

# VOLUNTEER DELAWARE 50+

*New Castle County Edition*



## COMMUNITY RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES



# Volunteer!

Monday, January 15, 2024

Volunteer Delaware 50+ is a statewide program offered through the State

Office of Volunteerism within the Division of State Service Centers.

The mission is to engage persons 50 and older in volunteer service, to meet critical community needs and to provide a high quality experience that will enrich the lives of Volunteers.

**ENROLL TODAY!**

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**[/Volunteer-Delaware50](http://Volunteer-Delaware50)**

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## 2024 NEW CASTLE COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERS

<b>A Matter of Balance</b> 302-515-3026	<b>DE Museum of Natural History</b> 302-658-9111X 324	<b>PAWS for People</b> 302-351-5622
<b>Alzheimer's Association</b> 215-561-2919	<b>Delaware Theatre Company</b> 302-594-1100	<b>People to People: Delaware Chapter</b> info@ptpde.org
<b>American Cancer Society</b> 1-800-227-2345	<b>Easterseals Delaware</b> 302-324-4444	<b>Read Aloud Delaware</b> 302-656-5256
<b>American Red Cross of Delmarva</b> 302-656-6620	<b>Family Promise of Northern NCC</b> 302-998-2222	<b>Ronald McDonald House of DE</b> 302-428-5340
<b>B'nai B'rith House</b> 302-798-6846	<b>Food Bank of Delaware</b> 302-292-1305 ext 254	<b>Special Olympics Delaware</b> 302-831-4653
<b>Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware</b> 302-998-3577 ext 105	<b>Forget Me Not Families</b> 302-416-2897	<b>St. Anthony's Community Center</b> 302-421-3721
<b>Blood Bank of Delmarva</b> 302-737-8405	<b>Grand Opera House</b> 302-658-7897	<b>City Fare Meals on Wheels</b> 302-421-3734
<b>Brandywine Valley SPCA</b> 302-858-4202	<b>Habitat for Humanity of NCC</b> Construction Site: 302-652-0365 ReStore Wilmington: 302-652-5181 ReStore Middletown: 302-449-1414	<b>St. Anthony's Senior Center</b> 302-421-3735
<b>CareWear Project</b> Knitters and Crocheters <b>Bags2Mats for the Homeless</b> 302-255-9746	<b>Hagley Museum &amp; Library</b> 302-658-2400 X257	<b>Stockings for Soldiers Delaware Inc.</b> info@StockingsForSoldiers.org
<b>CASA (Office of Child Advocate)</b> Count Appnt. Spec. Advo. 302-255-1730	<b>Literacy Delaware</b> 302-658-5624	<b>Supporting Kidds Inc.</b> 302-235-5544
<b>Charity Crossing</b> info@charitycrossing.org	<b>Lutheran Community Services</b> 302-654-8886	<b>The Ministry of Caring</b> <b>Emmanuel Dining Room E/S/W</b> 302-652-3228
<b>Channie P. Bradley Senior Services</b> 215-520-7525	<b>Lutheran Senior Services Inc.</b> 302-652-3737	<b>Thomas Edison Charter School</b> 302-778-1101
<b>Child, Inc.</b> 302-762-8989	<b>MOT Jean Birch Senior Center</b> 302-378-4758	<b>Tri-State Bird Rescue &amp; Research Inc.</b> 302-737-9543 x102
<b>Children &amp; Families First</b> 302-777-9757	<b>NAMI DE (National Alliance on Mental Illness- 302-427-0787</b>	<b>United Way of Delaware</b> 302-573-3705
<b>Children Empowered by Love, Inc.</b> childrenempoweredbylove@comcast.net	<b>New Castle County</b> <b>Absalom Jones Senior Center</b> 302-995-7636	<b>Volunteer Delaware</b> 302-381-3594
<b>ChristianaCare</b> 302-733-1284	<b>Depart. of Community Services</b> 302-395-5640	<b>Volunteer Delaware 50+ NCC Advisory Council</b> 302-515-3026
<b>Wilmington Hospital</b> 302-428-2206	<b>New Castle County Libraries</b> 302-395-5617	<b>Warriors Helping Warriors</b> 302-696-2320
<b>ChristianaCare in Collaboration with AccentCare (formerly known as Seasons Hospice)</b> 302-533-3800	<b>NCC Senior Roll Call Lifeline</b> (302) 395-8159	<b>Wilmington Senior Center</b> 302-651-3400
<b>Connecting Generations</b> 302-656-2122 x0010	<b>Nemours Children Hospital</b> 302-651-6096	<b>Winterthur Museum, Garden &amp; Lib.</b> 800-448-3883
<b>ContactLifeline</b> 302-761-9800 ex. 1002	<b>New Castle Senior Center</b> 302-326-4209	
<b>Delaware Center for Horticulture</b> 302-658-6262 ext. 108	<b>Newark Senior Center</b> 302-737-2336	
<b>Delaware Ecumenical Council on Children and Families</b> 302-225-1040	<b>Meeting of the Minds</b> <b>Newark Meals on Wheels</b> 302-737-5747	
<b>Delaware Hospice</b> 302-478-5707	<b>Senior Surfers</b> 302-737-2336	
	<b>Patches of Love</b> 302-255-9746	

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# VOLUNTEER DELAWARE 50+



DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
Division of State Service Centers State Office of Volunteerism  
Governor's Commission on Community and Volunteer Service

Volunteer Delaware 50+ focuses on helping individuals 50 years of age and older, use the skills and talents learned over the years, or develop new ones while serving in a variety of volunteer activities within the community. Volunteer Delaware 50+ volunteers determine their preferred level of commitment. Come join the more than 2,500 Volunteer Delaware 50+ members and start making a difference today!

## What are the benefits of becoming a Volunteer Delaware 50+ member?

- All members receive supplemental insurance protection in case anything happens **while** they are volunteering with one of our community partners (excess volunteer liability insurance & excess automobile liability insurance)
- Opportunity for outstanding volunteers to attend a free recognition luncheon and enter to win door prizes (must meet required hours)
- Opportunity to receive a monthly listing of one-time volunteer projects, upcoming events and ongoing volunteer opportunities (sent via email)
- Invitation to attend free educational workshops on topics pertaining to the 50+ community (sent via email)
- Tracking of hours and years of service

## Why do you collect my volunteer hours?

- Helps us to qualify for grants and places us in a better position to advocate for continued funding, not only for our program but also for our community partners
- Helps us to quantify all the amazing volunteer work Delawareans are doing for our state/in our communities
- Helps us to identify and recognize our outstanding volunteers through our annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

## Are you already a volunteer with one of our community partners and would like to also be a member of Volunteer Delaware 50+?

We are always looking-for and inviting non-profit organizations to join us and become a community partner in order to offer even more opportunities to our members. If you are already a volunteer with one or more of our community partner and would like to also become a member of Volunteer Delaware 50+ please contact your local office.

**New Castle County: please call 302-255-9746 or email [Guadalupe.Murphy@delaware.gov](mailto:Guadalupe.Murphy@delaware.gov)**

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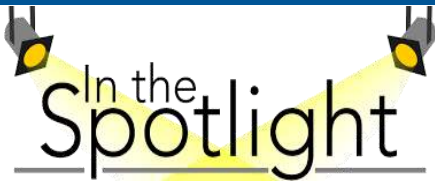






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## *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Events!*

On behalf of Delaware organizations across the State, the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of State Service Centers, State Office of Volunteerism, invite YOU to be a part of something meaningful this Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

💛 Make It a "Day On," Not a Day Off! 💛

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to the pursuit of justice, equality, and community unity. To honor his incredible legacy, we encourage you to participate in a day of service and togetherness.

🏠 Let's Come Together and Serve Our Communities! 🏠

☀️ WHEN: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

☀️ WHERE: Various Locations Across Delaware

POSTINGS ON WEBSITE: [www.volunteer.delaware.gov](http://www.volunteer.delaware.gov)

POSTINGS ON SOCIAL PLATFORMS:



@VolunteerDelaware

😊 Spread the Word and Share Your Experience!

Use the hashtags:

#MLKDayOfService

#VolunteerDelaware

#VoIDel



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**MLK  
SERVICE  
DAY**

# Volunteer!

Monday, January 15, 2024



## 1. Brandywine Creek State Park

- **Time:** All Day
- **Activity:** Invasive Plant Removal
- **Location:** Brandywine Creek State Park, DE
- **Contact:** Julie.Lawrence@delaware.gov
- **Details:** Join the service day to remove a variety of invasive plants. More details at [Volunteer Delaware](#).

## 2. White Clay Creek State Park (WCCSP)

- **Activity:** Plant & Shrub Removal
- **Details:** Engage in a range of activities from hand-pulling small plants to large shrubs and tree removal. This volunteer effort has received awards and grants for dedication. Express interest and sign up at [Volunteer Delaware](#) and [DE State Parks](#).

## 3. Judge Morris Estate - Forest Restoration

- **Activity:** Invasive Plant Removal
- **Details:** A year-round initiative great for groups and families to help restore the forest. Sign up at [DE State Parks](#) and express interest at [Volunteer Delaware](#).

## 4. Bloodmobile (Wilmington)

- **Time:** 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
- **Location:** Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE
- **Activity:** Blood Donation Drive
- **Details:** Volunteer as a donor with Blood Bank of Delmarva.
- **Register:** [Click here to register](#).

## 5. Food Bank of Delaware (Milford)

- **Time:** 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
- **Location:** TBD, Milford, DE
- **Activity:** Assistance in Volunteer Room
- **Details:** Serve families in need; children 7+ may participate. Sign up is required through [Click here to register for the Milford Food Bank \(required\)](#).

## 6. Food Bank of Delaware (Newark)

- **Time:** 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
- **Location:** 222 Lake Drive, Newark, DE 19702
- **Activity:** Food Assistance and Pantry Organization
- **Details:** Engage in various tasks from stocking to cleaning; children 7+ may participate. Register at [Food Bank of Delaware, Inc. \(volunteerhub.com\)](#)

## 7. Friendship House (Wilmington)

- **Time:** 12:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
- **Location:** 1603 Jessup Street, Wilmington, DE
- **Activity:** Sorting and Organizing Donated Clothing
- **Details:** Groups preferred; contact Cassandra Bryant at [volunteer@friendshiphousesde.org](mailto:volunteer@friendshiphousesde.org).

## 8. One Village Alliance (Wilmington)

- **Time:** 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
- **Location:** 31 W. 31st Street, Wilmington, DE
- **Activity:** Painting Youth Wellness Center
- **Details:** Assist in painting and organizing spaces.
- **Contact information and registration available at** [One Village Alliance](#).

## 9. Sunday Breakfast Mission (Wilmington)

- **Time:** 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
- **Location:** 110 N. Poplar Street, Wilmington, DE 19801
- **Activity:** Food Preparation and Service
- **Details:** Assist with meal service and kitchen tasks. Register online at the Sunday Breakfast Mission website. at [Volunteer at Sunday Breakfast Mission](#) and choose special events or make note for MLK day.
- **Contact:** 302-652-8314
- **All ages welcome, 18+ for kitchen work.**

## 10. Court Care Bags for CHILD, Inc. (Wilmington & Dover)

- **Time:** 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
- **Locations:** DSBA, 405 N. King Street, Wilmington, DE & Schmittinger & Rodriguez, 414 S. State Street, Dover, DE
- **Activity:** Bag Stuffing for Protective Order Assistance
- **Details:** Family-friendly event to help stuff bags with donated items. Registration details on [Delaware State Bar Association](#) website at [DSBA's website](#).

## 11. Park Cleanups (Rockwood and Glasgow Park)

- **Time:** 9 A.M. - 12 Noon
- **Locations:** Rockwood Park & Glasgow Park, DE
- **Activity:** Decoration Removal and Cleanup
- **Details:** Assist with post-holiday cleanup. 14+ volunteers. Sign up at the New Castle County Department of Community Services website. [Special Events Volunteer Application - New Castle County Department of Community Services \(volgistics.com\)](#)

## 12. American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 28

- **Time:** 10 A.M. - 12 Noon
- **Location:** 31768 Legion Rd., Millsboro, DE
- **Activity:** Packing Grocery Bags for Veterans
- **Details:** Support the Wilmington VA Medical Center's Food Pantry. No registration needed; free breakfast for volunteers.

## 13. New Castle County Hope Center, Inc.

- **Time:** 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
- **Location:** New Castle County Hope Center, Inc.
- **Activity:** Serving and Receiving Drive Up Donations
- **Details:** Seeking volunteers and a meal sponsor.

- You can also make a donation to the Hope Center through their donation list at <https://www.newcastledelaware.gov/2156/Hope-Center> or order from their Amazon Wishlist at <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7B72ZCB6UR36...>
- You can sign up to volunteer at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCCHopeCenter8>

## 14. West Side Grows Together

- **Time:** 12 PM - 3 PM
- **Location:** MSK Community Center, 1009 Sycamore Street, Wilmington, DE 19805
- **Activity:** Clean Up, Peace March, and Celebration
- **Details:** Participate in the 12th Annual Event. Schedule includes community cleanup, peace march, and celebration. Registration and details at [12th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Clean Up, Peace March, and Celebration — West Side Grows Together](#)

## 15. Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice

- **Time:** 7 PM - 10 PM
- **Date:** Friday, Jan. 12, 2024
- **Location:** Epworth United Methodist Church, Rehoboth Beach, DE
- **Activity:** Musical Celebration
- **Details:** Enjoy a musical evening from civil rights to black lives matter, featuring various performances and presentations. Tickets required (\$25 per person); children under 12 will be admitted free. Proceeds support various initiatives.

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OPPORTUNITIES,  
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## PAWS Teams Strut Their Stuff for Volunteer Delaware

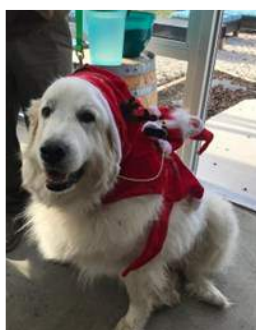
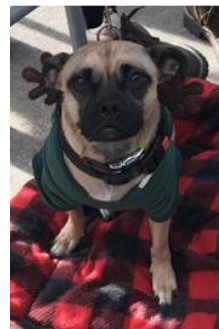
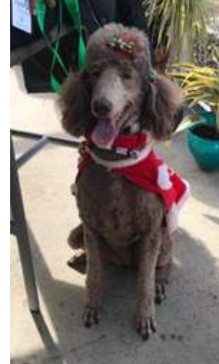
Dawn Kisner, Coordinator for Kent & Sussex Counties and Social Media

Thursday, December 14th, was an unforgettable day filled with joy, warmth, and furry companionship as Volunteer Delaware and PAWS for People collaborated for a heartwarming Holiday Party at Brick Works Brewing in Smyrna, DE.

Eleven PAWS therapy dogs, adorned in charming holiday attire, were ready to steal the show with their dedicated handlers. The doggy runway, the centerpiece of the event, awaited the delightful parade of four-legged friends. Volunteer Delaware had designated PAWS for People as the featured non-profit for the occasion, adding an extra layer of significance to the day.

Throughout the presentation, Volunteer Delaware staff read bios and shared fun facts about each therapy dog, creating a heartwarming connection between the audience and the furry stars of the day. The dogs and their handlers gracefully strutted down the runway, showcasing not only their festive outfits but also the incredible bond they share. Laughter and applause echoed through Brick Works Brewing as the dogs displayed their unique personalities and talents.

PAWS Teams who attended included: Tawanda Harbison & Onyx, Bob Hairgrove & Holly, Valerie Bica & Charlotte, Sandi Carl & Maddie, Walt Mecure & Lucy, Clara Robbs & Kringle, Tara Hewlett & Daisy, Joy King & Duchess, Dan Salter & Winnie, Marla Mella & Sadie, and Kris Cassar & Penny.



# THANK YOU

**PAWS** for People  
HEALING PET THERAPY SINCE 2005

your  
partnership  
and support  
is so  
appreciated

**VOLUNTEER**  
**DELAWARE 50+**

**A NOTE FROM OUR PARTNER**

A MATTER OF  
BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

## COACHES NEEDED STATEWIDE

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities.

**A MATTER OF BALANCE**

is an award-winning program designed to help seniors manage falls and increase their activity levels.

*Become a Coach  
Join us for free training!*

**1/30/24 & 1/31/24**

**10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Williams State Service Center  
805 River Road  
Dover, DE 19901**

**For more information or to register contact  
Volunteer Delaware 50+  
Danielle.Briggs@delaware.gov  
302-515-3020**



## A NOTE FROM OUR PARTNER



**American  
Red Cross**

*New Year, New You!*

### Resolve to Volunteer

Make this year count! Resolve to volunteer with the American Red Cross and make a difference in 2024. Communities across the country count on the Red Cross for help every day—and volunteers are at the heart of this support in local communities.



### Volunteers Urgently Needed for the Following Positions in Your Community:

#### Disaster Action Team

Help comfort and support people in your community by meeting any immediate needs such as food, shelter, clothing or supplies and connecting them to long term recovery services. We supply all the training you need.

Preferred Commitment: 4 on-call shifts a month

#### Sound The Alarm Team Member

Save lives by installing smoke alarms and educating residents about home fire risk by providing home safety checklists and plans.

Preferred commitment: 1 event per month

#### Hero Care Network Caseworker:

Provide emergency support to our military members, veterans and their families.

Preferred commitment: 1 shift per week

#### Blood Donor Ambassador

Use your customer service skills to ensure that blood donors have a pleasant and fulfilling experience, whether you're greeting donors, answering questions or thanking them for their donation, your courtesy and professionalism will create a favorable impression that encourages ongoing donor support.

Preferred Commitment: 2–4 shifts per month (or more if you can!). 4–6 hours per shift.

*Discover the role that's right for you!*

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## A NOTE FROM OUR PARTNER



Thank you Bags2Mats Volunteers for your time and dedication. From collecting plastic bags, cutting and looping plastic material to make plarn, to constructing the mats, we could not do any of it without YOU.

**70 mats were made in NCC in 2023 -  
that's more than 42,000 plastic bags recycled  
and kept away ending in a landfill. Just AWESOME!!!**

Below is a list of some of our community partners that received and distributed mats in NCC.

1 IN 7B Foundation  
Bags2Mats Outreach  
Charity Crossing  
DSAMH (Prevention Outreach)  
Forget Me Not Families  
Friendship House  
Housing Alliance of Delaware (PIT COUNT)  
Horizon House Delaware  
Phoenix Used Clothing

There is still so much more work so be done and  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

Join us!!!!

Bags2Mats Plarn Workshop  
2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month  
Newark Senior Center: 10am—12pm

**Interested in hosting a workshop at your  
location? Email us at  
Guadalupe.Murphy@delaware.gov**



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED IN ALL 3  
COUNTIES TO SURVEY PEOPLE  
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS  
OUTDOORS, IN SHELTERS, AND AS THEY  
ARRIVE FOR SERVICES.

**A SUCCESSFUL PIT COUNT RELIES HEAVILY  
ON A DEDICATED COMMUNITY-WIDE EFFORT.**





## A NOTE FROM OUR PARTNER



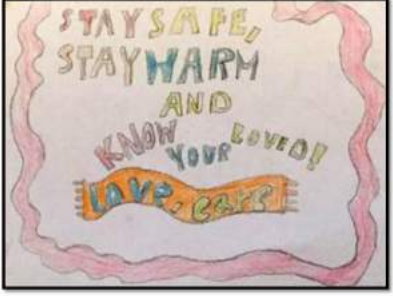
## 2024 Plarn Party Schedule at the Newark Senior Center

(200 Whitechapel Dr, Newark, DE 19713)

Workshops will occur on the **second & fourth Wednesday** of every month  
from 10am – 12pm

**Program Description:** Bags2Mats for the Homeless consist of volunteers who recycle plastic bags and soft-like material to create mats for the homeless in Delaware. Join us on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at the Newark Senior Center and learn how easy it is collect, loop plastics and assemble the mats. The purpose of the plastics mats is to create a barrier between the wet, dirty, and often cold ground and the user's belongings. The mats help to keep bedding and other belonging dry and clean. Scraps of plastic are also used to make pillows to accompany the mats.

1. January 10 & 24
2. February 14 & 28
3. March 13 & 27
4. April 10 (no 24- flea market)
5. May 8 & 22
6. June 12 & 26
7. July 10 & 24
8. August 14 & 28
9. September 11 & 25
10. October 9 (no 23- flea market)
11. November 13 (no 27- Thanksgiving)
12. December 11 (no 25- Christmas)



Dear Friend,


Even though we have never met before, please know that I LOVE YOU and that I AM THINKING of you everyday.

To show you my love, my friends and I made this mat FOR YOU. We collected hundreds of bags, had people of all ages loop the bags together so that I could crochet this mat for you. We, your friends, hope this will help to keep you and your belongings, dry and protect you from the cold/ hard ground as you sleep tonight. We know it is not much, but I do hope that it helps.

Life can be tough sometimes and you might be going through your darkest days, but please know, there are so many people cheering for you and wanting nothing but the best for you. You are not alone. You are so loved.

Things WILL get better. Never lose HOPE in that reality. Good days are coming.

Keep your head up high and try to find joy in the little things, like the feeling of the warm sun on a beautiful day, a wave from a child or a smile from a friend. There is beauty in this life because you are with us.

With immense love,  
Your Friend 

**Bags2Mats**  
for the Homeless

Feel free to connect with us in the Bags2Mats DE Group on Facebook.

**RESOURCES**

- Bayside Delaware (Sussex County): 302-291-1821; baysidetrainingcenter.com
- Face the Facts: 302-650-7432; facethefactsde@gmail.com
- First Foundation Recovery: 302-613-8237; firstfoundationrecovery.org
- Hope on Deck: marvanhopeondeck@gmail.com - hopeondeck.org
- Housing Alliance Delaware: 1-833-FIND-BED (833-346-3233)
- Horizon House Delaware: 302-655-7108
- Impact Life: 302-384-6401; impactlifetoday.org
- Kirkwood Detox / Net Center: 302-691-0140
- Phoenix Used Clothing: 302-487-5351; info@phoenixusedclothing.com

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**A NOTE FROM OUR PARTNER**

## Learn about PAWS pet therapy and how you can get involved on one of our free Zoom Sessions!



### Can my pet be a PAWS pet-therapy companion?

Would you describe your pet as:

Sweet • People-Focused • Friendly Affectionate • Gentle • Comforting

### Can I share my pet with others?

Do you have a few hours each month to volunteer?

Would you like to work with children, elders, and adults with disabilities?

Do you really want to give something back?

## Yes, you can! (And your pet can, too!)

### Learn More & Register:

<https://www.pawsforpeople.org/YesYouCan>



### 2024 Winter Sessions

Thursday, February 8, 6:00 PM

Thursday, March 7, 6:00 PM

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**A NOTE FROM OUR PARTNER**

## What is a CASA?

A CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is a specially trained volunteer appointed by a Family Court Judge to advocate for the best interest of a child experiencing foster care.

## What do CASAs do?

- Advocate for children experiencing foster care due to abuse and neglect.
- Establish strong, stable connections with their assigned youth.
- Advocate to ensure the child receives needed essential services.
- Attend meetings and gather information from parties involved in the child's life.
- Work with the Child Attorney and CASA Coordinator to make recommendations in court for what's best for the child.
- Remains involved in the case until the child is reunified with their family or when that is not possible, works to find a safe and permanent home.
- Meet with the child face-to-face at least once a month.
- Attend all court hearings to testify to their findings and recommendations as the child's advocate.

**Scan to learn more, or  
call us at call us at  
302-255-1730!**



## Why Become a CASA?

Our mission is to be a voice for Delaware's abused and neglected children through skilled volunteers, community collaboration, and quality representation, instilling a need for safe and permanent relationships that will build healthy and resilient children.

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



## Ballard's Reading Buddies School Sites:

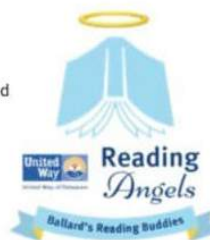
To be a one-on-one reading buddy to foster students love of reading.

### **BALLARD'S READING BUDDIES SCHOOL SITES:**

- Southern Elementary School-Colonial School District
- Keene Elementary School-Christina School District
- Harlan Elementary School-Brandywine School District

### **YOU ARE NEEDED:**

- Volunteers needed to read to and with children one day a week
- 30min time frame per student
- Beginning October 2023



### **Times By School Location:**

- Keene Elementary School 9am-9:30am or 2:45pm-3:15pm
- Southern Elementary School 9am-10:30am
- Harlan Elementary School 9:30am-10:30am

Ballard's Reading Buddies is named in the memory of Corporal Stephen J. Ballard, a Delaware State Trooper, killed in the line of duty on April 26, 2017.

Ballard's Reading Buddies is a component of UWDE Reading Angels which is a part of a larger Campaign for Grade Level Reading strategy this is also intended to impact school readiness, chronic absenteeism and summer learning loss. Additional UWDE programmatic tools include home libraries for students (through UWDE's My Very Own Library Program), student library cards, social emotional learning and unique family engagement opportunities.

Looking for a way to make a difference  
with just a few hours a month?

The Wilmington Senior Center is calling on  
volunteers to lend a hand in their  
Food Pantry!

They have various Wednesday shifts.

Volunteer duties include:

Collect Seniors' orders

Pack the items in bags

Label and hand out filled orders.

Help brighten someone's day

**Wilmington Senior Center**

**Food Pantry volunteers needed**

Only a few hours of your time  
Wednesday shifts open  
through 2/14/2024

Collect Senior's orders  
Pack the items in bags & label  
Hand out filled bags to seniors

Sign up at [volunteer.delaware.gov](https://volunteer.delaware.gov) & search "Food Pantry Volunteers"

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**ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES****Special  
Olympics**

Calling all volunteers with a heart for kids and sports! Special Olympics Delaware needs your help!

Volunteers are **needed for the "Sport and Play"** program, designed to introduce basic sports skills to children aged 2-7.

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Our Mission: To keep people alive and safe, to help them through crises, and to connect them with relevant community resources.

Are you thinking about being a support person for someone you don't know? Then, look to volunteer with ContactLifeline and be a good listener for someone in need over the phone. The Crisis Helpline is located in Wilmington. Don't worry, you will be trained (in-person) to be a better listener for someone who needs you.

ContactLifeline crisis responder services are provided by professionally trained and supervised volunteers and professionals who respond anonymously and confidentially to human needs, state-wide, 24 hours a day.

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**ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES**

## Days of Caring, Group Volunteer Work with NAMI Delaware's Housing Program



### ABOUT:

Do you have a small group interested in giving an hour or two of your time to help with simple landscaping projects? NAMI Delaware's Housing Team would love to have you! There are a variety of locations and projects for volunteer teams to help with during the spring/summer and fall seasons.

### Tasks May Include

- Pruning
- Mulching
- Trimming trees and bushes
- Painting Decks/Porches
- Raking Leaves

### CONTACT US



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## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



## Picture Directions for Preparing Plarn - Method 2

To view a video tutorial, visit: [tiny.one/PLARNmats](https://tiny.one/PLARNmats)



1. Smooth and flatten the plastic bag



2. Fold the bag evenly in half with handles touching and then fold again



3. Cut off the handles and bottom seam then cut the bag into four even sections



4. Make a T shape with one bag going inside the other and pull slowly



It takes 500 - 600 Plastic Bags to make 1 complete mat via method 2.



Completed plarn may be dropped off at any of our Volunteer Delaware 50+ locations.

Please contact Volunteer Delaware 50+ to coordinate a drop-off / pick up.

NCC: [Guadalupe.Murphy@delaware.gov](mailto:Guadalupe.Murphy@delaware.gov) / SC: [Bobbi.Tice@delaware.gov](mailto:Bobbi.Tice@delaware.gov)

New Castle County: Debnam Bldg. 1901 N. Dupont Highway, New Castle DE 19720

Kent County: Volunteer Delaware, 805 River Rd. Dover, DE 19901

Sussex County: 546 South Bradford Street, Georgetown, DE 19947

Also, make sure to like us on Facebook:

[@Bags2Mats for the Homeless - Delaware](https://www.facebook.com/Bags2MatsfortheHomeless-Delaware)



## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

## Making Strides Volunteer Opportunities



**The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Volunteer Committee:** The Volunteer Committee helps to lead and represent the innovative, diverse, and action-oriented community. They inspire positive change and care for those experiencing breast cancer through their leadership. Committee members will help to raise Breast Cancer awareness and work to connect to those in their network that can partner with or sponsor the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event and movement.

- **Time Commitment:** 1 hour/month on our monthly meeting, plus an additional 2-4 hours/month spent on event-related tasks.
- **Benefits:** As a member, you get to participate in an exciting community event to raise awareness and funds to end breast cancer. You can choose to volunteer for the day-of the walk and Kickoff Party, in addition to using your skills to help plan & grow the event.
- **Main Focus Areas:** Event Experience and/or Making Connections
- **Meeting Location:** We meet virtually once a month! There are opportunities to be out in the community, such as by helping run our Kickoff Party, promoting Strides at community events, and at the walk itself.
- **Meeting Times:** one hour/month via Zoom, typically from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on a Tues, Wed, or Thurs evening.

# 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DELAWARE HOSPICE



## Patient Care Volunteers Needed

Apply Today!

At Delaware Hospice, our team of volunteers provide companionship to patients, respite for caregivers, assist with shopping and errands, and so much more!

### Patient Care Volunteers

- Check-in calls with patients.
- Care calls: provide a listening ear to patients.
- Visit with a patient (read, share stories, play cards or board games).
- Provide transportation to doctor appointments, store or pharmacy.
- Walk with a patient.
- Run an errand.
- Provide vigil support as a patient nears death.
- Give haircuts to patients.
- Assemble and deliver care gifts to patients.
- Pet Therapy Visits.
- Music Therapy Visits.

### RN Volunteers

- Medication disposal after a patient has passed or is discharged.
- Assist staff with vaccination clinics.
- Assist with clinical staff education.

### Vet-to-Vet Volunteers

- Veterans visit patients who are also veterans and talk about the patient's military experiences.

Interested in becoming a volunteer at Delaware Hospice? Please contact the Volunteer Department at (302) 856-7717, [volunteer@delawarehospice.org](mailto:volunteer@delawarehospice.org), or visit [www.delawarehospice.org/volunteer/](http://www.delawarehospice.org/volunteer/)

## The Never Alone Project

PROVIDING FRIENDLY SUPPORT TO OUR DELAWARE ELDERLY AND DISABLED NEIGHBORS WHO MAY BE FEELING SOCIALLY ISOLATED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND OTHER LIFE FACTORS.



Social isolation and loneliness have gradually become contributing factors to increased illness among elderly, disabled and chronically ill persons. This has become intensified as we have been facing the COVID-19 pandemic for 3+ years now. Through this project, Delaware Ecumenical Council on Children and Families (DECCF) will promote resilience by establishing new, and supporting existing relationships with clients, caregivers, and families.

We seek to do this through establishing weekly (or other frequent) calls as telephone reassurance that someone is there for them should they want to talk about what they are experiencing. The Never Alone Project will

perform a high-level screening for social isolation, and make voluntary referrals to behavioral health professionals should follow-ups be necessary. Also, a "Coping in Times of COVID-19" tool kit for seniors, will be provided to each participant



- Safe Companionship
- Friendly Check-ins
- Isolation/Loneliness Assessment
- Encouragement
- Inspirational Writings
- Informed Delaware COVID-19 updating
- "Coping in Times of COVID-19" toolkit for seniors

Let us help you, and/or a loved one through these challenging times.

Register today.



Kent County/Northern Sussex -

- Deborah Killen - (302) 650-8984

New Castle - Brian K. Sanders - (302) 225-104

- Naa Sackley Huffman - (302) 898-4983

Smyrna/Clayton/Middletown/Odessa/Townsend -

- Gail LaGasse - (302) 650-8868

2629 W. 19th Street  
Wilmington, DE 19806

[www.deccf.org](http://www.deccf.org)



**ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES**

## Volunteers Needed for Domestic Violence Court Program

Do you want to help victims of domestic violence in your community? CHILD, Inc.'s Domestic Violence Advocacy Program (DVAP) is seeking volunteers to assist victims with protective orders, safety planning, and resource identification.

CHILD, Inc.'s Advocacy program is in need of volunteer advocates who wish to help victims of domestic violence within the civil court system. Since its start, DVAP has relied heavily on volunteers to offer services and support to victims of domestic violence through the court advocacy program which is located within Family Court in each county of the state of Delaware.

Advocates are available to offer support for victims experiencing intimate partner violence and abusive power and control. Volunteers assist clients with creating appropriate safety plans based on the client's needs and concerns at our offices located in the Family Courthouse building. Advocates aid victims in filing Protection from Abuse (PFA) petitions and offer information regarding court hearings.

All Volunteer Advocates are valued members of our DVAP team; they are what makes our program as successful as it has been for many years.



**Stop Domestic  
Violence**

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## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

### Why Volunteer with Lutheran Community Services?

Lutheran Community Services (LCS) could not accomplish our mission without the help of our talented and **dedicated** volunteers!

We have multiple volunteer opportunities that are designed to align with an individual's diverse set of skills and talents. Want to have direct contact with client services? Great! Rather be behind the scenes support? Wonderful! Fall somewhere in between? We've got that too!

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (Wilmington)

#### Pantry Operations Volunteer

- **Food Stocking & Sorting:** Assist in our pantries by unloading pallets of food, re-stocking shelves, and filling bags of groceries for shoppers.
- **Pantry Sign-In:** Help to register and manage clients as they arrive at our pantries.
- **Food Rescue Drivers:** Assist in picking up weekly donations from various local partners and delivering food to our pantries.



#### Delaware Food Farmacy Volunteer

- **Drivers:** Need back-up drivers for our van to deliver food to clients on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- **Packing:** We need help packing customized food boxes on Mondays and possibly Tuesdays for delivery as we grow.

#### Garden Volunteer

Help with the upkeep and harvesting of our community garden. Produce is given to clients through our food pantries.

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## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



*Join us at our monthly get-togethers*



**3rd Friday of every Month  
10 - 11am**

**B'nai B'rith House  
8000 Society Dr.  
Claymont, DE 19703**

**For more information, call  
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**ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES**

## **MEETING OF MINDS** **PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS**

We are seeking volunteers to assist participants with program activities and help create a relaxing environment where participants feel at ease.

Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of 1 day/week from 10am-2pm.

### **FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

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**looking to volunteer  
in a different capacity?  
why not join one of our family  
services committees ...**

## **family selection volunteer committee member (Virtual)**

**the purpose** choosing the families to own and occupy Habitat for Humanity is one of the most difficult and challenging aspects of this ministry. The Family Selection Committee is responsible for drafting the selection criteria used to select families for approval by the Board of Directors.



**accentCare.**

## **The Role of Hospice Volunteers**

### **Direct Patient Volunteers**

When working with patients and families, the volunteers provide multiple services, including:

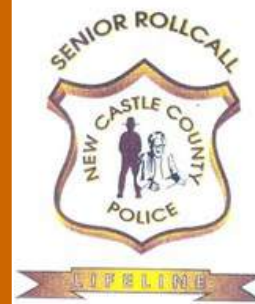
- Conversation and companionship
- Medication reminders, snack preparation, encouragement of fluids (if applicable)
- Life review and legacy projects
- Writing letters
- Engaging children in the home
- Walks with permission
- Listening to music and/ or reading books
- Painting their nails
- Sitting at bedside in silent support/presence, holding hands
- Companionship to provide the caregiver a break
- Organization and review of collections of photos, newspaper clippings, baseball cards, stamps, etc.
- Support at the time of death and during bereavement
- Specialty volunteers depending on availability (i.e. massage therapy, reiki, pet therapy)

### **What Volunteers CAN do**

- Remind someone to take medication
- Take patient for a walk if someone has already transferred the patient to the wheelchair
- Be an advocate for safety and pain issues
- Be an extra set of eyes and ears

### **What Volunteers CANNOT do**

- Give medications
- Transfer patients
- Accept payments or gifts, or sell anything to our patients
- Provide personal care, such as:
  - Personal hygiene and toileting
  - Dressing
  - Transferring from bed to chair, and back



**Senior Roll Call Lifeline** is a free program provided by New Castle County, Division of Police, that makes daily calls

to the homes of our elderly or disabled members to ensure they are doing well and do not require emergency assistance. If after several attempts the calls are unsuccessful, emergency help is sent to the home to check on the well-being of the member.

For more information call  
302-255-9878.

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Looking to support a mission of safe and affordable housing for Delawareans, all while staying inside, out of the cold? Come out and volunteer with us at Habitat for Humanity's ReStores! Our ReStores are public donation centers that help families build, rehabilitate and repair homes in the New Castle County area. By giving your time and talents, you can help the Habitat ReStore do more to support homebuilding projects that benefit families in your community!

At the ReStores, we look to engage volunteers with a variety of opportunities, including refurbishing of donations, creating decorative displays, organizing the donation dock and sales floor, and interacting with customers. All efforts are led by a fantastic team of ReStore staff and your fellow volunteers! We offer shifts at our ReStores Tuesday-Saturday, between 10am and 5pm. Shifts are from 10-2, 12-5 or an all day shift, but we're also very flexible on when you can come in! We have 2 locations, Wilmington and Middletown.



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accentCare.

**Volunteer your time and compassion – and make a big difference**

**Become a Virtual Bereavement Volunteer today**

**The needs of bereaved families and friends are unique – and our Virtual Bereavement Volunteers are there to support them.** This special group of volunteers offer much-needed support to these lower-risk loved ones by making phone calls, often on the anniversaries of deaths, providing important moments of "virtual" connection.

As a Virtual Bereavement Volunteer, you may also co-facilitate virtual services of remembrance and take part in virtual grief support groups – all from the comfort of your home. All our volunteers are trained to assess the needs, responses, and support systems of the bereaved, and provide documentation to help our psychosocial team determine any needed follow up care.

NAMI Delaware

**Volunteer with NAMI Delaware**

**HELPLINE VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORT GROUP FACILITATORS NEEDED**

**NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

Support Group facilitators must have lived experience as peers or family members.

For more information please visit:

[www.namidelaware.org/join](http://www.namidelaware.org/join)

### REQUIREMENTS

- Must be passionate about supporting those living with mental illness and their families
- Able to listen to potentially difficult stories with empathy and compassion



## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Partner reports  
hours



## OPEN VOLUNTEER ROLES!!!

**Donor Care and Staff Support (age 18+):**

Want to be on the donation floor? Interact with donors and staff? Make the donation process better for both donor and staff? In this role you restock supplies staff need for donation process, hand out items donors need, and interact with donors so they feel seen and have someone there supporting them. Schedule sign up first come first serve after completion of application and training.

**Community Outreach Ambassador (age 18+):**

Enjoy people? Want to interact and share what BBD does with people in the community? You'll attend community events with information and training provided to share the needs and mission of BBD! Fun way to be with people and help BBD in saving lives. Training online and in person. Scheduled in advance variable upon community event dates.

**Donor Refreshment/Canteen Center and/or Mobile (age 18+):**

Enjoy people and staying active? Care for donors post-donation, chat with donors, serve snacks and drinks, and help donor feel cared for and appreciated. Active role, interact with people, restock, and sanitize tables. Training online and in person. Center schedules set and sign up with lead volunteer guidance, mobile drive schedules posted a month in advance first come first serve.

**Greeter (age 15+):**

Say hello to donors on way in, and thank on their way out of the blood center. Sanitize tablets, laminated reading material, and chairs, counter, etc. in registration area. Interact with donors, staff, and

volunteers. Schedule sign up first come first serve after completion of application and training.

**Fundraising (age 18+):**

Have experience in fundraising, enjoy data input, thank you letter preparation, or anything related to raising funds? We look forward to hearing what skills and experience you have to share!

**Office Admin, Phone, and Related tasks (age 15+):**

Are you an indoor office organizing type person? BBD has different types of roles: data entry, phone calls, letter mailing preparation, copying, scanning, shredding, and variety of other office computer related tasks. Let us know your skill set and experience!

**Photo and/or Video (age 15+):**

Love to be behind the lens? Enjoy taking photos or shooting video? Maybe editing video? Creating short videos? Let us know what you love to do in this area.

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## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

**Spiritual Care Support Volunteer**

The Delaware Hospice @ Saint Francis Unit is looking for volunteer chaplains to join our team. For more information about our program, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Rolonda Sutton-Greene at (302) 478-5707 or visit our website <https://www.delawarehospice.org/volunteer/>



Our volunteer chaplains provide:

- Spiritual support for patients and families
- An opportunity to pray and read with patients
- A calming presence and a safe space to talk

**Delaware Hospice @ St. Francis Unit Volunteers**

Delaware Hospice is looking for volunteers to join our team! Our volunteers offer a wide range of talents to support our patients, families and staff. If you would like to share your talents, please contact our Volunteer Department at (302) 478-5707 or visit our website <https://www.delawarehospice.org/volunteer/>



Unit Support Volunteers may assist with:

- Front Desk Coverage from 4p-8p
- Cookie Baking
- Music Therapy
- Pet Therapy (pet must be certified and have records)
- Patient Support

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## Meet diverse people and have fun while engaging in cross cultural activities in Delaware!



Promoting Peace through Understanding by fostering cross-cultural exchange and experiences.

[info@ptpde.org](mailto:info@ptpde.org)

Bring your computer skills and volunteer from home to make an impact in our community on one of our many exciting committees.

### Public Relations Committee

Create fliers and social posts, assist with mailing list and announcements

Skills: Canva and Mail Chimp

### Program Committee

Brainstorm ideas for virtual and in person exchange programs, support tech in online meetings

Skills: Zoom

### Fundraising Committee

Assist grant research & writing, foster philanthropic relations

Skills: Word, Excel, Google Docs/Sheets

### Membership Committee

Increase public awareness, encourage partnerships, new membership and volunteers

Skills: Excel/Google Sheets

## SHOW CORPS VOLUNTEERS AT THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE

The Grand Show Corps currently has over 200 volunteers, and we continue to grow thanks to people like you!

The Grand Opera House is a multi-level theater that presents world-renowned artists and a wide variety of entertainment. The baby grand is home of live at the baby grand as well as various community groups. The Playhouse on Rodney Square is home of Delaware's Broadway Experience.



The majority of our shows are scheduled in the evenings with some weekend afternoons. We also have occasional student performances during weekday mornings and afternoons.

Each member of the Show Corps is assigned to a squad and each squad is assigned to a show. Squad responsibilities include ticket-taking, ushering, coat-check, **bartending**, and patron safety. On average, each squad is scheduled three to five times a month. Those who are unable to volunteer during the weekdays due to full-time employment will not be asked to do so. Every volunteer is required to work all 3 theaters based on assignment.

## RESOURCES

**DIAL 2-1-1** to get connected to local resources.

 Bill Payment Assistance	 Disaster Services	 Education	 Employment & Financial Support	 Food	 Health Care	 Personal & Household Items	 Transportation
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211 is here to help.

**2-1-1**

 **DIAL 2-1-1**

 **TEXT** your zip code to 898-211

 **LEARN MORE** [delaware211.org](http://delaware211.org)

Powered by United Way of Delaware



## Delaware Aging & Disability Resource Center

The Delaware ADRC is your one-stop access point for information, assistance, and referral to resources that support older Delawareans, adults with disabilities, and caregivers.

### CONTACT DELAWARE ADRC

Phone: 1-800-223-9074 (toll-free)

Email: [DelawareADRC@delaware.gov](mailto:DelawareADRC@delaware.gov)



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 Delaware Adult Protective Services

**MAKE THE CALL**

“In 2021, anonymous reports helped protect 2,184 vulnerable adults from potential abuse; new hotline makes reporting neglect, abuse and exploitation easy and confidential.”

With one simple phone call, concerned individuals and those experiencing harm can connect with free, voluntary services and resources that could save a life.