**SERVICE CORNER**

**October 3, 2018**

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

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

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**“The place you are in needs you today.”**

**~Katherine Logan~**

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***SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**WalkWorks ChesCo!**

WalkWorks ChesCo is looking for participants in Chester County to help reach their goal of 5 billion steps in 2018. Participants will need to simply register for free to make their steps count this year! Join competitions, connect with others, or become part of a team! Register to help ChesCo reach their goal at <http://chesco.org/walkworks>.

**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](mailto:ka917603@wcupa.edu)  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***

**Chester County Food Bank Volunteer Positions**

**October 3rd through November 26th**The Chester County Food Bank is in need of volunteers all throughout October and November to help in multiple volunteer positions. Volunteer opportunities range from kitchen help, warehouse cleaning, to helping on their farm! [Click Here](https://chestercountyfoodbank.volunteerhub.com/) for more information.

**Swim Lessons for Diverse Abilities**

**Saturday October 6th, 1:15pm – 2:15pm**

Volunteers are needed to assist swimmers with disabilities during their swim lessons. Swim experience is suggested but not required. This is a great opportunity for those interested in working with people with special needs. If interested, you must submit an online volunteer application and security clearances prior to volunteering. Contact [Amy Leman-Terrell](mailto:alemanterrell@ymcagbw.org) for more information.

**First Annual BBQ 911: A First Responders Cook Off**

**Saturday, October 6th, 2:00pm-7:00pm, 50 Three Tun Road, Malvern PA**

This First Annual BBQ 911 is in need of volunteers to sell raffle tickets and t-shirts from 2:00pm-6:00pm. They also need assistance with event break down and clean up from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Contact [Kathleen](mailto:KathleenG@cvcofcc.org) if you are interested.

**Let’s Give Hope 5k**

**Saturday, October 6th, 8:30am-10:30am, West Chester PA**

The Ray of Hope International Foundation will be having a 5K run, walk or wheel that supports healthcare for the underprivileged in India. They are looking for volunteers to be Course Marshalls during their 5K. [Click Here](https://runsignup.com/Volunteer/Register/63156?regToken=60e9a0d154&raceId=63156) to volunteer.

**Parents Night Out**

**Saturday October 6th, October 20th, November 3rd, November 17th (all from 5:45pm to 9:00pm)**

Volunteers are needed for childcare during the biweekly Parents Night Out events. Volunteers will help facilitate activities for the children such as arts and crafts, playground time, moonbounce, swimming, and gym time. Enjoy some time giving kids a fun night while their parents do the same! If interested contact [Amy Leman-Terrell](mailto:alemanterrell@ymcagbw.org)

**Camp Mountain by Moonlight, South Mountain YMCA**

**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 and concession stand help to dressing up and performing in 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](mailto:tbraymiller@smymca.org).

**Saturday Night Lights**

**Saturday October 13th, November 10th, December 8th, January 12th (all from 7:00pm to 10:00pm)**

Saturday Night Lights are Saturday night events help once a month for kids in grades 4-12 to come out and have some Saturday night fun and participate in activities such as games, arts and crafts, open mic, and so much more. Volunteers needed to help run the event and to make sure kids are having a fun and safe time! Available slots are open for face painting, moonbounce, haunted house, greeting kids, photo booths, games, and more. If interested, contact[Amy Leman-Terrell](mailto:alemanterrell@ymcagbw.org)

**The Great Pumpkin Carve 2018 Volunteers**

**October 18th, 19th, and 20th, The Chadds Ford Historical Society**

The Chadds Ford Historical Society needs volunteers for their Great Pumpkin Carve of 2018. There are various times and volunteer opportunities available on October 18th, 19th, and 20th. For more information and sign up [Click Here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4cadaf28a0f85-2017).

**Parents Night Out**

**October 20th, November 3rd, November 17th (all from 5:45pm to 9:00pm)**

Volunteers are needed to help out at the biweekly Parents Night Out events as a Childcare Helper. Volunteers will help facilitate activities for the children such as arts and crafts, playground time, moonbounce, swimming, and gym time. Enjoy some time giving kids a fun night while their parents do the same! If interested contact [Amy Leman-Terrell](mailto:alemanterrell@ymcagbw.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! 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! [Click Here](https://www.friendsofeverhartpark.com/volunteer) if interested in helping out at this event!

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

**Food Lab Compost Project**

Volunteers are needed for Wednesday afternoons from 2:30pm to 3:00pm to help transfer food waste from the lab to the south campus community garden for composting.  All interested volunteers should contact [Tiffany Kennedy](mailto:tbraymiller@smymca.org) for more information

**Volunteers needed for YoungMoms Program**

**Kennett Square, PA**

YoungMoms is a support program that provides multiple levels of support for Teen Moms. They rely on dozens of volunteers to support them in a variety of ways. Volunteer opportunities include: mentoring, tutoring, meal preparation, child care, fundraising, assisting at special events and more! If you are interesting in investing your time to this amazing program contact [Courtney Taylor](mailto:courtney.taylor@youngmomscommunity.com).

**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.

**West Chester Area Senior Center Volunteers Needed**

The West Chester Area Senior Center needs various volunteer positions filled. They need volunteers to assist participants in signing in on computers upon arrival at the center, 8:00am-2:00pm (1 hour shifts available based on schedule). They also need breakfast volunteers Monday through Friday 7:30am-9:30am and lunch volunteers 11:15am-1:15pm through the week. Volunteers will help set up, serve, and clean up. WC Area Senior Center also needs volunteers in the health and wellness department and technology department. The Center will also be putting together a Life History project and needs volunteers or teams of student to assist in interviewing, writing, recording, and editing. If any of these options sound interesting to you reach out to the West Chester Area Senior Center at 610-431-4242.

**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 [Click Here](http://safeharborofgwc.org/html/volunteer/volunteer.html)

**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 in 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.

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

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

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