# COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNTIES & EVENTS

# For More Information Call 302-515-3020

#### https:volunteer.delaware.govdelaware50

Volunteer Delaware 50+ is a statewide program offered through the State Office of Volunteerism within the Department of Health and Social Services. 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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#### Sussex County



Dec.1 — World AIDS Day

Dec. 3 — International Persons with Disabilities day

Dec. 5 — International Volunteer Day

Dec. 6 — St. Nicholas Day

Dec. 7 — Pearl Harbor Day

Dec. 17 — National Maple Syrup Day

Dec. 25 — Christmas and Hannukah

Dec. 26 — Kwanza

Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve

The dinner table! A beautiful meal with all the fixings! Turkey, ham, the sides of stuffing or vegetables adding the splash of colors you imagined in your dreams. Your special china and cloth napkins with rings add the perfect touch to every setting. The version of a holiday meal right out of the pages of Southern Living.

During the last few months, we at Volunteer Delaware 50+ have experienced a hectic pace! Sometimes so hectic, we have not thought of ourselves. Sound familiar?

What I'm trying to say is, especially during the holidays when the emphasis is on everyone else, please take a moment to take care of you. Volunteerism is one of the ways you can do so. We hear it all the time, "It does so much more for me than it does for the people I reach out to".

The child you read to, the hospice patient you hold hands with, your dog that others pet for comfort, all can relieve another's pain and suffering during this difficult time. You may serve meals to others or help them pick out clothing. You help and create good will. This helps you. Don't skip volunteering during the holidays! Take the extra shift! Do an extra hour! Take care of you!

When you gather at the holiday table, it may not look like it is out of a magazine, but you will feel full of the true spirit of giving. Your hands will pass that spirit as you share a blessing with loved ones. Happy Holidays! *Ann Gorrin* 















Your generosity continues to amaze us!

Thank You Sussex County









# TidalHealth Nanticoke Volunteer Open House

Stop by to find out about volunteering and how YOU can give back to the community by volunteering at TidalHealth

RSVP today to reserve your place by using the QR code or call 302-629-6611 ext. 4955.

For additional details, please contact TidalHealth Volunteer Coordinator Jeffrey Gadow at Jeffrey.gadow@tidalhealth.org



#### You're invited!

#### TidalHealth Nanticoke Volunteer Open House

Thursday, December 5th

Morning Session (9-11) or Afternoon Session (1-3)

TidalHealth Nanticoke Main Lobby 801 Middleford Rd Seaford, DE 19973

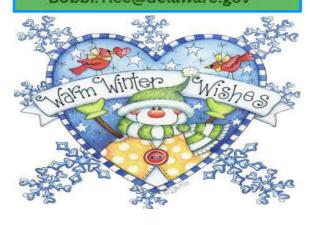
# **LET'S READ** AGAIN!



Read Aloud Delaware's need for volunteer readers willing to read in the Georgetown, Lincoln, Frankford, Bridgeville, Seaford or Laurel areas of Sussex County?



For more information about Read Aloud Delaware Sussex County contact **Bobbi Jo Tice** 302-515-3024 or email Bobbi.Tice@delaware.gov



AS WE CLOSE OUT THE YEAR, VOLUNTEER DELAWARE 50+ STAFF THANKS YOU - VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR MAKING OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE.

Happy Holidays,



Ann Bobbi Jo

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American Red Cross Disaster Action Team volunteers are there day and night, to turn tragedy into hope.

To learn more, visit redcross.org/dat or contact your local office:

For more information contact **Danielle Briggs** At 302-515-3029



American Red Cross Disaster Action Team

# VOLUNTEER DELAWARE 50+ ADVISORY COUNCIL

#### **JOIN US**

We are looking for a few good volunteers/and or community partners to help our Advisory Council grow.

#### **Advisory Roles and Responsibilities**

- Meet 6 times per year 12:00PM-2:00PM (centrally located)
- All members shall strive to exhibit personal, moral and ethical standards which reflect highly on Volunteer Delaware 50+ programs.
- · Assist with fundraising and in-kind resources.
- Provide information and advice concerning strategies to effectively use volunteers.
- Offer advice and support coordination of community partner programs.
- Promote constructive relationships with key community individuals and agencies.
- Help plan, implement, and participate in volunteer recognition events.
- Provide ideas and/or contacts for developing new community partners or programs.
- Provide ideas and/or contacts for recruiting prospective hard-to-reach volunteers.

Contact Danielle Briggs at 302-515-3029



(410) 726-5272

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#### CALL FOR —

# **VOLUNTEERS!**



#### We need help with:

- Assist with administrative work
- Act as an ambassador at community events
- Give informative presentations
- Counsel Medicare beneficiaries with their questions regarding suspected Medicare fraud and abuse

Help Delaware prevent, detect and report Medicare fraud.

#### Interested?

MORE INFORMATION 302-255-9774 vicki.crockett@delaware.gov



Preventing Medicare Fraud

This project was supported, in part, by grant #90MMPG0097-01-00 from the US Administration for Community Living, Dept. of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. 2020).

Visit our website for more information: https://smp.dhss.delaware.gov/



Apply Today!



#### Seamstress and Crafter Volunteers Needed

Delaware Hospice is looking for crafty volunteers who would like to share their skills with our patients and families.



Memory Bears are crafted at no charge for families of patients in one of our Delaware Hospice programs. Bear patterns and supplies are provided for all orders and made possible through program donations





Twiddle Muffs are knitted and crocheted muffs which help to alleviate agitation and restlessness in patients with Alzheimer's disease and Dementia. Patients and families benefit from the calming

> Contact Danielle Briggs for more information

> > 302-515-3029

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Delaware Hospice is taking every precaution to keep our volunteers, staff, patients, and families safe. PPE will be provided free of charge upon request.

#### 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**

#### Legacy Volunteer

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

#### Office Volunteer

#### Social & Companionship

Reading, walking, caregiver relief

#### Music Companionship

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

#### Children's Bereavement

Camp Volunteer

Work with camp staff and children

For more information contact

**Danielle Briggs** 

at 302-515-3029

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#### Bereavement Volunteer

Emotional support for plantily and friends

#### Spiritual Presence

Volunteer
- Support patient's faith related

Companionship during patient's last hours

Patient visits with certified Pet Partners or Therapy Dogs

Volunteer support for special groups or events like We Honor Veterans





#### Will You Provide Comfort and Care to the Most Vulnerable?

Join us! Our hospice volunteers become part of our team. building careers and lifelong friendships.

patients' quality of life during their remaining nonths, weeks, and days. By providing companionship, volunteers ensure patients and their loved ones, have the support they need. As a VITAS volunteer, you'll receive comprehensive training to better assist patients and families. You'll become part of our professional team of doctors, nurses, aides, chaplains, and social workers-and forge alliance that you'll carry with you, possibly for life.

VITAS\* Healthcare volunteers add to hospice

VITAS Healthcare VITAS.com/Volunteer **□** ¶ ⊚ | Since 1980

#### Areas Served:

ur patients are all over Sussex County, Lewes, Rehoboth, Bethany, Millville, corgetown, Laurel, Seaford, Millsboro)

#### For more information contact

Danielle Briggs at 302-515-3029



## Play Hooky With Us!

Our dogs would love to spend time out of their kennels with you!

Volunteer to take an adoptable dog for a fun outing such as a hike,
a coffee date, or a meal at a pet-friendly location. Field trips can last
from an hour to all day. Whatever works for you, works for us!

#### Want to give a shelter dog a skip day?

- Participants can stop by a participating campus nearest you to choose a dog to sign out for an hour, an afternoon, or the whole day.
- West Chester, New Castle, Dover, and Georgetown Campuses, as well as the Animal Rescue Center, are all open to Shelter Skip Day participation.
- Shelter Skip Days are available to members of the public Tuesday
   Sunday.



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#### 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.

Interested in Volunteering? Please call our office

302-515-3020 so we can connect you with CASA.

#### accentCare.

#### Become a Loyal Friends Pet Team Hospice Volunteer!

Loyal Friends Pet Team volunteers share their dog's unconditional love with patients and families who could benefit from some animal companionship.

Pets and their handlers must be certified by Pet Partners or Therapy Dogs International and are required to be up-to-date on vaccinations. After (human) volunteers have completed orientation and training as a Direct Patient Care Volunteer and pets have a behavioral assessment by the Volunteer Department, they can make visits to patients at home, nursing facilities and our inpatient centers. Hours are flexible, depending on your schedule. For more information about the pet certification process, check out

For more information contact

Danielle Briggs at

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villagevolunteer.org (302)-703-2568 nfo@villagevolunteer.org

# illage older Adults Live Independently



Volunteer Application



#### Become a Business Partner

- Offer meaningful volunteer opportunities for your employees
- Sponsor an event or an activity
- Donate monetarily or time/talents

To support and enhance the lives of older adults and improve community quality of life through services, programs, and advocacy.

#### Volunteer with Us!

- Flexible schedule pick a day/time that's convenient for you
- · Build meaningful connections
- · Feel the joy of giving back

Serving Milton, Lewes, Rehoboth Beach & Dewey Beach





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#### Pilot Project

Determine if social activities & skills practice with peers help speed up learning processes for adults enrolled in the ESL program offered by Sussex Tech and hosted by the Georgetown Public Library.

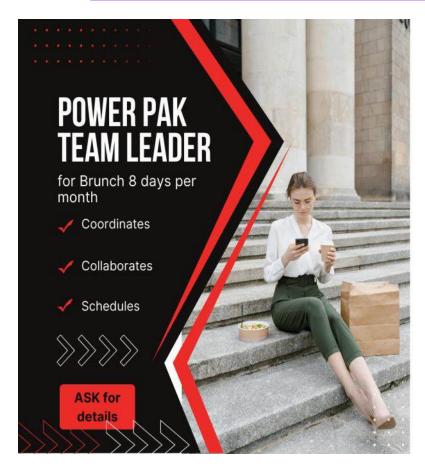
Volunteers are needed, 30 to 60 minutes, to plan & implement activities i.e. cards, board games, conversation groups, or reading circles.

#### Georgetown Public Library

123 W. Pine Street Georgetown, DE 19947

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















Help us turn plastic bags into plastic yarn

#### **Upcoming Plarn Workshops**

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Thurman Adams State Service Center 546 S. Bedford Street Georgetown, DE 19947

> December 19, 2024 1 pm-3 pm



#### THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF MILTON PRESENTS

MILTON
Holiday
HOUSE
TOUR

#### SATURDAY DECEMBER 14

2:00 PM -6:00 PM

RAIN, SHINE OR SNOW

TICKETS

#### In Advance \$25

Available on November 1, 2024 at: The Mercantile at Milton, Friendly Flowers Florist & Gifts in Milton, and Lewes Gourmet in Lewes, DE.



Day of Tour \$30

Tickets may be purchased on the day of the tour at: The Mercantile at Milton and the Milton Historical Society and Museum

For more information or to reserve tickets: 302-329-9738

2024 Milton Holiday House Tour: Saturday, December 14, 2024 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm (rain, shine, or snow). The Women's Club of Milton presents a tour of 9 charming homes in Milton, both historic, new, as well as 3 historic public buildings, all beautifully decorated for the upcoming holidays. Help us make this our best Holiday House Tour ever!

Advance Tickets: \$25 - call 302-329-9738 to reserve your advance ticket starting November 1, 2024. Or, please visit one of our ticket sale vendors: The Mercantile at Milton, Lewes Gourmet (Lewes), and Friendly Florist in Milton.

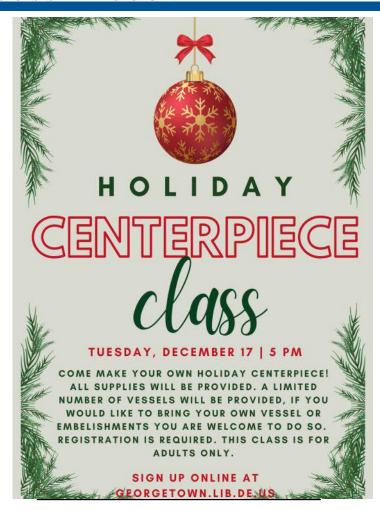
<u>Holly Festival: Saturday December 7:</u> Advance ticket sales for the 2024 Holiday House Tour will be available at the WCOM Bake Sale Table located upstairs in the Milton Fire Hall. Note: this is one week prior to the event.

<u>Day of Tour</u> (12/14/24): \$30 Day of the Tour – Tickets will be available at The Mercantile at Milton and the Milton Historical Society and Museum.

If you call to purchase an advance ticket but are unable to attend, please call 302-329-9738 ASAP so your tickets can be released to another buyer.

Note: Tickets were sold out last year...please reserve early!

The Women's Club of Milton is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The GFWC is one of the world's oldest and largest women's service organizations dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service. Each club sets its own agenda and works on projects and programs that address the specific needs of its communities. To learn more about the Women's Club of Milton, visit the website at: www.womensclubofmilton.org; visit our page on <a href="EaceBook:">EaceBook:</a> Women's Club of Milton; follow the WCOM on Instagram-Women's Club of Milton, DE. We would love to hear from you!





Do you like Playing Penny Bingo?

Come join the fun at Cape Henlopen Senior Center at 11 Christian Street in Rehoboth Beach. Penny Bingo is held on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesday of each month. Doors open at 11:15 am, and games start at 11:45 am. They play 15 regular games and 8 specials. For more information on how to join CHSC call 302-227-2055.



### Free Thirteenth Annual 2024 Georgetown Public Library Model Train Display

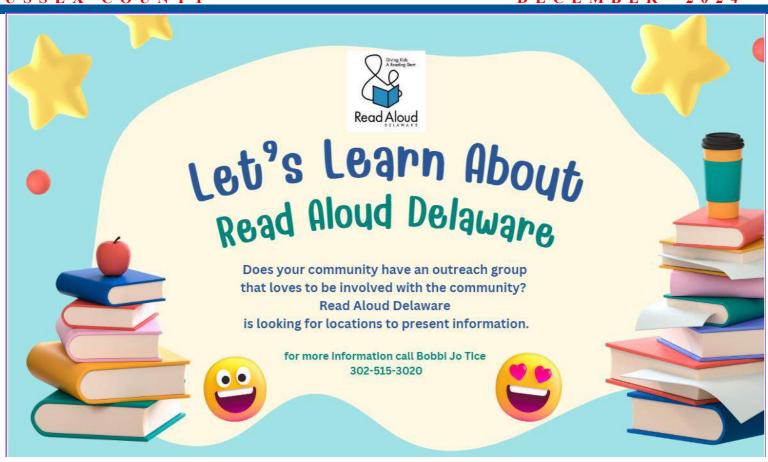
Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10:00 A.M. to 1:45 P.M. Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10:00 A.M. to 1:45 P.M. Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 10:00 A.M. to 1:45 P.M. Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, from 10:00 A.M. to 1:45 P.M.

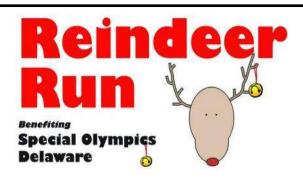
Georgetown Public Library, 123 West Pine Street, Georgetown, DE 19947, Phone: 302-856-7958

The library is located from the downtown Circle: Turn onto South Bedford Street. Go south one block and turn right on West Pine Street. The building is located two and a half blocks down on the left side of West Pine Street. Disability accessible.









#### Opportunity Name:

2024 Reindeer Run - Newark DE

#### Description:

This family-friendly 5K has something for everyone - from casual walkers to elite runners, to those just looking for fun and festivity while supporting the athletes of Special Olympics Delaware.

Volunteers needed for Registration, Course water Stations and more!

Parking information will be sent in a separate email for each assignment. Each assignment has different parking location and information.

Meeting Location: Aetna Fire Station

Aetna Fire Station, 31 Academy St, Newark, DE 19711

• View Map / Get Directions

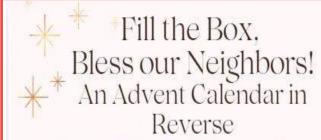
Organizer:

Samantha Gardner Samantha.Gardner@sode.org

302-831-0198

Click HERE to volunteer for Reindeer Run 2024





#### Instructions for filling your box:

As you prepare for the Holiday season, fill a box with food to bless our neighbors in need.

Instead of opening a window on an Advent calendar, put something into you Advent box daily to give away, and watch it fill up as you approach Christmas Eve!

# Once the box is filled, where do I deliver it to?

Deliver the contents directly to the Food Bank of Delaware in Milford!

1040 Mattlind Way Milford, DE 19963





#### Food Bank of Delaware

The Food Bank of Delayears relies on the generosity of the community to help feed hungry people. The Food Bank solicits, warehouses and distributes food through a network of hunger-relief program partners. Our partners include food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters and other community food providers. In turn, agencies prepare belanced, nutritious meals or distribute food items to those with limited resources. Please help us feed more hungry Delawareans by donating to the Food Bank of Delaware.

Please note, the Food Bank of Delaware cannot accept hard candy, follooss, soda in cans and bottles, chocolate bars or pieces, gum and soft candy such as marshmallows, caramels, taffy, licorice and gummy Items. Thank you for not adding these Items in your hord.



ONLY \$20 PER TICKET

For a chance to win

TWO (2) CHOICE SEATS

(VALUED AT \$1,900!)

#### EAGLES VS COWBOYS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 AT 4:25 PM

Purchase raffle tickets at Cape Henlopen Senior Center, 11 Christian Street, Rehoboth Beach - (302) 227-2055. We accept cash, checks, and major credit cards. You do not be a Center member to participate in this Raffle.

Drawing will be held on December 18, 2024. WINNER WILL BE NOTIFIED.



Nominations Are Now Open for Adults and Youth Awards! \*



Nominations are open for the 2025 Governor's Volunteer Service Awards! This year, we're introducing a Young Environmentalist Stewardship category, recognizing one youth honoree committed to protecting Delaware's environment. Submit your nomination by January 19, 2025, at the Volunteer Delaware's website <a href="https://volunteer.delaware.gov/">https://volunteer.delaware.gov/</a>

Links for Nomination Forms: 2025 Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Service Awards: <a href="https://bit.ly/3ZgFPTp">https://bit.ly/3ZgFPTp</a>

2025 Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards: <a href="http://bit.ly/4fIWW63">http://bit.ly/4fIWW63</a>















Looking for a one-of-a-kind holiday gift for that special someone while supporting early childhood literacy? Check out Read Aloud Delaware's Bourbon Bonanza Raffle! Purchase tickets between 11/15/24 and 12/18/24

#### Pappy Van Winkle Family Reserve 15 Year Old Bourbon Whiskey





any wheated whiskey lover and a truly monumental American whiskey experience. Crafted with the exclusive Van Winkle family recipe, it's drawn from the finest barrels in the heart of the Kentucky warehouse, where they have spent 15 years. Rich, decadent, and full-bodied, it features an intense profile with caramel, toffee, spice, and wood notes.

Grab this chance to win this legendary whiskey today!

Van Winkle Bourbons pays homage to one of the whiskey industry's founding

fathers. This bottling is a real treat for

Scan the QR code to purchase 10, 25, 70, or 100 tickets for multiple chances to win this extremely valuable prize. The drawing will take place on 12/18/24 at noon.





Read Aloud Delaware | 111 South Race Street | Georgetown, DE 19947 US

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# Respite Voucher Program

# Take a Break through Easterseals Respite Grants

## Are you...

- Caring for an aging parent?
- Raising your grandkids?
- A senior taking care of someone with a disability?



#### Respite grant funding is available

While caregiving is rewarding, it requires an immense amount of time and energy, and often leads to caregiver burnout. By providing a temporary break in caregiving, respite allows you to relax a bit, clear your mind and/or attend to other family needs. Respite helps to keep family caregivers physically and emotionally healthy by reducing the likelihood of depression, anxiety, and isolation.

Through Easterseals respite services, caregivers can receive a voucher to be used to pay for the care of your loved one while you take a break. It could be a date night with your significant other, lunch with a good friend, or sitting outside reading a book. A friend, a neighbor, or an agency may provide the care.

Contact us to learn how you can take a break!



\*Partially funded through the state Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities through the National Family Caregiver Support Program, Title III-E of the Older Americans Act

de.easterseals.com

302-221-2087 - resources@esdel.org



#### **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 of Delaware** 

**Blood Bank of Delmarva** 

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware** 

**Brandywine Living at Seaside Pointe** 

**Brandywine Valley SPCA** 

**Bridgeville Senior Center** 

**Cancer Support Community** 

Cape Henlopen School District (K-12)

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** 

**Connecting Generations** 

**Contact Lifeline** 

DCRAC (DE Community Reinvestment Action Council)

**Delaware Botanic Gardens** 

Delaware Hospice/South Division

**Delaware Senior Medicare Patrol Program** 

**Delaware Veterans Home** 

**Easter Seals** 

First Tee-Delaware

**Food Bank of Delaware** 

**Georgetown CHEER Center** 

**Georgetown Public Library** 

**Georgetown VA Clinic** 

**GFWC Women's Club of Indian River** 

**GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club** 

**Good Samaritan Aide Organization, Inc** 

**Greenwood CHEER Center** 

**Greenwood Public Library** 

**Habitat for Humanity** 

**Habitat ReStore** 

**Harbor Health Care Center** 

**Harbour Lights CHEER Center** 

Indian River School District (K-12)

**Indian River Senior Center** 

**Laurel Senior Center** 

**Lewes Senior Activity Center** 

**Little Grace Kids** 

**Long Neck CHEER Center** 

Love INC of Mid-Delmarva

**Manor House** 

**Mason-Dixon Woodworkers** 

**Matter of Balance** 

Meals on Wheels Lewes-Rehoboth

Milford Advocacy for the Homeless

Milford Public Library

Milford Wellness Village

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** 

Possum Point Players

**Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge** 

**Read-Aloud Delaware** 

**Robin Hood Thrift Shop** 

**Ronald McDonald House of Delaware** 

**Roxana CHEER Center** 

**Shoes That Fit** 

**South Coastal Library** 

**Special Olympics Delaware** 

The ARK Educational Consulting, Inc.

**Thresholds, Sussex Correctional Institute** 

TidalHealth-Nanticoke

**Village Volunteers** 

VITAS Healthcare

Volunteer Delaware 50+ Advisory Council, Inc.

**Volunteer Delaware 50+ Technical Assistance** 

Women's Club of Milton