

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNTIES & EVENTS

For More Information Call 302-515-3020

https:volunteer.delaware.gov-delaware50



Sussex County

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.



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It always looks odd when we write the new year in numerals, 2024! Remember the turn of the century, Y2K? Were the computers going to run, the banks going to operate? Here we are 24 years later, and no major catastrophe! Thinking of ways to make our program thrive is part of my daily habit, but at this end of year, it is more pronounced when planning meetings for the entire year. Looking back on my 2023 and wondering how it can be changed for the better, I see it is a common activity. Has there been something on your list for months or even years that you have wanted to do? Maybe something out of your comfort zone? We have Volunteer Coordinators in our office that will match what you like to do with fantastic community partners that need help. Danielle and Bobbi Jo are very happy to talk or meet with you in our office and let you know what our community partners do (they are not all in this newsletter). They will find you just the right volunteer assignment that fits what you have been thinking about. If you want something once a month, sporadically or regularly 3 times a week, they will work with you to find it. New Year, New You, take the leap of faith and give some blood, open your home to foster a kitten, help build a new home, read or mentor a child, donate some clothing or help at a Thrift Store! There are so many needs in our community. One or two hours or your week will help! Think



about it and then pick up the phone. We are right here! Pass it on! Ann Gorrin

See page 11 for details on how to nominate a deserving volunteer.



SPOTLIGHT: BEEBE VOLUNTEER SERVICES

In November, Beebe Healthcare welcomed a new Volunteer Services Manager - Stephanie Adams. Stephanie came to the Volunteer Services Department from Beebe Medical Foundation. Stephanie will lead Beebe's very engaged community of volunteers, as well as work to streamline the volunteer onboarding process and recruit new volunteers.



Volunteers Wanted



Interested in Joining Beebe's Volunteer Team? Contact volunteer@beebehealthcare.org or call 302-645-3531





Patient Aide (Lewes) - This assignment is rounding on (visiting) patients in their rooms and assisting them with comfort needs. Help them with hand hygiene and get them ready for their meal. Assist staff with stocking supplies and answering call bells. This is a great opportunity to interact with patients while supporting staff!

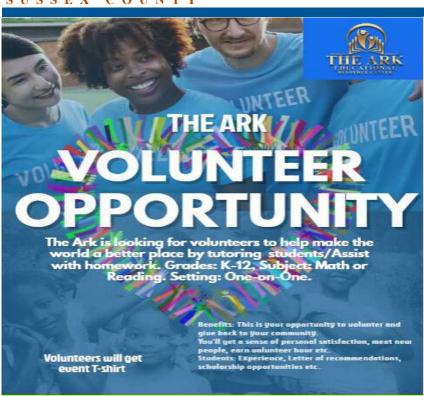
volunteer social to celebrate and thank volunteers for a great year.

Beebe Leaders, including President and CEO Dr. David Tam, joined.

Gift Shop (Lewes) - The gift shop at the Lewes Campus is managed by the Beebe Auxiliary and is currently seeking volunteers to help manage the day-to-day activities in the gift shop.

Office Assistant (Georgetown) - Live in Georgetown? This role provides support to Beebe Bariatric Office, assisting with clerical tasks including general office duties, putting together gift bags, folders, and educational materials.

Hours for these positions vary. Many other volunteer positions are also available at Beebe.



For more information please contact Danielle Briggs, 515-3029 or Danielle.briggs@delaware.gov

MILFORD ADVOCACY FOR THE HOMELESS, INC.

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for dedicated individuals to



WE NEED HELP WITH:

KITCHEN TEAM

POWER PACK & DINNER TEAM

DRIVING TEAM

FUNDRAISING/HELPING HANDS TEAMS

IN-KIND DONATIONS TEAM

CALL US FOR DETAILS 302-643-2470

For more information on how you can give, please visit us @ https://www.milfordadvocacyforthehomeless.org/





Harbour Lights CHEER Center 34211 Woods Edge Drive Lewes, DE 19958



Receptionist

Mondays and Tuesdays

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- · answering the phone
- · collecting lunch money
- · signing in members as they come into the center
- other office duties to do as needed

Join Now!

Fore More Information: Call Bobbi Jo Tice 302-515-3024



THANK YOU



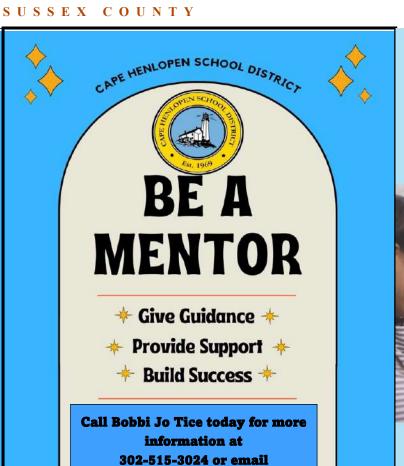
Thank you for your continuous dedication to keeping Sussex County

Our year-to-date count for Carewear is 4,700 items. Twenty-nine agencies throughout Sussex County are, benefiting from these handmade items

104 Plarn Sleeping Mats for the Homeless were distributed to ten agencies

Care Wear project

Email: Bobbi Tice@delaware.gov Phone: 302-515-3020





accentCare.

Use your compassion and talents to make a DIFFERENCE!

Become a Circle of Care **Caller Hospice Volunteer!**

Circle of Care Volunteers call home care patients or their caregivers each week to check on their needs prior to the weekend. Volunteers follow a phone script, assisting them to identify patient needs such as medication refills, supplies, or equipment that need to be addressed prior to the weekend.

As a Circle of Care Volunteer, you'll contribute to a collaborative, proactive approach in caring for terminally ill patients and their families. After training and education, the calls may be done from your home or your local AccentCare® office.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT OUR VOLUNTEER SERVICES COORDINATOR AT:

RebekahWelch@AccentCare.com or 302-533-3800

www.accentcare.com



Bobbi.Tice@delaware.gov



Volunteer opportunities including:

20K Bulbs to plant before winter



Tree planting projects



For more information contact Danielle Briggs at 302-515-3029 or email Danielle.Briggs@delaware.gov

Georgetown Public Library

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH ORGANIZING THE LIBRARY. NOT CLEANING, BUT HELPING PROGRAMMERS KEEP UP WITH THINGS LIKE MARKER LIDS PUT BACK ON, BOARD GAME PIECES IN THE BOX, GLUE STICKS BACK IN THEIR CASES ETC.

If interested please contact Danielle Briggs at 302-515-3029 or email Danielle.Briggs@delaware.gov

ACTIVITIES ACTIVI

VOLUNTEERS WE NEED CAPE Henlopen Senior Center

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

* Serving lunch

* Fitness Circuit Trainer

* Bingo Caller -Substitute

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Blood Bank of Delmarva

Volunteers Needed

Community Outreach Ambassador

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

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.

Mobile Blood Processor

Do you enjoy details, putting things in proper order, and tracking what is where? Looking for someone who is ok handling the tubes and bags of blood and putting it coolers of ice for transport. You help staff be able to focus on donors and not packing up the coolers. Training online and in person. Mobile drive schedules posted a month in advance first come first serve.

And of course, Blood Donors – who can make an appointment at: delmarvablood.org

Call Bobbi Jo Tice for more information: 302-515-3024

DELAWARE VETERANS HOME

VOLUNTEERS

WANTED

Talented with music, art, dance, sing?
Enjoy being with people, listening,
learning about the person?
Behind the scene worker?
A very rewardable experience is waiting for you

Come meet our honorable veterans and join our volunteer family.

Contact Bobbi Jo Tice 302-515-3024



ChristianaCare Hospice in collaboration with Delaware AccentCare

> 416 WILLIAMS STREET SUITE 301 MILFORD, DE 19963

New volunteer opportunity in Milford.

See below for a full list and description of opportunities available.

Pease contact Danielle Briggs at 515-3029, if you would like help connecting with this partner.

Use your compassion and talents to make a difference. Volunteer with AccentCare® Hospice today.

You can support our local patients and families by becoming a:

Ambassador Volunteer

 Community outreach, volunteer recruitment

Legacy Volunteer

 Create legacies: books, journals, CDs, memory bears, crafts

Office Volunteer

· Administrative assistance

Social & Companionship Volunteer

 Reading, walking, caregiver relief

Music Companionship Volunteer

 Play, sing and share music with patients, families and friends

Children's Bereavement Camp Volunteer

Work with camp staff and children

Bereavement Volunteer

 Emotional support for patient family and friends

Spiritual Presence Volunteer

Support patient's faith related requests

Vigil Volunteer

 Companionship during patient's last hours

Pet Visitation Volunteer

 Patient visits with certified Pet Partners or Therapy Dogs

Special Projects Volunteer

 Volunteer support for special groups or events like We Honor Veterans

For more information, please scan the QR code or contact our volunteer service coordinator at:

RebekahWelch@accentcare.com or 302-533-3800

accent Care.

www.accentcare.com/volunteer

AccentCare welcomes all persons in need of its services and does not discriminate on the basis of age, disability, race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, gender, gender identity and/or gender expression, sexual orientation, or source of payment.







WISH LIST DONATIONS

FOR THE PUPS 100

- Heavy duty dog toys
- Food puzzles
- No-pull harnesses: Freedom Harness, Balance Harness, EZ Walk (M/L/XL)
- · Martingale collars: % inch or 1 inch (M/L)
- . Training clickers with wrist strap
- Travel pet carriers (S/M/L)
- · Wet dog food
- . Konas (all sizes) • E-collars
- Frisbees · Carabeeners
- · Peanut butter (smooth, nothing with xylital)
- Towels and blankets
 - · Washed, gently used items are great, but no knitted or crocheted items, down comforters, used dog beds or pillows

FOR THE KITTIES

- Cat scratchers from stretchandscratch.com
- · Cat tays
- Food puzzles
- Laser pointers
- · Cat litter (clumping and unscented) and standard size litter boxes
- Small throw blankets



- Snuggle Safes

FOR OUR FOSTERS







- Heating pads

· Pureed baby food (chicken and gravy only)

OTHER WAYS TO HELP 🧐

Make an even bigger impact with your donations by making your purchases through amazonsmile. Simply visit smile.amazon.com and select our organization when you shop.

You can also donate items directly from Amazon using our Amazon Wish List! Shop like you would from any other wish list and have it delivered directly to us.

Please visit byspca.org/donate/wishlist for other needs

Georgetown Campus







HOW YOU CAN Help THE ANIMALS

Use your free time to provide comfort and care to our homeless, helpless, & healing shelter dogs and cats.



- Walk dogs
- Help dogs become more adoptable with training & behavior modification
- Assist at offsite adoption events
- Participate in dog play groups
- Jog with dogs
- Counsel adopters
- Help with daily cleaning & feeding
- Help with daily enrichment



- Socialize kittens & cats
- Groom the adoptables
- Take kittens to events
- Counsel adopters
- Help with daily cleaning & feeding
- Help with daily enrichment



- Assemble adoption folders
- Help with office functions
- Assist with processing adoptions

BVSPCA.ORG/VOLUNTEER





- Monitor animals in the surgery recovery room
- Assemble surgical packs





- O Care for & socialize young kittens or pupples until adoption age
- Help an animal recover from a medical need
- Provide socialization or training for an animal needing help to be more adoptable
- MORE INFO: BVSPCA.org/foster



- Donate professional photography services
- Write animal bios
- Assist in humane education (birthday parties, camp, school visits, etc.)
- Bring animals to communities in need through our SAFE Program
- Assist with Henry's Cupboard pet food pantry



Junior Volunteers (ages 8-12) can help with all of this too. Bring your little one along for the day to immerse them in all things shelter life.

New Community Engagement Coordinator in Georgetown.

Please let Volunteer Delaware 50+ know if you are volunteering or interested so our office can begin to capture your volunteer hours.

Thanks for all that you do to support BVSPCA.



Volunteers are needed for the 2024 Polar Bear Plunge Weekend Festival in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware from Friday, Feb 2nd through Sunday, Feb 4th.

Clink HERE for Volunteer Opportunities for Polar Plunge 2024







Attention: Seamstresses & Seamsters Your Creativity Can Bring Comfort!

Are you a skilled seamstress or seamster with a desire to make a difference? We invite you to join our Delaware Hospice Memory Bear and Heart Volunteer Team, providing comfort and support to grieving families by transforming cherished clothing items into beautiful keepsakes.

Why Volunteer With Us?

Discover the transformative power of your sewing skills as you join our Memory Bear and Heart Volunteer Team. Your talent will play a crucial role in bringing solace and comfort to grieving families during their time of need. By transforming memories into tangible keepsakes, you'll make a meaningful impact, supported by a compassionate community of volunteers.

What We Provide:

- · All necessary supplies.
- · Guidance and support from our experienced senior seamstress.
- · A rewarding and meaningful volunteer experience that makes a difference in people's lives.





READY TO USE YOUR SEWING SKILLS FOR A MEANINGFUL CAUSE?

Contact us today!

Sussex County, DE Melady Cline 302-746-4756 mcline@delawarehospice.org

Kent & New Castle Counties, DE Chester & Delaware Counties, PA Rolonda Sutton-Greene 302-478-5707

rgreene@delawarehospice.org

HELPING HANDS COMMUNITY EVENT FREE FREE Milford Advocacy lymeless **JANUARY 13th 2024** FREE 10AM-12PM **Milford Senior Center** 111 Park Avenue, Milford, DE 19963 RESOURCES, CLOTHING, **FOOD & FUN HAVE QUESTIONS?** WANT TO VOLUNTEER? **EMAII** HELPINGHANDS@MILFORDADVOCACYFORTHEHOMELESS.ORG



New Year, New You!

Resolve to Volunteer

FREE

Make this year count! Resolve to volunteer with the American Red Cross and make a difference in 2024. Communifies 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

Hero Care Network Caseworker:

Provide emergency support to our military members, veterans and their families. Preferred commitment: 1 shift per week

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

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 orgoing 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!



redcross.org/volunteertoday

Sheleasa Omogbai/Volunteer Recruitment Specialist (410) 726-5272 Sheleasa.Omogbai@redcross.org



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!

January 30th and 31st

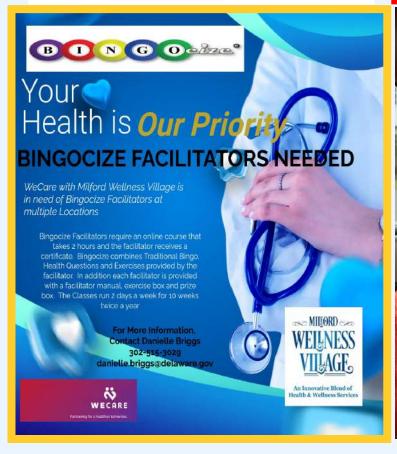
10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Williams State Service Center 805 River Road Dover, DE 19901

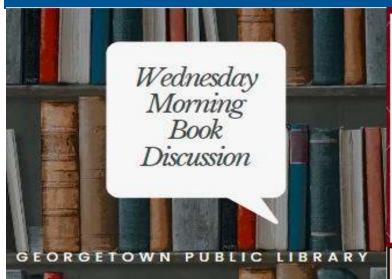
Be part of a team of trained volunteer instructors.

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







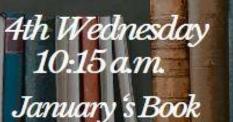


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GEORGETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join our Bridge Club Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All skill levels are encouraged to attend.



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Bonnie Garmus

Read and then discuss the book of the month with other adults. Reading list is available at the library and on the library's website.





CHAIR YOGA

Georgetown Public Library

Every Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

Come do some gentle and relaxing stretches that are designed "to help develop strength and enhance ability to function in daily life." 123 West Pine Street Georgetown, DE 19947 302-856-7958

Adults only

Lewes Senior Activity Center

Jackpot Bingo

Open to the public!

Every Tuesday Night

Doors Open 4:00 pm Dinner Served 4:30pm Early Bird games 5:30pm Regular games 6:00pm

Basic Bingo Package \$18

Lewes Senior Activity Center
32083 Janice Rd, Lewes



GPL Walkers

Join our walking group: Mondays 9:00 a.m.

30-40 minute walk on a wooded trail Pets permitted on a leash, no bikes

Please bring a bottle of water.

SANDHILL FIELDS, MURRAY'S LANE PARKING LOT

Nominations are Open for the 2024 Governor's Volunteer Service Awards

Nominations for the prestigious Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards and the Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Service Awards (Adult Awards) are open for both awards and will be accepted by the State Office of Volunteerism until Monday, January 15, 2024.

Anyone can nominate an adult or group, for consideration. Additionally, nominations are being accepted in the Corporation Category, an award that has not been offered in the past few years. The category acknowledges outstanding corporate volunteer efforts that contribute to community betterment.

The Governor's Volunteer Service Awards, administered by the State Office of Volunteerism, honors exemplary service and the true spirit of volunteerism by recognizing individuals and organizations making a difference across Delaware communities through volunteering.

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Recipients of the Governor's Awards must exemplify the following characteristics:

- Demonstrate sustained volunteer commitment to meeting Delaware's most pressing human and environmental needs
 - Engage in meaningful volunteer service that makes a measurable difference in the community
- Represent extraordinary acts of generosity and kindness: and through volunteerism, have an impact on Delaware communities.

LINKS to the NOMINATION FORMS are listed below.

Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Award, ages 17 and under, **Nomination Link** Governor's Outstanding (Adult, Corporate, Group) Volunteer Service Award, ages 18 and up, Nomination Link

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at the Pennsylvania Convention Center

March 5th, 2024

Plus shopping and lunch on your own at Reading Terminal Market, right across the street!



Early Bird Deadline 02/06 Members \$110

Non-Members \$125 Normal Deadline 02/20

Members \$125

Non-Members \$140

Sign up with Kellie in the main office!



14 Irons Ave Millsboro, DE 19966 302-934-8839 x 1



APRIL 14, 2024 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

HARRY'S SAVOY GRILL 2020 NAAMANS ROAD WILMINGTON, DE 19810

Fox & Roach/Trident Charities is proud to be the founding partner of the 21st Annual Delaware Hospice Jazz Brunch. Since the event inception in 2003, the Jazz Brunch has raised \$980,000 to support Delaware Hospice in its mission to provide quality hospice and healthcare services and to ve as a trusted community partner in end-of-life education and support.



Join us for:

- Great food & beverages
- Silent and live auctions
- Musical entertainment provided by the wonderful Red Alert Band





LEARN 302.478.5088 | fundraising@delawarehospice.org MORE https://www.delawarehospice.org/event/2024-jazz-brunch/

Community Partners

Alzheimer's Association

American Legion Aux. #17

American Red Cross of Delmarva

American Veterans Thrift Store

Atlantic Shores Rehab & Health Care

Autism Delaware

Auxiliary of Stockley Center

Back Bay Strummers

Barbara K. Brooks Transition House

Bayhealth Medical Center

Beebe Healthcare

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Blood Bank of Delmarva

Brandywine Living at Seaside Pointe

Brandywine Valley SPCA- Georgetown

Bridgeville Senior Center

Cancer Support Community

Cape Henlopen School District (*)

*Beacon Middle School

*Cape Henlopen High School

*Lewes Elementary School

*H.O. Brittingham Elementary School

*Love Creek Elementary School

*Mariner Middle School

*Milton Elementary School

*Rehoboth Elementary School

Cape Henlopen Senior Center

CareWear Project

CASA Program

Casa San Francisco

CHEER Coastal Leisure Center

ChristianaCare Hospice in collaboration with

Delaware AccentCare

Coastal Concerts, Inc.

Community Resource Center

Contact Lifeline

DCRAC (DE Community Reinvestment Action Council)

Delaware Botanic Gardens

Delaware Hospice/South Division

Delaware Senior Medicare Patrol

Delaware Veterans Home

Delmar Public Library

East Millsboro Elementary School

Easter Seals

First Tee-Delaware

Food Bank of Delmarva

Georgetown CHEER Center

Georgetown Elementary

Georgetown Public Library

Georgetown VA Clinic

GFWC Women's Club of Indian River

GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club

Good Samaritan Aide Shop

Greenwood CHEER Center

Greenwood Public Library

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat ReStore

Harbor Health Care Center

Harbour Lights CHEER Center

Indian River Senior Center

John M. Clayton Elementary School

Laurel Senior Center

Lewes Senior Center

Lighthouse Christian School

Little Grace Kids

Long Neck CHEER Center

Long Neck Elementary School

Lord Baltimore Elementary School

Love INC of Mid-Delmarva

Manor House

Mason-Dixon Woodworking Club

Matter of Balance

Meals on Wheels

Milford Advocacy for the Homeless

Milford Wellness Village

Millville Volunteer Group

Milton CHEER Center

Nanticoke Senior Center

Nanticoke Watershed Alliance Creek Watchers

New Life Thrift Shop

Ocean View Volunteers

Ombudsman Program

Overfalls Foundation

Pathways to Success, Inc.

PAWS for People

Philip C. Showell Elementary School

Possum Point Players

Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge

Read-Aloud Delaware

Renaissance Health Care

Robin Hood Thrift Shop

Ronald McDonald House of Delaware

Roxana CHEER Center

South Coastal Library

Special Olympics Delaware

The ARK Educational Consulting, Inc.

The Way Home

Thresholds

TidalHealth-Nanticoke

Village Volunteers

Volunteer Delaware 50+ Advisory Council, Inc.

Volunteer Delaware 50+ Technical Assistance

Woman's Club of Milton