-home” for families that have a child suffering with a serious illness or injury and allows them to stay together and live together while getting the medical help they need. They say volunteers serve as the backbone to this community, and they are always looking for more! If you would like more information about this opportunity please contact Volunteer Manager Sara at s.funaiock@rmhde.org

**Preschool Childcare Volunteers Needed**

**Third Friday of each month, 9:15am-11:30am**

The Mothers of Preschoolers group in Downingtown is looking for volunteers to be caregivers in their childcare rooms at the Messiah Lutheran Church. Volunteers will work alongside other women caring for children ages 1-6. If interested in volunteering please reach out to Kristen Huber at 215-801-0871.

**Coatesville Library, 501 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA** needs volunteers to help implement new software, convert some Excel files, and develop processes to help them grow their donor base using the software. This would be an awesome thing to add to your resume! This is not a data entry position, but one that would require organizational skills, independent thinking, and technical skills to learn the software features. The work you do will have socio-economic benefits to this needy community and you would be a part of being on the ground floor of helping build donations and support for the library. The weekly tasks would take about 4 – 6 hours per week. Initially the volunteer would need to be on-site then eventually could do this remotely. For more information, contact Pat Bush at (610) 247-1183.

**Kindred Hospice** Volunteer today to help patients and their families when they need help the most. Patient Visit Volunteers are needed to provide companionship and support through conversation, leisure activities or by being a supportive presence. Administrative volunteers are needed to provide support through clerical duties such as data entry, filing or making phone calls. For more information, please call (215) 322-5746.

**Christ Community WBS Kids Program**

**September 2018 – April 2019**

Volunteers are needed to be temporary, part-time teachers and assistants for Christ Church Women’s Bible Study Kids’ Program.  The church is looking for dynamic and caring individuals who love kids from infants through Kindergarten.  The program is on Thursdays from September-April (Approximately 22 weeks).  There is also an opportunity on Tuesdays once a month to provide childcare during the leader meetings.  A detailed curriculum is provided, as well as training.  For more information contact Diane Moyer.

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

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

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