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

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**“In every day, there are 1,440 minutes.**

**That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact.”**

**~Les Brown~**

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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 and 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  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.

**Chester County Color 5K Run**

**Saturday, November 10th**, Join in on the 5K Run to support fighting Opioid and Heroin addiction in Chester County!  Registration begins at 8:00am and the race begins at 9:00am at Everhart Park in West Chester.  Sign up for the Chester County Color 5K run and walk, starting in Everhart Park on Saturday, November 10th and **receive a $10 discount by using the coupon code WCU.** (You also get a great long-sleeve t-shirt and other goodies!)

***UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**Chester County Food Bank Volunteer Positions**

**Now 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.

**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.

**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

**Wings for Success**

**Friday, October 26th 6:30pm-8:30pm & 8:30pm-10:30pm, Aronimink Golf club**

Wings for Success is celebrating their 20th Anniversary of serving woman who cannot afford clothing for the workforce by having a Gala. They are in need of volunteers to help with check-in, Silent Auction and check-out. There are two shifts from 6:30pm-8:30pm or 8:30pm-10:30pm or the entire time! If you need an outfit Wings will also give you one at no cost! To volunteer please contact Jill.

**Angel Tree Volunteers
October 23rd (2:00pm-4:00pm) and December 8th (10:00am-2:30pm), West Chester YMCA**

West Chester’s YMCA helps provide Christmas presents to nearly 800 children, and you can help out with this amazing event! There are a few different ways you can assist from making the angel ornaments to helping to fill the truck with gifts. If you would like more information on this volunteer opportunity or would like to sign up for one of the days please visit [Here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-angel4) or [Here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4aa5a92ca1fb6-angel2) to learn about the two different days!

**Westminster Rise Against Hunger Packing Event**

**Sunday, October 28th, 8:00am-4:30pm, Spellman Hall**

Westminster Presbyterian Church is holding one of their RAH meal packing events to provide meals for people in need around the world! It will be located in Spellman Hall and they need as many volunteers as they can get to put in an hour helping to make over 64,000 meal kits! If you are interested in volunteering for this event please [Sign up Here](https://shn.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=701f1000002pDSUAA2)

**Fleece for Keeps Basket Bingo**

**Saturday, November 3rd, 4:30pm-10:30pm**

Fleece for Keeps is holding their 2nd annual basket bingo fundraiser and could use some extra hands to help make this event as successful as it was last year! It will be held at the Brandywine Hundred Fire Company in Wilmington, Delaware. They need help with set up/break down and help with the bingo event itself! If this volunteer opportunity interests you please contact Sue Day

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Tuesday, November 6th, 1:00pm-6:00pm**

After the severe weather of both Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael, a critical need exists right now for blood and platelet donations through American Red Cross.  Help meet the needs of those impacted and donate! Please visit <https://www.redcross.org/> for more information on how and where you can donate. Currently, the next blood drive on campus will be held in Sykes Room 115, 1:00pm-6:00pm.  [Sign Up Here](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive)

**Saturday Night Lights**

**Saturday November 10th, December 8th, January 12th (all from 7:00pm-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 are 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, contactAmy Leman-Terrell

**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!

**Health Education Volunteer Opportunity**

**Tuesday, December 3rd through Thursday, December 13th**

In observance of National Hand Washing Awareness Week, Chester County Health Department will be visiting 30 Kindergarten classrooms for disease prevention programming. They are in need of assistance to co-present, manage group activities, and help students during the program. All of this programming will take place in Phoenixville, PA. For more information contact Lindsay Smith.

**The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society’s Flower Show (For those who like to plan way ahead!)**

**Friday, March 1st through Sunday, March 10th**

PHS produces the Philadelphia Flower Show located at the Pennsylvania Convention Center and it needs thousands of volunteers to help this show run smoothly! Volunteer opportunities range from handling behind-the-scenes processes to helping with guest experiences. You even get to create your own schedule and you can see the show for free on the days you help out! If this interests you or you would like more information please contact Rachel Cieri

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

**Perfect for students in Marketing or Graphic Design!** Chester County OIC non-profit board members are seeking PR/Marketing/Graphic Design students who would be able to work on writing up bios for key staff and board members.  They would also take photographs of those individuals and prepare a short documentary video on the organization as a project.  Go to <http://www.ccoic.org/> to learn more about this non-profit.  Contact Tara Rucci for more information.

**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 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.

**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.

**After School Program Volunteer at Westside Community Center, 430 Hannum Ave, West Chester, PA** is looking for an After School Program Volunteer who will be responsible for helping to carry out the Community Centers mission through relationships and tutoring. The position requirements are: a minimum of 3 hours a week (Monday-Thursday from 2:45pm-5:45pm), tutor students, help with clean up, adhere to all policies and procedures, attend bi-monthly volunteer meetings, and help promote volunteer involvement. Volunteers must be 18 years or older, have valid Child Abuse, FBI and PA State Clearances, adequate proficiency in Math, English, Science, History or strong interpersonal skills. Any question or to apply contact Jeremy Vanderslice, 484-888-9846.

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

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