

VOLUNTEER DELAWARE 50+

New Castle County Edition



Volunteer Delaware 50+ is a statewide program offered through the State Office of Volunteerism within the Division of 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.
ENROLL TODAY!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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12 DAYS OF SERVICE



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		VITAS Healthcare 302-451-4000



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

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 302-255-9101 or email Guadalupe.Murphy@delaware.gov or Arundhati.Ghosh@delaware.gov.

For more information please visit Volunteer.Delaware.gov/Volunteer-Delaware50



Welcome
TO THE
TEAM

Arundhati Ghosh



Arundhati Ghosh is our newest Volunteer Services Coordinator with Volunteer Delaware 50+!!

Arundhati serves in NCC, alongside Guadalupe, to foster established partnerships and support our volunteers. Additionally, Arundhati serves as the NCC Coordinator for the *A Matter of Balance* program, where she focuses on growing the number of new coaches, identifying new class locations and providing direct support to coaches and class participants.

Focused on empowering New Castle County's active adults, Arundhati is dedicated to expanding programs that will help individuals stay engaged and healthy in their retirement years. With a background in community engagement and volunteer management, Arundhati is committed to fostering impactful initiatives that benefit both volunteers and the communities they serve.

Arundhati can be reached at 302-255-9101 or Arundhati.Ghosh@delaware.gov.

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MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

A Matter of Balance (MOB) is specifically designed to reduce the fear of falling and improve activity levels among community-dwelling older adults.

The program includes eight two-hour classes presented to a small group of 8-12 participants led by trained coaches. The program enables participants to reduce the fear of falling by learning to view falls as controllable, setting goals for increasing activity levels, making small changes to reduce fall risks at home, and exercise to increase strength and balance.

The curriculum includes group discussions, mutual problem solving, role-play activities, exercise training, assertiveness training, and a few homework assignments.

[Volunteer.Delaware.gov](http://Volunteer.Delaware.gov/Matter-of-Balance)
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Marlene Bennett

Janice Jolly

Veronica Birmingham

Edie Kereszi

Stephen Bruchery

Sharon Lewis

Kathleen Butler

Jennifer Lloyd

Karen Carmody

Robin Cecconi

Hiromi Cheeseman

Linda Crane

Doris Delong

Arnold Drescher

Oriana Figueroa

Raymonde Fils-Aime

Robert Fusco

Sue Getman

Christine Giglio-Nanni

Lucille G. Harley



Monica Lopes

Angela Massey

Maureen Maxwell

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Margaret Mussoni

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Aileen H. Parrish

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Ed Racis

Sherrye Ransburg

Charisse Rodgers

Esther Schmerling

Sandra Schriever

Rosemarie Shepherd

Jerrie Silfies

Sherryl Slade

Debragh Smith

Linda Smith

Tre Sullivan

Mary Thurman

Donald Tunstall

Cam Vu

Denise Zoladkiewicz





2024 Volunteer Recognition



2024 Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

VOLUNTEER DELAWARE 50+
New Castle County Advisory Council Inc.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!



Jean Stofa
Pré Belardo
Tracy Channel
Judith Gupton-Wiley
Jim Kerrigan
David Myers
Clare Garrison
Barbara Zeigler

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Chester C. Gambert Legacy Award

Nominated by: Nora Lockhart

Ms. Tasmania Wootson is a great mentor to her peers and participates in many different types of volunteer events in her community. Ms. Wootson always exhibits strong leadership and team building qualities while remaining professional during her volunteer placements.

In 2023, Ms. Wootson served more than 2,000 hours with several community organizations to include but not limited to, several Volunteer Delaware 50+ Community Partners. These include, Stockings for Soldiers, Food Bank of Delaware, and West Center City Senior Center.

Additionally, Ms. Wootson donated goods and volunteered her time this year with cancer awareness and domestic violence programs, Girls Can Do Anything, YMCA Against Racism and the Wilmington Library.

This only captures a fraction of Tasmania's volunteer work, this is why I believe Tasmania Wootson is deserving of the Chester C. Gambert Legacy Award.

2024 Award Recipient

Tasmania Wootson



Notable Nominations

Elenore Carter

*Nominated by: Cecile Williams
Wilmington Senior Center*

“Elenore’s service at the Wilmington Senior Center is exemplary. Her impact at the center can be measured by her kindness toward all the seniors at the center as well as guests. Elenore has volunteered a total of 350 hours this year at the center alone.”

Richard Phillips

*Nominated by: Scott Martin
A Matter of Balance*

“Rich Phillips goes above and beyond as A Matter of Balance Coach. For thirteen years he has contributed thousands of hours to the Matter of Balance program. He truly conducts himself as a leader by not only training volunteers but also provides mentorship to

new and existing coaches. He is respected by other coaches. He is kind and caring to participants, helping them overcome their fears. He has also acted as an ambassador for Volunteer Delaware 50+ representing the organization on the Fall Prevention Task Force, by actively recruiting coaches when he has classes. He is the most favorite coach by volunteers, based on their feedback surveys.”

Cel M. Strecker

*Nominated by: Connie Mangano
Blood Bank of Delmarva*

“Cel is an exceptional Café Host at the Blood Bank of Delmarva and a dedicated caregiver to many. Her commitment goes far beyond the typical volunteer role, with over a thousand hours of service, including 260 hours just this year—and she’s still going strong. Cel is not only friendly and approachable but also incredibly knowledgeable and always willing to lend a helping hand.”

2025 Volunteer Recognition

Join us in Celebrating!

Years of Service



An **Ageless Advocate** is a distinguished individual who is 90 years of age or older and continues to contribute and volunteer their time, talents, and expertise to better their communities. Members of this elite group are recognized for their unwavering dedication while demonstrating that age is no barrier to making a difference.

Dorothy Cheyney
MOT Senior center

Beatrice Colatriano
MOT Senior Center

Helene Johnson
Blood Bank of
Delmarva

George Levine
B'nai B'rith House

Dorena Morris
St. Anthony
Senior Center

Margaret Mussoni
Grand Opera House

Mary Nicoletti
CareWear/
Patches of Love

Doris Simpson
CareWear/
Patches of love

Mayford Sloan
MOT Senior Center

Mary Thurman
Grand Opera House

Mary Lou Vaughan
CareWear Project/
N. Wilmington

30 Years
Erika Schirm

25 Years
Vivian Limmina
Thelma O Queen

20 Years
Pearl Carlton

15 Years
Lois Barth
Mary Cella
Olga Crowther
Ann Follette
Brenda Harris
Claudia Hughes
George Levine
Rebecca Pernol
Ethel Schepe
Esther Schmerling
Doris Simpson
Sandra Slowik
Chris Stranahan



We all know that you volunteer and give back so much simply out of the kindness of your heart and not for recognition. However, receiving your hours regularly is the main method of keeping an active status with the Volunteer Delaware 50+ program and maintaining insurance coverage while volunteering. Additionally, receiving your hours allows us to better capture volunteerism across the State of Delaware. Receiving your hours from the non-profit organization where you serve, also helps us when planning the annual Volunteer Recognition and ensuring you don't miss an invitation to this wonderful and deserving celebration.

Should you have any questions about whether Volunteer Delaware is receiving your hours for any of the locations where you serve, please call us at 302-255-9882.

A NOTE FROM OUR PARTNER**Nominate a Volunteer Delaware 50+ Volunteer TODAY!!!**

Nominations are open for the 2025 Governor's Volunteer Service Awards.

Submit your nomination by January 19, 2025, at

Volunteer.Delaware.gov

2025 Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Service Awards

<https://bit.ly/3ZgFPTp>

2025 Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards

<http://bit.ly/4flWW63>

A NOTE FROM OUR PARTNER

2024 CareWear Holiday Drive

We cannot wait to welcome our volunteers who love to create winter items, to our first ever CareWear *Holiday Drive* in New Castle County. The day will be filled with volunteers turning in the items that they

have been working on all year round. Items will include handcrafted hats, scarves and gloves/mittens for children and adults, blankets and plastic mats. Donated items will be sorted packed for participating non-profits who will then distribute and gift to families and individuals in need.

It's not too late to join us!

**If you have made items and would like to donate,
please give us a call to learn more about the CareWear Project.**

Please call 302-255-9746 or email Guadalupe.Murphy@delaware.gov.



Please join us for our
2024 CareWear Holiday Drive
 Wednesday, December 11, 2024
 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Good News Church
 957 Old Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707
(across from Sanford School)

Please RSVP by Friday, November 22, 2024.
 302-255-9746 or Guadalupe.Murphy@delaware.gov

Please bring items already separated and ready for packing.

Sponsored by the New Castle County Volunteer Delaware 50+ Advisory Council

DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
 Division of Social Services
 State Office of Volunteerism

CareWear
 VOLUNTEER DELAWARE 50+ Project

Find us on DEgives.org
CareWear Project

NEW CASTLE COUNTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

2024 Holiday Open House at **Rockwood Park**

- Elves
- Greeters
- Guest Counters

2024 Holiday Decorating at **Glasgow Park**

- Holiday Decorating and Tree Lighting
- Directing Cars to Parking Area and Greeting Guests

**For more information, call 302-255-9746 or
email Guadalupe.Murphy@delaware.gov.**



December 6 & 7, 5-9pm
 Tree Lighting December 6, 6pm

Holiday Open House

at Rockwood Park & Museum

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**Holiday Celebration
& Market**
 at Glasgow Park

DECEMBER 13 & 14, 5-8 PM
 TREE LIGHTING DECEMBER 13, 7PM

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Brandywine Valley
SPCA

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ADOPTION EVENT

December 14-15 | 11am - 5pm



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Volunteer Delaware 50+
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New Castle Campus
290 Churchmans Road, New Castle DE 19720

Saturday, December 14, 2024 11:00am to
Sunday, December 15, 2024 5:00pm



Volunteer

Hundreds of Adoptable Animals!

The largest adoption event in the country is back! On December 14th and 15th, the Brandywine Valley SPCA will be hosting our Mega Adoption Event.

Hundreds of wonderful furry companions will be looking for their forever home – big dogs, small dogs, senior pets, puppies, and kittens.

The adoption fee is \$35 (credit card only), and all pets are spayed/neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, and ready to be adopted. Plan to join the fun and find your new furry companion, or if you have a full house, help spread the word to your family and friends!

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One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time.

Volunteers Urgently Needed for the Following Positions in Your Community:

Disaster Deployment Volunteer:
Support the day-to-day activities within a shelter.

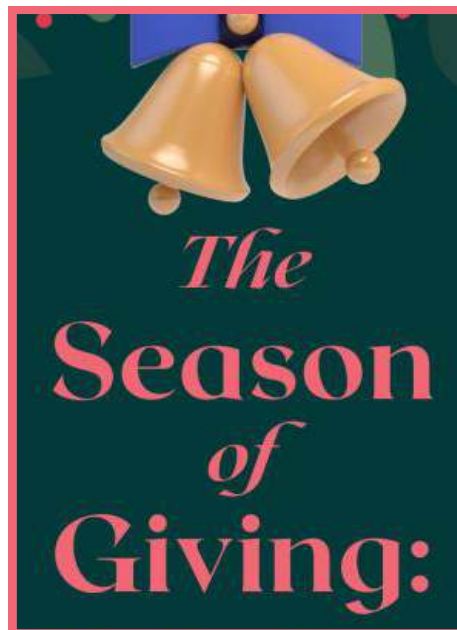
Blood Donor Ambassador: Help Save lives in your community by supporting blood collection at a local blood drive.

Disaster Action Team Specialist: Assist individuals and families who have been impacted by a home fire or local other disaster.

For those able to travel outside of their local area, a commitment of at least 14 consecutive days.

Preferred commitment: 1 shift (4-5 hour shift) per month.

Preferred commitment: monthly on-call shift.



We're looking for a few good board members!

Why join CFFs Board? Because you'll:

- Contribute to a cause you care about;
- Develop or enhance valuable skills, like leadership and strategic planning;
- Connect with like-minded individuals and professionals; and
- Help shape the direction of CFF!

We'd love to meet you!



Phoenix Family Resources
A Community Redistribution Partner

Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference.

(302) 593-7532
phoenixfamilyresourcesde.org



Brandywine Valley SPCA (BVSPCA) is thrilled to announce a new partnership with DC Health aimed at enhancing and modernizing animal services in the nation’s capital. Effective January 1, 2025, BVSPCA will take over all animal control, care, field, medical, and stray services, as well as adoptions for Washington DC. BVSPCA’s expertise in animal care, and control will be instrumental in ushering in ensuring compassionate service for animals in DC.

Read the full article at bvspca.org

A NOTE FROM OUR PARTNER



Board Member Volunteer Opportunity



A recent reading at St. Peter Cathedral School in Wilmington.

Children Empowered by Love, Inc (CEBL) has been a Volunteer Delaware 50+ Community Partner for many years. Judith Gupton-Wiley, Director and lead volunteer of CEBL wrote a children’s book entitled "You Are Loved" which the organization donates to young children who are considered "at risk" because of their living environments, physical challenges, and/or other factors that might be impediments to them reaching their full potential to thrive. In addition to CEBL donating the book, Director Gupton-Wiley also gives readings to children groups.

Children Empowered by Love, Inc. is currently taking applications for new Board members. Also, if you know of a school or children’s organization that might like to have a book reading, please contact Volunteer Delaware 50+ at 302-255-9882.



Shoes That Fits tackles one of the most visible signs of poverty in America by giving children in need new athletic shoes to attend school with dignity and joy, prepared to learn, play and thrive.

In DELAWARE Shoes That Fit partners with Title 1 schools, school service centers, and strategic non-profit partners to focus on children in the state that could most benefit from our services, e.g. homeless students.



Will you join is supporting local students with new school shoes?

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!**

January 29th and 30th

April 30th and May 1st

**10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Williams State Service Center
805 River Road
Dover, DE**

**For more information or to register contact
Volunteer Delaware 50+**

**Danielle.Briggs@delaware.gov
302-515-3020**

**Arundhati.Ghosh@delaware.gov
302-255-9101**

Sussex County

New Castle County

COACHES WANTED

A NOTE FROM OUR PARTNER

THANK YOU FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS!!

This season we pause to reflect on the countless blessings and the incredible support that surrounds us every day. This year, we are especially grateful for:

- ♥ Our resilient community – To the individuals and families we serve, your strength and courage inspire us to continue our mission of hope and healing.
- ♥ Our dedicated volunteers – Your time, compassion, and energy make a profound difference in the lives of thousands.
- ♥ Our generous donors and partners – Your contributions allow us to provide essential items and life-changing resources to those in need across Delaware.
- ♥ Our team – Your hard work, passion, and unwavering commitment drive us to serve with purpose and heart.

Because of you, Phoenix Family Resources has been able to provide over 45,000 Delawareans with clothing, hygiene products, food, harm reduction kits, and workforce development opportunities this year alone.

Together, we are making a difference, one step at a time.

From our family to yours, we wish you a Holiday Season filled with love, gratitude, and togetherness. Thank you for being part of our journey and helping us build a stronger, more compassionate community.

With gratitude,
The Phoenix Family Resources Team



For a listing of donation bin locations
in NCC, please visit:
phoenixusedclothing.online/locations

For more information, contact Volunteer Delaware 50+ at 302-255-9882 or email Guadalupe.Murphy@delaware.gov

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



VOLUNTEER WITH US

Show Corps Volunteer:
 Bartender (licensed)
 Ticket Check
 Usher
 Coat Check


Grand Marshals:
 Administrative Support
 Welcome Visitors
 Special Events / Tours

The Grand Opera House
 The baby grand
 The Playhouse


Enjoy wonderful performances while volunteering!!!

www.thegrandwilmington.org/support-us/ways-volunteer

YOU can help an adult in need in Delaware



Become a volunteer adult literacy tutor




Blood Bank of Delmarva

Volunteers Needed

You join a team of volunteers and staff committed to making our community better. You can recruit, care for, and/or give great service to blood donors. You can assist staff behind scenes so they accomplish more. Your time and skills help BBD have safe lifesaving blood.

You can help to:

- Promote donating blood and recruit volunteers at community events
- Enhance the donor experience by greeting and welcoming our donors, sanitizing donor areas, helping donors through the donation journey, restocking supplies in donation area, or serving them in the refreshment area after they saved a life in a center or at mobile drives
- Administrative support (office, video, photo, etc.)
- Create smiles in the mascot Bloodhound suit
- Let us know what skills you bring! Let's start something new!

REQUIREMENTS

- Complete an online volunteer application
- Attend an online orientation
- Attend specific training
 - Online and/or in person
- Ages 14-15 must have parent/adult actively volunteering with them
- 16-17 can volunteer alone in a greater role
 - Other roles may be available if part of a school HOSEA or Allied Health program connected

Scan the QR code for more information or to join our lifesaving team:



delmarvablood.org/volunteer | awilliamson@bbd.org | 302.737.8405 ext 819

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:

<p>Ambassador Volunteer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community outreach, volunteer recruitment 	<p>Bereavement Volunteer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emotional support for patient family and friends
<p>Legacy Volunteer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create legacies: books, journals, CDs, memory bears, crafts 	<p>Spiritual Presence Volunteer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support patient's faith related requests
<p>Office Volunteer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative assistance 	<p>Vigil Volunteer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Companionship during patient's last hours
<p>Social & Companionship Volunteer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading, walking, caregiver relief 	<p>Pet Visitation Volunteer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient visits with certified Pet Partners or Therapy Dogs
<p>Music Companionship Volunteer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play, sing and share music with patients, families and friends 	<p>Special Projects Volunteer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer support for special groups or events like We Honor Veterans
<p>Children's Bereavement Camp Volunteer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with camp staff and children 	



For more information, please scan the QR code or contact our volunteer service coordinator at: VeronicaFlemmings@AccentCare.com or 302.533.3800



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accentcare.com/volunteer

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Shelter Skip Day Program is now available at all Brandywine Valley SPCA Campuses.

Studies have shown that shelter dogs who were able to take field trips off campus were 5x more likely to be adopted than dogs who did not go on outings. These field trips offer beneficial mental stimulation with meeting new people and enjoying different environments, where our dogs can exert pent up energy and reduce their stress levels. These experiences also allow for the dogs to gain useful social and life skills that improve their mental stability and make them better adoption candidates.

This program provides a super fun and rewarding day for Community Service Groups that want to participate in Pack Walks, as well as those who love the company of a dog, but are unable to have their own. By taking a dog off campus for the day, that animal is able to connect with the community with a broader reach, which in turn increases

the chance of adoption and potentially reduces the length of stay in the shelter. Brandywine Valley SPCA will provide specific Backpacks with all of the necessary supplies for an outing in addition to suggested destination locations. Skip the Shelter Day Participants will also have the opportunity to Foster the animal overnight, as well as the ability to adopt if they find their forever love during a field trip!

We are so thrilled for this program and the benefits for our dogs, especially those that tend to be overlooked on campus, as well as those who have been in the shelter for an extended length of stay! We would love to be able to share the news with more members of the community. So far this has been very successful and the dogs are LOVING their days out.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Shelter Skip Day

Play Hooky With Us!

Our dogs would love to spend time out of their kennels with you! Volunteer to take an adoptable dog out 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!

Scan for more info!

Brandywine Valley SPCA

For more information, contact Volunteer Delaware 50+ at 302-255-9746 or email Guadalupe.Murphy@delaware.gov

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES**CareWear Meeting Locations**

Claymont: *N. Wilmington CareWear* at B'nai B'rith House

Group Leader: Anna Marie Adams

Date/Time: Third Friday of every month from 10am-11:00am

Location: 8000 Society Drive, Claymont 19730

Newark: *Sit N Stitch* at the Newark Senior Center

Group Leader: Kathleen Robinson

Date/Time: Second and Fourth Wednesday/month from 10am-12pm

Location: 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark 19713

Hockessin: *Must Love Yarn Fiber Group* at the Hockessin Library

Group Leader: Cheryl Clem

Date/Time: Wednesdays at 1:00pm

Location: 1023 Valley Road, Hockessin 19707

Newark: *Crochet Club Plus* at the VFW Post 475 in Newark

Group Leader: E. Talley Brown

Date/Time: Third and Fourth Tuesdays/month 5:30 pm- 7:30pm

Location: 100 Veterans Dr, Newark 19711

For more information, call
302-255-9746 or email
Guadalupe.Murphy@delaware.gov

DELAWARE HOSPICE

Since 1982

Volunteers NEEDED

We need your help.

Delaware Transitions by Delaware Hospice offers free, non-medical support for individuals and their families struggling with all aspects of a serious illness.

Join our volunteer team to help by:

- Running errands for clients
- Providing transportation
- Visiting clients

Contact us today!

Sussex County, DE
 Melody Cline
 302-746-4756
 mccline@delawarehospice.org

Kent & New Castle Counties, DE
 Chester & Delaware Counties, PA

Rolonda Sutton-Greene
 302-478-5707
 rgreene@delawarehospice.org

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES


New Castle County Police

Senior Roll Call Lifeline Volunteers

Volunteers needed to help oversee the automated dialer, attentive to signs of distress or the sound of answering machines, and follow set protocols until they establish contact with the subscriber or dispatch assistance.

Volunteer shifts run from 6:30am - 10:30am daily

New Castle County Public Safety Building, 3601 N. DuPont Hwy, New Castle, DE 19720



PAWS for People

HEALING PET THERAPY SINCE 2005

You Can Make a Difference with PAWS

Our Mission

PAWS for People is a nonprofit organization committed to improving the lives of people in our community by lovingly providing individualized, therapeutic visits with our specially trained volunteers and their certified gentle, affectionate pets.



We Need You to Make it Happen!

Do you have a sweet, people-friendly, gentle, dog, cat or bunny? Would you like to give back to your community? PAWS needs volunteers with their own gentle, affectionate pets to help us spread hope and healing throughout our community.

PAWS volunteers visit hospitals, nursing homes, cancer centers, schools, libraries and anywhere people can benefit from interaction with a pet.



Volunteer Opportunities

PAWS offers specialized training which includes an evaluation of the person/pet team, an introduction to pet therapy, and instruction on best practices for visits.

Our volunteer teams are supported by PAWS staff throughout their training and visiting, including a guided first visit and ongoing assistance with visit placements. PAWS volunteers are the heart of our organization and are valued and celebrated!

Our greatest need is for volunteers with weekday, daytime availability. For more information on volunteering or to make a contribution, please visit our website:

Thank You Volunteers

A huge thank you to our amazing Volunteer Delaware 50+ volunteers! Your dedication, wisdom, and kindness make our community stronger every day. We're so grateful for the positive impact you create and your unwavering commitment to a brighter tomorrow!



Each new season brings new possibilities.

STATEWIDE HIGH NEED ON THANKSGIVING FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

MEAL DELIVERY DRIVERS

Wilmington: City Fare Meals on Wheels / St. Anthony's Center / 302.293.0098
 Newark: Newark Senior Center: Stefanie Thomas at 302.737.5747
 Kent County Modern Maturity Center: Trudie Clay 302.734.1280
 Sussex County CHEER Centers: Monica MAndujano 302.500.8720
 Lewes/Rehoboth: 302.646.7449



CONTACT YOUR VOLUNTEER LOCATION ABOVE or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BAEAC2EA2FD0-5005152-volunteers#!>



When you donate your gently used clothing to Forget Me Not Families, they become someone else's new garments. Because of YOUR generosity, we are able to bless individuals and families regularly and provide decent clothing and other donated items to those in our community facing difficult times. Please help us to continue to bless even more families by donating items you no longer need.

In addition to accepting gently used adult and children clothing, we also accept personal care items, underwear and socks, shoes, blankets and all things children such as toys, children's furniture, diapers, wipes and care items.

VOLUNTEER - SPREAD THE WORD

Drop off location:

132 Sandy Drive, Newark, 10713
 501 W. Main Street, Middletown
 1183 S. DuPont Highway, New Castle
 1458 Bear Corbitt Rd, Bear
 220 Casho Mill Rd, Newark
 2410 Newport Gap Pike, Wilmington
 1000 Old Lancaster Pike, Hockessin



ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



CREATIVE MENTORING®

A School-Based Mentoring Program That Works!



BECOME A MENTOR TODAY!

- Mentors meet with their students for an hour once a week during the school year.
- Mentors come from all walks of life: retirees, high school students, office workers, church members, community volunteers, etc. Anyone with a passion for helping children and an ability to accept kids "where they are" can be a successful mentor.
- Mentoring allows adults to give something of themselves in a way that's both selfless and deeply fulfilling.
- Mentors have the privilege of watching their mentees' lives improve as a result of the help, friendship, and guidance they provide.


For more information, please contact Volunteer Delaware 50+ at 302-255-9746 or email Guadalupe.Murphy@delaware.gov

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

40TH ANNIVERSARY
DELAWARE HOSPICE

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 sensory objects.

Patient Care Volunteers Needed

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.



Office Support Volunteers Needed

At Delaware Hospice, our team of volunteers offer a wide range of talents to support our patients, families and staff.

Office Support Volunteers may assist with:

- File documents
- Assemble patients information packets
- Assist with mailings
- Provide clerical support
- Run errands
- Assist with medical records
- Answer telephones



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VITAS[®] Healthcare

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ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



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

VITAS* Healthcare volunteers add to hospice patients' quality of life during their remaining months, 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 and potentially earn rewards of your service. You'll become part of our professional team of doctors, nurses, aides, chaplains and social workers—and forge alliances that you'll carry with you, possibly for life.

Fetch a friend to join the VITAS[®] paw pals

"I like being tickled by my friends at the nursing home. I give them big kisses to say thank you! Don't just lie around feeling bored... become a VITAS Paw Pal volunteer, and get a whiff of the good life!"

Registered Paw Pals bring joy to hospice patients by visiting them at home, in nursing homes and assisted living communities, as well as in hospitals.

VITAS Paw Pals treat hospice patients and their families to ...

- Unconditional love and friendship
- Entertainment and amusement
- Companionship
- Happy memories of past pets
- Comfort during times of loss, pain and stress
- Activity and motion



These Tools Can Change a Life

Do you enjoy doing hair or pampering people or have cosmetology experience? Join us and become a VITAS* Healthcare Volunteer and to help patients in need and make them look and feel beautiful.



Bring joy and comfort to hospice patients.

Be Their Voice, Tell Their Story

Help a hospice patient turn their memories into a memoir as a VITAS LifeBio volunteer.



Even after death, the story of a life lives on by those who are willing to tell it. Join our team as a **VITAS* Healthcare LifeBio Volunteer**. Leverage your listening and writing skills to help hospice patients tell their stories, creating keepsake biographies for their loved ones to cherish for years to come.

Bring joy and comfort to hospice patients and families.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM!

Hope Center Volunteer Job Opportunities

- Front Desk Hospitality Liaison
- Greeter & Kindness Spreader
- General Hospitality Liaison
- Meal Server
- Help Desk/Computer Search Guru

- Morning, afternoon & evening shifts
- Minimum age 18, unless part of a school or organization providing chaperones
- On-going positions (single day also available)
- Background check & orientation are required

SIGN UP TODAY!

365 Airport Rd., New Castle



Facilities and Landscaping

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



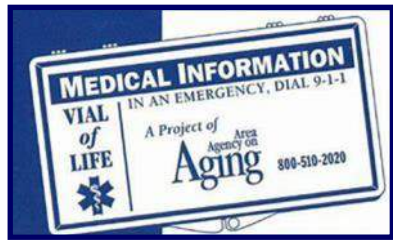
Help create and maintain habitats for our wild bird patients!

JOIN US!

For more information, please contact Volunteer Delaware 50+ at 302-255-9101 or email Arundhati.Ghosh@delaware.gov.

RESOURCES

The Vial of L.I.F.E program, offered free by New Castle County Emergency Medical



Services, assists seniors and disabled residents by providing vital medical information during emergencies. Simply fill out a medical form, place it in a labeled bottle in your refrigerator, and attach the provided magnet to signal EMS. This ensures that essential details are quickly accessible when you need help. To get your Vial of L.I.F.E, contact 302.395.8184 or email vialoflife@newcastlede.gov. Stay safe and prepared!

CHARITY CROSSING'S

Giveaway Items:
Household Items,
Pet Items, Packaged Foods,
Toys, Clothing, etc

UPCOMING GIVEAWAY

Please **DO NOT SELL** Donated Items.
Respect our Volunteers.
Follow Guest Guidelines.
Violators will not be allowed.

Helping Our Community and Environment
Recycle | Reuse | Reclaim | Restore | Repurpose

For an updated listing of giveaway dates and locations, visit:
charitycrossing.org/cc-giveaway

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State Office of Volunteerism
VOLUNTEER DELAWARE
volunteer.delaware.gov

Looking for more volunteers? Sign up your organization with us and post your volunteer opportunities to connect with passionate individuals ready to help!

REGISTER WITH US

volunteer.delaware.gov/organization-sign-up

To view a pdf version online, visit:
dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dsaapd

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
Email:
DelawareADRC@delaware.gov

GUIDE TO SERVICES

For Older Delawareans and Persons with Disabilities



Protect Yourself and loved ones from Medicare fraud.

Senior Medicare Patrols (SMPs) empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse.

Delaware Senior Medicare Patrol
1- 800-223-9074
barbara.jackson@delaware.gov



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.

RESOURCES

Decluttering. One step at a time.

By: Kim Mazewski, Owner of Consciously Cleared and Contained LLC
Kim is a certified professional organizer (and licensed OT) serving New Castle County, DE, & surrounding areas.

Helping a friend pare down? Here are some helpful tips for you and your friend. Remember, never toss things without their consent. Don't assume that they want the clutter or chaos, maybe they are like most of us and just see this mess and feel overwhelm.

As an OT, it's all about modifying the activity to maximize participation, client-centered goals, and ensuring accessibility and functionality for most-used items!

Here's some strategies I used to knock out this office while conserving energy and keeping pain at bay in my client, Ms. B.

♥ Ms. B sat in the doorway while we talked about goals, reviewed which furniture could be donated, and made plans for what papers to be trashed/recycled (yellow pages from 2007!) v which need to be checked. This let me make a huge dent independently while I gave her seated tasks like looking through recipes she's collected.

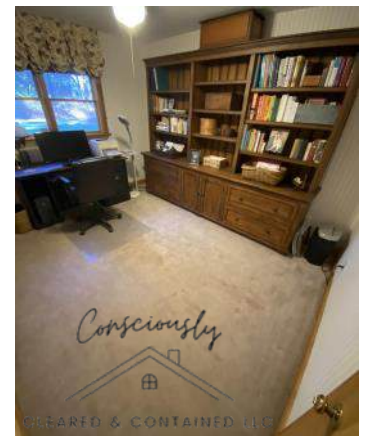
♥ We did FaceTime for the books: I held it up and read the title, she said keep or donate.

♥ I corralled anything not-office-related and set up piles on the dining room table for her to peruse. She kept less than 25% and most of it was relocated.

♥ I gathered all the papers and divided into categories: suggested trash/recycling, unopened mail, cards/pictures, notebooks with handwritten notes etc., and brought them to her one pile at a time, so it was manageable and not overwhelming.

♥ Checking in...decision fatigue is real so I'm watching for signs that she is done. Making sure I see her stop to eat, drink, stretch, take breaks etc (so many clients need reminders to do these things, I do too sometimes!)

For more tips, follow Consciously Cleared and Contained LLC on Facebook or visit her blog at www.consciouslyclearedandcontained.com



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