



YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES BROCHURE

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United Way of
the Capital Region

GET CONNECTED...

by volunteering in a museum, visiting with senior citizens, or teaching younger children. How about helping others with special needs?

VOLUNTEERING...

will bring you a whole new world of experiences and make you feel good about yourself and helping others. Volunteer experience is also appealing to admission counselors on college applications and job resumes.

You will meet people and **DO THINGS** you may have never dreamed of!

FOLLOW THESE THREE EASY STEPS TO CONNECT:

- 1) Look** through this brochure and find an activity or organization that interests you.
- 2) Match** the location and requirements to your needs.
- 3) Call** the contact person listed for that agency and make an appointment to start your volunteer experience today!

QUESTIONS?

Call the Volunteer Center at 717.732.0700 or e-mail hneuhaus@uwcr.org.



PARENTS' GUIDE TO CHOOSING YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We know that volunteering early in life leads to an increased likelihood of continued participation in volunteer efforts throughout adulthood. Volunteering also provides the opportunity for pre-teens and teens to learn about responsibility, commitment and the importance of giving back to the community. Additionally, teens can enjoy meeting new people, learning new skills and gaining new perspectives through volunteer work. However, a negative volunteer experience can be discouraging to teens. For this reason, it is important to talk with your youth and the organization providing the volunteer opportunity to ensure that everyone has the same expectations and that all parties will find the volunteer experience to be beneficial and meaningful!

Questions to ask your youth:

1. **Interests.** What are your youth's interests? Think about hobbies and activities in which they are involved. Do they enjoy working in an office environment or do they prefer working outdoors? Do they like working independently or in groups? Volunteer opportunities should spark an interest in the youth and be meaningful, engaging and pleasurable. Youth should not feel like volunteering is a chore; it should be something they look forward to doing!
2. **Abilities.** What special skills or talents does your teen have, or what skills or talents would they like to develop? There is a multitude of volunteer opportunities available that utilize all kinds of talents, ranging from singing, to performing, to yard work, to office support, to creative art projects, to providing companionship, to taking care of animals, to almost anything one can imagine!
3. **Time.** Be sure to be clear with your teen about how much time they are willing to invest in volunteering. Are they interested in a one-time volunteering event, or do they want to volunteer an hour of their time each week for a year? Are they willing to give up a few hours of free time in the evenings or weekends? Be sure that they are prepared to make and follow through with a time commitment.
4. **Why Volunteer?** Ask your teen what they hope to get out of volunteering. Why are they volunteering? What do they hope to experience? Who do they want to work with? Who do they want to help out? What difference do they want to make? What do they want to learn? This can spark a great discussion of the benefits of volunteering and the youth's perception of giving back to society and solving community problems. It will also lead to a more informed choice in the eventual selection of a specific opportunity.

In addition to talking with your youth, there are several things that you may want to consider before a final decision is made.

Questions to ask the volunteer coordinator or agency:

1. Child Abuse and Criminal Clearances. Is the staff my teen will be working with required to have up-to-date child abuse and criminal history clearances? Commonly required clearances for organizations working with children include PA Act 151 Child Abuse History Clearance (Childline Clearance), Act 34 Criminal Record Check and FBI Federal Criminal History and Fingerprinting.
2. Dress Code. What are the dress code expectations at this volunteer opportunity? Is professional attire preferred, or is casual clothing acceptable? Are there any needs for special clothing such as hard-toe boots for safety in construction projects or clothing that can get dirty for outdoor or art-related projects?
3. Food and Drink. If my teen will be working over a meal, is there a meal provided or does he or she need to bring one? Will my teen have access to drinking water or should he or she bring a water bottle? Can my teen bring snacks to the site? Will my teen have access to a refrigerator?
4. Supervision. What level of supervision is provided? Will my teen be expected to work independently for long periods of time? For some teens, ample supervision may be helpful in providing structure. Teens may also feel more comfortable knowing that they always have immediate access to someone in charge to answer questions as they come up and provide guidance.
5. Cost. What hidden costs are there for participation? Think about the cost of transporting your teen to the site, parking, providing snacks and lunches, purchasing appropriate clothing and other incidental expenses.
6. Attitudes/Experiences with Youth. Does this organization have experience working with teen volunteers? Do they find working with young people to be fun and exciting, or do they feel that young people are taxing because of their need for additional support and supervision? Most organizations will tell you directly if they accept youth volunteers, but others may have to be specifically asked.

Now that you have spoken with your youth and the organization about volunteering, you are ready to find the perfect match! Best of luck and happy volunteering!

**“How wonderful that no one need wait
a single moment to improve the world.”**
Anne Frank

YOUTH GUIDE TO CHOOSING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

So you want to volunteer? Awesome! Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community, meet new people, learn new skills, build your resume and just have fun! There are tons of opportunities out there; the trick is finding the right one for you!

With so many volunteer opportunities, where should I begin? Before you get your feet wet (or dive right in!), there are several questions you should ask yourself:

1. What do YOU like to do? Often the best volunteer experiences involve doing what you already love! Do you sing, dance, or perform? Do you like to build things? Do you love working with kids or animals? Do you have lots of friends and quickly make new ones? Chances are, whatever you like, you can find a way to use that to make a difference in your community. Remember, volunteering should be fun, not a chore!
2. What difference do you want to make? Do you want to help end homelessness? Support our troops? Inspire younger kids? Spend time with the elderly? Everybody needs some kind of help at some point in their lives. What problem are you passionate about fixing and who are you passionate about helping?
3. When and for how long? Life is busy. You might be wondering how you are going to volunteer when you already have school, homework, sports, music lessons, extra-curricular activities, clubs, chores and other responsibilities. It is important for you to be realistic about how much time you can commit to a volunteer opportunity. Is it one Saturday? An hour per month? A few hours each week? Knowing this going in will help you avoid a situation where you feel pressured to do more than you have time for.
4. What do you want to get out of volunteering? Just because you are helping others doesn't mean you can't get something out of your efforts as well! Do you want to learn a new skill, boost your resume, create relationships that could lead to a job opportunity, or just have fun? Being clear about *why* you are volunteering can give you a goal and help you make a final decision about what you want to do.

Good luck and have fun!

**“Never believe that a few caring people
can't change the world. For, indeed,
that's all who ever have.”**

Margaret Mead

Bethesda Mission

717.257.4442

Website: www.bethesdamission.org

Contact: Kristina Depew, ext. 229

E-mail: kdepew@bethesdamission.org

Location: 611 Reily Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102

Minimum Age: 12 (parent or guardian needs to be present)

Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Availability: Dinner time - 5:15-6:16 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Helping serve meals in the agency soup kitchen.

Bountiful Blessings

717.790.2620

Website: www.bountifulblessings.org

Contact: Terry Orendi

E-mail: bountifulblessings2001@gmail.com

Location: 3 Keystone Drive, Suite B, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Minimum Age: 12

Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Taking electronics apart to see how they work. The pieces are then sold to generate income for the agency's work.

Boy Scouts of America, New Birth of Freedom Council

717.502.4192

Website: www.newbirthoffreedom.org

Contacts: Josh Nimmerichter - josh.nimmerichter@scouting.org

Todd Weidner - todd.weidner@scouting.org

Location: Camp Tuckahoe (Dillsburg), Hidden Valley Scout Reservation (Loysville) or Council Service Center (Mechanicsburg)

Minimum Age: 10 (must be accompanied by an adult)

Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Trail maintenance (brush clearing, erosion control, bridge repair), inside cleaning (washing windows, mopping floors, wiping counters, etc.), lawn care/landscaping, and painting (interior or exterior).

Boys & Girls Club of Harrisburg

717.234.3268

Website: www.bgchbg.org

Locations:

1227 Berryhill Street, Harrisburg. Arnold Taylor, 717.234.3268 or etaylor@bgchbg.org

1700 Hanover Street, Harrisburg. Dajuan Greene, 717.232.1711 or dgreene@bgchbg.org

Minimum Age: 14-17. Background checks (clearances) required.

Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Opportunities are available Monday – Friday from 3-8 p.m. Volunteers will be given the opportunity to support Harrisburg City youth. They may assist with activities involving our children's after-school program (sports, homework help, life skills, serving meals, etc.) and help maintain the cleanliness of the facility. Additional volunteer opportunities are organizing storage, library and caring closet areas. Outside volunteer needs include pulling weeds, picking up branches and sticks, and trimming bushes. Deep cleaning of toys and classroom spaces and outside lawn/playground clean-up would also be a great help.

Caitlin's Smiles

717.412.4759

Website: www.caitlins-smiles.org

Contact: Cheryl Hornung or Kate Grenoble

E-mail: office.caitlinssmiles@comcast.net

Location: 3303 N. 6th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Minimum Age: 13 (or elementary school age if accompanied by parent)

Volunteer Opportunities: Organize a craft drive or small fundraising event (yard sale, lemonade sale, etc.). At our office - making coping kits, restocking supplies and straighten shelves. More details can be found at www.caitlins-smiles.org/volunteer. To schedule, please email volunteer.caitlinssmiles@comcast.net.

Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association (CATRA)

717.743.7232

Website: www.catra.net

Contact: Ben Nolt

E-mail: bnolt@catra.net

Location: 168 Station Road, Grantville, PA 17028

Minimum Age: 13-18 require permission of parent or guardian; under age 13 must be accompanied by parent or guardian who will supervise their volunteer activities.

Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: CATRA is a therapeutic riding facility. All activities will be completed outdoors or in one of the facility's barns. Volunteers will get dirty and should dress accordingly. Activities could include assisting with therapeutic riding lessons; grooming horses; painting fences; cleaning animal enclosures and other structures; maintenance of stalls, barns, and other facility buildings; maintenance of paddocks; lawn and garden care; hay storage and distribution; fence clearing; cleaning of equipment used for animal care and riding lessons; and other typical farm activities.

Camp Curtin YMCA

717.238.9622

Website: ymcaharrisburg.org/locations/camp-curtin/

Contact: Dannica Wilt, ext. 100

E-mail: Dannica.wilt@ymcaharrisburg.org

Location: 2135 North 6th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Minimum Age: 15-17

Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Availability: Monday – Friday, 3-8 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers will be given the opportunity to mentor Harrisburg City youth. They may assist with activities involving the children’s after school program (sports, homework help, life skills, etc.) and help maintain the cleanliness of the facility.

Catholic Charities Interfaith Shelter

717.652.8740

Website: www.cchbg.org

Contact: Lisa Peck

E-mail: lpeck@cchbg.org

Location: 120 Willow Road, Suite C, Harrisburg, PA 17103

Minimum Age: 12 (must be accompanied by adult)

Availability: Weekdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. with occasional evening events

Volunteer Opportunities: Activities include, but are not limited to: light cleaning, yard work, craft or game nights with families, and preparing and serving meals followed by clean-up.

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank

717.564.1700

Website: www.centralpafoodbank.org

Contact: Chris Gray, ext. 2342

E-mail: cgray@centralpafoodbank.org

Location: 1530 B. Bobali Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17104

Minimum Age: 14

Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Availability: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. – noon, 1-4 p.m. or 5-7 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. – noon. Note: No Friday evenings.

Volunteer Opportunities: Projects in the warehouse vary from day to day and could include sorting donated loads of grocery product or assembling one of our program boxes.

Dauphin County Library System

717.234.4961

Website: www.dcls.org

Contact: Brenda Fernsler, 717.652.9380, ext. 1009

E-mail: bfernsler@dcls.org or volunteer@dcls.org

Location: 4501 Ethel Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Minimum Age: 14

Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Availability: Year-round. Must commit to two hours each week. Day and time depends on the library location.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed for a wide variety of tasks including shelving materials, book cleaning, adopt-a-shelf and special events.

Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area

717.545.7299

Website: www.harrisburghabitat.org

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator

E-mail: volunteer@harrisburghabitat.org

Location: 2416 Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Minimum Age: 16

Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers can assist with office work, loading/unloading donations, organizing merchandise, customer service, cleaning and pricing at the ReStore facility. To read a full listing of the agency's volunteer opportunities, visit harrisburghabitat.org/home/volunteer.

Healthy Steps Diaper Bank

717.919.2590

Website: www.healthystepsdiaperbank.com

Contact: Rebecca Cason

E-mail: rcason@healthystepsdiaperbank.com

Location: Mission Central, 5 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Minimum Age: 8

Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to wrap diapers and pack diaper orders in our warehouse space (Monday mornings and some Saturday mornings). Volunteers may also hold diaper collection drives or period product collection drives in the community (any time). Support materials provided. We welcome volunteers to create uplifting, artful stickers to decorate our diaper packs from home (any time). View dates and register to volunteer at: <https://x.gldn.io/Healthy Steps Diaper Bank-17112>

Hope Within Ministries

717.367.9797

Website: www.hopewithin.org

Contact: Anne Marie McAlester

E-mail: annemarie.mcalester@hopewithin.org

Location: 4748 Harrisburg Pike, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Minimum Age: 16.

This opportunity is available only to youth that have community service requirement to fulfill.

Volunteer Opportunities: Youth volunteers can help with property needs such as weeding, planting flowers, pruning or exterior cleaning. Occasionally youth can help with events.

International Service Center

717.236.9401

Website: www.isc76.org

Contact: Tuan Bui

E-mail: tuan@isc76.org

Location: 21 South River Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Minimum Age: 16

Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Availability: Fridays, 1-4 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Help distribute emergency food to the needy.

Jewish Family Service

717.233.1681

Website: www.jfsofdbg.org

Contact: Lori Weitzman

Email: lweitzman@jfsofdbg.org

Location: 3333 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Minimum Age: 14 (with parental support)

Volunteer Opportunities: Join our team of volunteers at the Libby Urie Food Pantry to help stack shelves with non-perishable items, personal care items and packing boxes. Organizing a food drive would also be a very welcome and valuable way of offering support to our food pantry.

Midwest Food Bank

717.614.0895

Website: www.midwestfoodbank.org/pennsylvania

Contact: Erika Walters

E-mail: ewalters@midwestfoodbank.org

Location: 2700 Commerce Drive, Middletown, PA 17057

Minimum Age: 5. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Willing to accept court mandated community service.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to help with projects in the warehouse that could include: repackaging bulk food items such as beans, rice and pasta; sorting donated product; labeling bags for distribution; and helping with load out. While not available consistently, administrative projects and cleaning may be available during normal business hours.

Mission Central

717.766.1533

Website: www.missioncentral.org

Contact: Anna Harris

E-mail: aharris@missioncentral.org

Location: 5 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Minimum Age: 15 with adult accompaniment. 16 with waiver form and permission slips completed by parent or guardian. Student groups require one adult for every five youth under 18 years of age.

Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Youth are welcome for warehouse work, sorting items, making kits, outside yard work and cleaning projects. We also offer hours for community service and school service.

Neighborhood Center of the United Methodist Church

717.233.6541

Website: www.neighborhoodcenterumc.org

Contact: Quetrina Sim-Shelton

E-mail: ggsims-shelton@neighborhoodcenterumc.org

Location: 1801 N. 3rd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102

Minimum Age: 16

Availability: After school hours available in addition to occasional weekend hours.

Volunteer Opportunities: Many of our volunteer opportunities are in organizing storage, library and caring closet areas. Outside volunteer needs include pulling weeds, picking up branches and sticks, and trimming bushes. Deep cleaning of toys and classroom spaces as well as outside lawn/playground clean-up would also be a great help.

Ned Smith Center for Nature and Arts

717.692.3699

Website: www.nedsmithcenter.org

Contact: Emily Rosmus

E-mail: erosmus@nedsmithcenter.org

Location: 176 Water Company Road, Millersburg, PA 17061

Minimum Age: 16.

Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Availability: Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to improve hiking trails, assist with preparing education resource materials and props, maintain flower gardens, sort recycling, maintain wildlife feeding stations, clean and fill seed and nectar feeders for the birds and squirrels, and assist with a variety of administrative tasks.

New Hope Ministries

717.432.2087

Contact: Chris Brotherston, ext. 205

E-mail: cbrotherston@nhm-pa.net

Web Application: www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=926601804&OR=1

Locations: Mechanicsburg Center - 5228 E. Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

West Shore Center - 701 Bosler Avenue, Lemoyne, PA 17043

Enola Center - 110 Altoona Ave, Enola, PA 17025

Minimum Age: 16

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to sort, package and stock food pantry shelves, receive food orders, work with our guests, register guests and answer phones. Volunteers are also needed to help with our after-school programs, assist in our mobile pantry deliveries, help with large mailing campaigns and other administrative tasks.

Northern Dauphin County Branch YMCA

717.362.9494

Website: www.ymcaharrisburg.org

Contact: Sidney Gray

E-mail: sidney.gray@ymcaharrisburg.org

Location: 500 N. Church Street, Elizabethville, PA 17023

Minimum Age: 16. Any age accepted with court-mandated community service.

Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Cleaning, weeding, folding brochures, babysitting, helping with community events and serving as tour guides.

Northern Dauphin Human Services Center

717.905.2700

Contact: Bonnie Kent

E-mail: bkent@dauphincounty.gov

Location: 295 State Drive, Elizabethville, PA 17023

Minimum Age: 14. Younger if accompanied by an adult.

Willing to accept court mandated community service.

Volunteer Opportunities: In the garden: weeding, watering and harvesting. For community events: creating posters, setting up vendor tables, manning information and activity areas, handing out materials and playing games. Help is also needed to clean up after events.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA

717.533.4001

Website: www.rmhc-centralpa.org

Contact: Alyssa Noel, ext. 158

E-mail: anoel@rmhc-centralpa.org

Location: 745 West Governor Road, Hershey, PA 17033

Minimum Age: 12 (with parent)

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteering opportunities include collecting glossy paper/magazines, collecting aluminum tabs and collecting "wish list" items. You can also purchase items and put together snack bags for the families. Volunteers are needed for outside clean-up and pulling weeds.

The Salvation Army

717.233.6755

Website: pa.salvationarmy.org/harrisburg-pa/Volunteer_Opportunities

Contact: Carly Dubetsky

E-mail: carley.dubetsky@use.salvationarmy.org

Location: 506 S. 29th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104

Minimum Age: 14

Willing to accept court mandated community service.

Volunteer Opportunities: Help with in-person client choice food shopping in the pantry, check in clients, help with basic paperwork, show clients to shopping area, assist per client needs. In between clients (or while clients are shopping), remain in food pantry to sort/stock foods and to answer any questions. Choice in-person shopping pantry appointments are on weekday mornings and afternoons, along with some evenings and weekends. Additionally, there are a variety of tasks in the warehouse including sorting through rescued produce, stocking the pantry, and more.

Susquehanna Service Dogs

717.599.5920

Website: www.khs.org/what-we-do/assistance-dogs/

E-mail: ssd@khs.org

Location: 1078 Gravel Hill Road, Grantville, PA 17028

Minimum Age: 12 years and older minimum (under 18 must be accompanied by parent/guardian)

Availability: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., occasional Saturdays

Volunteer Opportunities: Opportunities include weeding flower beds, spring/fall outdoor clean-up, organize a donation drive for dog supplies, and canine enrichment activities (volunteers must attend orientation prior to volunteering one on one with a dog).

Tri County Community Action

717.232.9757

Website: www.cactricounty.org/volunteer

Contact: Samantha Garvey, ext. 117

E-mail: sgarvey@cactricounty.org

Location: 1514 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104

Minimum Age: 12-15 with parent/guardian accompaniment. Ages 16 and up do not need accompaniment. Student to adult ratios for groups are 5:1 for middle school/junior high students and 10:1 for high school students. Signed parental/guardian consent waivers are required for all youth volunteers.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to assist with neighborhood clean-ups and to maintain community gardens.

Tri-County OIC Adult Learning Center

717.238.7318

Website: www.tricountyoic.org

Contact: Bob Harden

E-mail: rharden@tricountyoic.org

Location: 500 Maclay Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Minimum Age: 15

Availability: Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to help maintain the agency's large urban garden. Volunteers are also needed to sort and categorize books for the OIC BookyMobile.

UPMC Central PA Volunteer Services

717.657.7397 or 717.782.3353

Website: www.upmc.com/volunteer

Contacts: Stephanie Blandy (Community Osteopathic Hospital), blandyse@upmc.edu
Shonda Chapman (Harrisburg Hospital), chapmansg@upmc.edu
Paulo Oliveira (West Shore Hospital), oliveirap@upmc.edu

Location: P.O. Box 8700, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Minimum Age: 15

Availability: June - August, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: A variety of opportunities are available based upon the student's interest. Volunteers must complete application requirements, attend student orientation prior to volunteering and be committed to a minimum of 30 volunteer hours during the program period.

Vision Resources

717.238.2531

Website: www.vrocp.org

Contact: Chloe Miller

E-mail: cmiller@vrocp.org

Location: 1130 S. 19th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Minimum Age: 14 and older

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers will assist the agency with tasks such as shredding, filing, painting and yardwork.

Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts

717.724.3850

Website: www.whitakercenter.org

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator

E-mail: volunteers@whitakercenter.org

Location: 222 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Minimum Age: 16

Volunteer Opportunities: Discoveries are made every day at the Whitaker Center. We rely on the enthusiasm, talent and creativity of our volunteers. If you are interested in discovering what you can do, we invite you to volunteer. Whether answering questions about an exhibit, helping guests to their seats in one of our theaters, or answering phones, volunteers are involved! The Whitaker Center welcomes diverse people of all ages, abilities, educational levels and backgrounds. The volunteer manager will help you select a role that matches your interests and abilities. A contribution of your time and talent is one of the most generous gifts you can make.

Wildheart

405.234.0866

Website: www.wildheartministries.net

Contact: Val Olweiler

E-mail: contact@wildheartministries.net

Location: 333 South 13th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104

Minimum Age: 12

Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Primarily focused on serving the community through beautification projects, volunteer opportunities consist of litter pickup, basic landscaping, illegal dumpsite removals, tending to community garden spaces and vacant lots. Volunteers can also serve at the urban farm, assisting in whatever is needed at that time to prepare for educational field trips, maintain and beautify the property, planting/harvesting and all that goes with operating a vegetable farm. Opportunities are available throughout the year, and some indoor options are available upon request.

YWCA of Carlisle

717.243.3812

Website: www.ywcacarlisle.org

Contact: Maria Petrilak

E-mail: mpetrilak@ywcacarlisle.org

Location: 301 G Street, Carlisle, PA 17103

Minimum Age: 16

Availability: Weekdays, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with occasional evening and weekend events

Volunteer Opportunities: Duties vary depending on organizational need. Tasks may include office work such as mailing, copying, answering phone, cleaning, organizing storage areas, taking inventory of games and preschool supplies, sorting, etc. For more than 100 years, YWCA has been dedicated to eliminating racism and empowering women and girls, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

YWCA Greater Harrisburg

717.234.7931

Website: www.ywcahbg.org

Contact: Jennifer Sands

E-mail: jsands@ywcahbg.org

Location: 1101 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103

Minimum Age: 18

Availability: Weekdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. with occasional evening events

Volunteer Opportunities: Duties vary depending on operational needs. The tasks could include: administrative functions such as filing, copying, mailing, etc.; organizing storage areas; inventory toys, games and daycare supplies and donations; and light cleaning and housekeeping, including laundry. The YWCA is a well-respected nonprofit organization that is proud of the services offered to the community.