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Contact Heidi Neuhaus at 717.724.4055 or via e-mail hneuhaus@uwcr.org.
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.
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*
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**
The Arc of Cumberland and Perry Counties (CPARC) 717.249.2611
Website: www.cparc.org
Contact: Adrienne Williams
E-mail: awilliams@cparc.org
Location: 71 Ashland Avenue, Carlisle, PA 17013
Minimum Age: 16. Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Yard work at residential homes.

Angels of Faith Youth Transitional Facility, Inc. 717.554.9689
Contact: Twanna George
E-mail: georgetwanna@yahoo.com
Location: Fountain Gate Church & Ministries, 1419 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104
Minimum Age: 15. Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Assist with crafts. Assist with set-up and clean-up of fundraising events. Tutors are also needed to help students in the program with math, English and science homework. Spanish tutors are also needed, as well as Youth Advocates on the Board of Directors.

Bethany Village 717.591.8021
Website: www.bethanyvillage.org
Contact: Sandy Reid
E-mail: sreid@asbury.org
Location: 325 Wesley Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Minimum Age: 14

Volunteer Opportunities: Transportation of residents in wheelchairs to special activities, read to residents and visit with residents.

Bethesda Mission 717.257.4442
Website: www.bethesdamission.org
Contact: Debbie King, ext. 222
E-mail: dking@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: Soupline 4:15-6:15 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Helping serve meals in the agency soup kitchen (Soupline).
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region  717.236.0199
Website: www.capbigs.org
Contact: Lindsay Owens
E-mail: lowens@capbigs.org
Location: 1500 North Second Street, Suite H, Harrisburg, PA 17102
Minimum Age: 15 or high school sophomore

Volunteer Opportunities: The agency is always looking for high school Big Brothers and Big Sisters to mentor Little Brothers and Little Sisters in neighboring middle and elementary schools. We ask that Bigs (mentors) commit to a regular time to visit one-on-one with their Little (mentees) in school. This program requires very little time commitment but has enormous impact.

Bountiful Blessings  717.802.1222
Website: www.communityaid.net
Contact: Ron Orendi
E-mail: rorendi@gmail.com
Location: 3 Keystone Drive, Suite B, Mechanicsburg, PA  17050
Minimum Age: 14. Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Warehouse work including loading and unloading trucks, stocking shelves, in addition to office work. Potential opportunities with fundraising events and drives throughout the year.

Boy Scouts of America, New Birth of Freedom Council  717.502.4192
Website: www.newbirthoffreedom.org/hvsr/
Contact: Scott Holbrook
E-mail: scott.holbrook@scouting.org
Location: 1 Baden Powel Lane, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Minimum Age: 14. Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Trail maintenance, inside cleaning (washing windows, mopping floors, wiping counters, etc.) and painting (interior or exterior, woodworking, brush clearing).

Boys & Girls Club of Harrisburg  717.234.3268
Website: www.bgchbg.org
Contact: Derek Thompson
E-mail: dthompson@bgchbg.org
Location: 1700 Hanover Street, Harrisburg, PA  17104
Minimum Age: 15. Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Assist with various projects such as cleaning up around the building and helping with sports programs (i.e. referee, coach).
Brethren Housing Association  717.233.6016

Website: www.bha-pa.org
Contact: Volunteer Coordinator
E-mail: volunteer@bha-pa.org
Location: 219 Hummel Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104
Minimum Age: 12 (all youth must be accompanied by an adult). Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements
Availability: Weekdays or weekends. Contact the volunteer coordinator to arrange time.

Volunteer Opportunities: Youth assistance is welcome for property rehab, maintenance and cleaning to prepare BHA housing for families who are experiencing homelessness. There are also opportunities for assistance with projects and office support.

Caitlin’s Smiles  717.412.4759

Website: www.caitlins-smiles.org
Contact: Cheryl Hornung or Kim Mumper
E-mail: office.caitlinssmiles@comcast.net
Location: 3303 N. 6th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110
Minimum Age: 13 (or elementary school age if with parent)

Volunteer Opportunities: Helping with fundraisers and making craft kits that are distributed to children in hospitals.

Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association (CATRA)  717.623.5553

Website: www.catra.net
Contact: Ben Nolt
E-mail: Outreach.Coordinator@catra.net
Location: 168 Station Road, Grantville, PA 17028
Minimum Age: Ages 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 of 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.
Central Pennsylvania Food Bank  717.564.1700
Website:  www.centralpafoodbank.org
Contact:  Chris Gray, ext. 2342
E-mail:  cgray@centralpafoodbank.org
Location:  3908 Corey Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109
Minimum Age:  12 (if accompanied by an adult) or 16 (without an adult). Willing to consider youth
with court-mandated community service requirements.
Availability:  Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Monday-Thursday 6-8 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. – noon

Volunteer Opportunities:  Projects in the warehouse vary from day to day and could include
repackaging bulk food items such as bread, fresh fruits and vegetables, rice and pasta; sorting
donated product; assembling boxes; packing assorted product in boxes; or stocking shelves in the
agency shopping area. While not available consistently, administrative projects may be available
during normal business hours.

Central PA Literacy Council (CPLC)  717.763.7522
Website:  www.centralpaliteracycouncil.com
Contact:  Carole Sawchuck
E-mail:  centralpaliteracycouncil@comcast.net
Location:  225 Hummel Avenue (rear), Lemoyne, PA 17043
Minimum Age:  16. Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service
requirements.
Availability:  Sunday-Saturday by appointment.

Volunteer Opportunities:  Help with 2017-2018 fundraisers and office support. Options include
after-school and weekend events, such as readying the CPLC tomato garden for winter; preparing
the garden at 3rd and Hummel Avenue, Lemoyne for spring planting; setting-up, serving, and
cleaning-up during the annual spaghetti dinner; selling subs; and office support such as tending to
the community book-give-away-art, annual cleaning of the five office bookcases, and annual
alphabetization of academic records.

Claremont Nursing and Rehab Center  717.386.6284
Website:  https://www.ccpa.net/109/Claremont-Nursing-Rehabilitation-Center
Contact:  Nancy Hahn
Email:  nhahn@ccpa.net
Location:  1000 Claremont Road, Carlisle, PA 17013
Minimum Age:  13
Availability:  7 days a week hours vary from 9AM to 9PM

Volunteer Opportunities:  Assist activities department with offering a variety of recreational
programs to our elderly residents. Some of the activities are bingo, socials, entertainments, trips off
grounds, magazine cart visits, room to room reading activities, arts and crafts programming, and
transporting to and from locations within the building. A volunteer application with references is
required, and a back ground check will be completed, following which a brief orientation is offered.
We consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements on a case by case basis.
Common Ground Community Breakfast 717.756.7913
Contact: Clay Lambert
E-mail: commongroundbreakfast@gmail.com
Location: 1508 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103
Minimum Age: 14 without parental supervision; no minimum age with parent or guardian.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed any time between the hours of 7 a.m. - noon to help with a restaurant-style breakfast for community members and friends.

Dauphin County Library System 717.234.4961
Website: www.dcls.org
Contact: Wendy McClure, CVA, ext. 107
E-mail: wmcclure@dcls.org or volunteer@DCLS.org
Location: 101 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101
Minimum Age: 14. Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.
Availability: Year round. 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.

Derry Street United Methodist Church 717.233.6441
Website: www.derrystreetchurch.com
Contact: Pastor Mack Granderson
Location: 1508 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104
Minimum Age: 12. Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: A variety of projects including painting, cleaning, outdoor landscaping and clean-up.

East Pennsboro Area Library 717.732.4274
Website: www.eastpennsborobranch.org
Contact: Jackie Barton
E-mail: jbarton@ccpa.net
Location: 98 S. Enola Drive, Enola, PA 17025
Minimum Age: 13

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers have an opportunity to shelve materials in a very busy and active library. Volunteers also may choose to “adopt-a-shelf” where they are responsible for a specific section of materials.
**Estamos Unidos de Pennsylvania**  
**Website:** [www.estamosundiospa.org](http://www.estamosundiospa.org)  
**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/#!/estamosunidospa](http://www.facebook.com/#!/estamosunidospa)  
**Contact:** Dr. Oralia Dominic  
**E-mail:** odominic@phs.psu.edu or EUPtreasure@gmail.com  
**Location:** Temple University, 234 Strawberry Square, 4th and Walnut Streets, Harrisburg, PA 17101  
**Minimum Age:** 15. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*  
**Availability:** Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Help is needed with summer camp activities and programs. These tasks include helping teachers in classrooms; participation in games, art and music; assisting with field trips and activities; and serving snacks and lunch.

**Friendship Center**  
**Website:** [www.lowerpaxton-pa.gov/friendship](http://www.lowerpaxton-pa.gov/friendship)  
**Contact:** Lynn Wuestner  
**E-mail:** lwuestner@lowerpaxton-pa.gov  
**Location:** 5000 Commons Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112  
**Minimum Age:** 16. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*  
**Availability:** Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Sunday, noon – 6 p.m.  

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Various opportunities available.

**Geisinger Holy Spirit**  
**Website:** [www.geisinger.edu](http://www.geisinger.edu)  
**Contact:** Darlene Heiges  
**E-mail:** dkheiges@geisinger.edu  
**Location:** 503 North 21st Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011  
**Minimum Age:** 16  
**Availability:** June-August, morning and early afternoon shifts  

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Geisinger Holy Spirit welcomes teens ages 16-18 for their summer junior volunteer program. Applications are accepted January through April. Interviews and orientation happen in June. Duties are all designed to make patients and visitors feel more comfortable and cared for by visiting, bringing needed items and occasionally assisting staff with errands. Please see website for more details.

**Grantville Area Food Pantry**  
**Contact:** Karen Keaton  
**E-mail:** faithgrantville@verizon.net  
**Minimum Age:** 13  

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Stocking shelves, sorting clothing and cleaning.
Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area  717.545.7299

Website: www.harrisburghabitat.org
Contact: Suzanne Hartman
E-mail: volunteer@harrisburghabitat.org
Location: 900 S. Arlington Avenue, Suite 131A, Harrisburg PA 17109
Minimum Age: 16. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers can assist with office work at the ReStore facility. To read a full listing of the agency's volunteer opportunities, visit [http://harrisburghabitat.org/home/volunteer](http://harrisburghabitat.org/home/volunteer).

Helen O. Krause Animal Foundation, Inc.  717.697.3377

Website: www.helenkrause.org
Contact: Julie Swenson
E-mail: Julie4horses@aol.com
Location: 813 South Baltimore Street, Dillsburg, PA 17019
Minimum Age: 13 (must be accompanied by parent or guardian if under age 16). *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*
Availability: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – noon

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Help needed cleaning litter pans, mopping, wiping down walls, vacuuming and filling animal dishes. Volunteers must have updated tetanus shot.

Hope Within Ministries  717.367.9797

Website: www.hopewithin.org
Contact: Donita Sturgis, ext. 308
E-mail: Donita.sturgis@hopewithin.org
Location: 4748 Harrisburg Pike, Elizabethtown, PA 17022
Minimum Age: 16. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

**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: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Help distribute emergency food to the needy.
Jewish Home of Harrisburg  717.657.0700

Website: www.jewishhomeharrisburg.org  
Contact: Jessica Finkenbinder, ext. 8409  
E-mail: jfinkenbinder@jhgh.org  
Location: 4000 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112  
Minimum Age: 13

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers would help transport residents to and from program locations and help during activities. Activities may include bingo, games, music, sing-alongs, trivia, etc. Volunteers may visit with residents one-on-one, assist residents outside and socialize with them. Other work may involve putting welcome baskets together, distributing cards/magazines/books to residents, etc. Volunteers must serve at least 10 hours quarterly to maintain an active volunteer status.

Joseph T. Simpson Public Library  717.766.0171

Website: www.simpsonlibrary.org  
Contact: Ilse Kryemadhi, ext. 229  
E-mail: ikryemadhi@ccpa.net  
Location: 16 North Walnut Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055  
Minimum Age: 13. Background checks mandatory for all volunteers 18 and older.  
Availability: Sunday, 1–5 p.m.; Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Help shelve books and other materials in their proper location.

Kidney Foundation of Central Pennsylvania  717.652.8123

Website: www.kfcp.org  
Contact: Tina Fornstrom  
E-mail: tina@kfcp.org  
Location: 900 S. Arlington Avenue, Suite 134A, Harrisburg, PA 17109  
Minimum Age: 15 with permission of parent or guardian (volunteer application required)

Volunteer Opportunities: Assist with set-up and tear-down of fundraising events; help staff tables at health fairs and community events; assist with clerical and administrative projects in the office.

Kidz Kamp at the Children’s Center  717.737.4515

Website: www.caccinc.org  
Contact: Marlyn Diehl  
E-mail: mdiehl@caccinc.org  
Location: 417 South 22nd Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011  
Minimum Age: 16. Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.  
Availability: Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers would help care for and supervise children ages kindergarten - 15 years in the after-school program or childcare center. Help is also needed with facility care projects including cleaning, painting and gardening. Volunteers are required to have clearances and physical health assessment.
**Lisburn Community Fire Company**  
Website: [www.Lisburnfire.org](http://www.Lisburnfire.org)  
Contact: Thomas Banks or Elaine Cady  
E-mail: LisburnCommunityFireColInfo@comcast.net  
Location: 1800 Main Street, Mechanicsburg PA 17055  
**Minimum Age:** 12. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*  
**Availability:** Varies  

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers needed to assist with grounds work, cleaning and help with fundraisers. Help is also needed at the festival, which is in August.

**Messiah Lifeways**  
Website: [www.messiahlifeways.org](http://www.messiahlifeways.org)  
Contact: Rosene Miller  
E-mail: rmiller@messiahlifeways.org  
Location: 100 Mt. Allen Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055  
**Minimum Age:** 13 *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Give out fresh water and ice to residents; take residents to beauty shop and physical therapy; visit with residents; share musical talent or read to residents; pet visits.

**Mission Central**  
Website: [www.missioncentral.org](http://www.missioncentral.org)  
Contact: John Mulhollan  
E-mail: jmulhollan@susumc.org  
Location: 5 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050  
**Minimum Age:** 16. Requires one adult for every five youth under 18 years of age. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Grounds maintenance, cleaning, packing, sorting, UMCR Relief Kit verification, warehouse duties and loading/unloading donations.

**Ned Smith Center for Nature and Arts**  
Website: [www.nedsmithcenter.org](http://www.nedsmithcenter.org)  
Contact: Santino Lauricella  
E-mail: slauricella@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:** Improve hiking trails, assist with preparing education resource materials and props, flower garden maintenance, 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.
Northern Dauphin County Branch YMCA                      717.362.9494

Website: www.ymcaharrisburg.org
Contact: Carol Bostdorf
E-mail: carol.bostdorf@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.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA               717.533.4001

Website: www.rmhc-centralpa.org
Contact: Patrice Stillwell
E-mail: pstillwell@rmhc-centralpa.org
Location: 745 West Governor Road, Hershey, PA 17033
Minimum Age: 16 with parent

Volunteer Opportunities: Collect glossy paper/magazines, collect aluminum tabs, collect “wish list” items, organize a yard sale/bake sale to benefit the house, organize a third-party fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House (all third party fundraisers require a signed agreement with the organization’s development manager, Amy Leonard at aleonard@rmhc-centralpa.org).

The Salvation Army Harrisburg Capital City Region          717.233.6755

Website: www.salvationarmyharrisburg.org
Contact: Jessica Johnson
E-mail: jessica.johnson@use.salvationarmy.org
Location: 1122 Green Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102
Minimum Age: 14-16 with chaperone, 16+ without chaperone, dependent upon situation.

Volunteer Opportunities: Every Monday and Wednesday, we pick up a van load of food donated by Costco that needs to be unloaded from the van and brought inside, then sorted and organized. This is about a two hour process from 9:15 - 11:15 am. We need volunteers to unload the van (carts and elevator available), sort through food in Food Pantry, and organize and put away food. We also need general help in the food pantry including cleaning, organizing food, packing meal bags, etc.
**Shalom House**  
Website: www.shalomhouse.net  
Contact: Denise Britton  
E-mail: dbrittonshalomhouse@verizon.net  
Location: 9 S. 15th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104  
Minimum Age: 17 (will consider younger if right skills). Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Mentoring; fundraising; reading tutors for adults (women and single moms); gardening assistance (seasonal); Summer Learning Series Assistant (youth activities); and communications and marketing, including social networking sites.

**Susquehanna Services Dogs**  
Website: www.keystonehumanservices.org/ssd  
Location: 1078 Gravel Hill Road, Grantville, PA 17028  
Contact: Kerry Wevodau  
E-mail: kwevodau@keystonehumanservices.org  
Volunteer Opportunities: Help clean kennel area and land around property. Help with events such as Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community and Chocolate Fest. Register for puppy hugging when litters are available. Due to staffing restrictions, volunteer work must take place during normal business hours.

**Tri County Community Action**  
Website: www.cactricounty.org  
Contact: Nacole Moore, ext. 112  
E-mail: nmoore@cactricounty.org  
Location: 1514 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104  
Minimum Age: None. Parental consent is required for all youth volunteers. Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Outdoor community clean-up, event planning/coordination, general program support and administrative support.

**Tri-County OIC Adult Learning Center**  
Website: www.tricountyoic.org  
Contact: Jeffrey Woodyard  
E-mail: jwoodyard@tricountyoic.org  
Location: 500 Maclay Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110  
Minimum Age: 15  
Availability: Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer tutors are needed to help adult learners prepare for the high school equivalency examination (GED or HiSET). Volunteers will assist students in math, writing and language arts. Volunteers are also needed for English conversation for students learning English as a second language.
UPMC Pinnacle Volunteer Services 717.657.7397 or 717.782.3353

Website: www.pinnaclehealth.org/volunteer
Contact: Andrea Flowers or Vonnie Kain
E-mail: anflowers@pinnaclehealth.org or vkain@pinnaclehealth.org
Location: P.O. Box 8700, Harrisburg, PA 17101
Minimum Age: 15
Availability: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., June through August

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. Applications become available on the website on February 1 (www.pinnaclehealth.org/studentvolunteers).

Whitaker Center for Sciences and the Arts 717.724.3857

Website: www.whitakercenter.org
Contact: Katie Hicks
E-mail: volunteers@whitakercenter.org
Location: 225 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 join us as a 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.

Wildwood Park and Olewine Nature Center 717.221.0292

Website: http://www.wildwoodlake.org
Contact: Kayle Warshefski
E-mail: kwarshefski@dauphinc.org
Location: 100 Wildwood Way, Harrisburg, PA 17110
Minimum Age: 16; will accept younger children if accompanied by parent/guardian. Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.
Availability: Varies, some weekends available

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities. Volunteer Work Day is held the second Saturday of each month, March-November. Other opportunities include trimming and maintaining trails, maintaining flower gardens around the center (weeding/planting), helping with events (Wetlands Festival, Celebrate Wildwood), cleaning inside (washing windows, wiping counters, etc.) and outside (windows, bird feeders, etc.) and litter clean up.
Website: [www.witf.org](http://www.witf.org)
Contact: Katie Lengyel
E-mail: katie_lengyel@witf.org
Location: 4801 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111

**Minimum Age:** 15 (must be accompanied by parent or guardian if no other adult volunteers are staffing the volunteer opportunity). *Willing to consider any court-mandated community service requirements. School required volunteer hours also accepted.*

**Availability:** Weekdays or weekends

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers are needed for an array of different activities, including: pledge phone operators, video transcribers, research assistants, event assistants and administrative assistance.