VOLUNTEER DELAWARE 50+ SUSSEX COUNTY NOVEMBER 2026

NEWSLETTER

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNTIES & COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 302-515-3020
HTTPS://VOLUNTEER.DELAWARE.GOV/

As November arrives and we begin to look toward the holiday season, it is the perfect time to reflect on the many ways kindness and generosity make a difference in our communities.

To our wonderful volunteers and community partners, thank you for the time, compassion, and dedication you share throughout the year. Whether you are lending a helping hand, sharing your knowledge, offering encouragement, or simply brightening someone's day, your contributions make a lasting impact on the lives of others.

Volunteering is about more than the hours served; it is about the connections we build, the lives we touch, and the stronger communities we create together. We are grateful to be part of a network of caring individuals who continue to make a difference in so many ways.

As you gather with family and friends this season, we hope you take pride in knowing that your service brings warmth, hope, and joy to others all year long.

From all of us at Volunteer Delaware 50+, we wish you a November filled with gratitude, happiness, and meaningful moments. Thank you for being such an important part of our mission!



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

VOLUNTEER DELAWARE 50+

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 or mail)
- 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 partners and would like to also become a member of Volunteer Delaware 50+ please contact your local office

Sussex County: please call 302-515-3020
Or email Bobbi.Tice@delaware.gov or Danielle.Briggs@delaware.gov

New Castle county: please call 302-255-9101
Or email Guadalupe.Murphy@delaware.gov or Arundhati.Ghosh@delaware.gov



The Season of Giving & Gratitude

People. Projects. Stronger Communities.









This Holiday Season,

we want to say a heartfelt

THANK YOU

to our amazing volunteers!

Your time, kindness, dedication, and hard work help build stronger communities and support our community partners through the many projects, donations and events that **Volunteer Delaware 50+** makes possible.

As we enter this season of giving, please remember how wonderful you are — and how much you are appreciated.

Every one of you makes a difference!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Stockings for Soldiers

Please join Sussex County Volunteer Delaware 50+ and the State Office of Volunteerism as we collect donated items for our deployed service members who are serving during the holidays.

OUR NEXT COLLECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 18, 2026

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Adams State Service Center, 544 S. Bedford Street,
(Public Health Entrance – Parking Lot)
Georgetown, DE 302-515-3020

Send a Personal Holiday Message of Support & Friendship

(Include return address/email, you might hear back from a soldier. Please limit cards this year.)

$$$ Financial Donations to Help with Shipping Costs $$$

Make checks payable to: Stockings for Soldiers
(501c3 Tax ID# 27-0604668)

MAIL TO (by November 13th):

Volunteer Delaware 50+
546 S. Bedford Street
Georgetown, DE 19947
302-515-3020

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

http://www.stockingsforsoldiers.org

VOLUNTEER DELAWARE 50+

Your donations make a difference-
From generous giving to packed boxes and grateful soldiers receiving stockings!









HONORING OUR VETERANS

THIS NOVEMBER, WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO ALL VETERANS FOR THEIR SERVICE, SACRIFICE, AND DEDICATION TO OUR COUNTRY. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE AND THANK THE FAMILIES WHO STAND BESIDE THEM AND SHARE IN THEIR SACRIFICES. YOUR SERVICE AND SUPPORT ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATED!

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Volunteer Tutor Needed!

Pathways to Success is seeking a **tutor at Seaford High School** to help with Chemistry.

CHEMISTRY

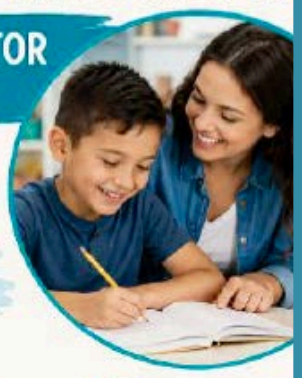
Tutor sessions will be on **Tuesday after school.**

If interested, prospective volunteers will have an interview with* **Outreach and Development Manager Sarah Gilmour.**

For more information contact
Bobbi Jo Tice
302-515-3020

LOOKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE?

BECOME A VOLUNTEER TUTOR WITH THE ARK!



Change a life – One Hour at a Time!

1–2 HRS / WEEK

SUBJECTS Math & Reading

GRADES K–12

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE 3pm – 7pm
We work around your schedule!

Why become a tutor with us?

- Gain valuable tutoring/mentoring experience, & more!
- Flexible schedule (3pm – 7pm)
- Make a difference in a student's life
- Community service hours and letters of recommendation

Your time can shape their future!

Contact Danielle Briggs if you are interested in volunteering with The ARK: 302-515-3029 or Danielle.Briggs@delaware.gov

THIS SPACE *is for you!*

ADVERTISE WITH US!

REACH LOCAL READERS
Connect with engaged readers in our community.

SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY
Your support helps us continue sharing valuable resources.

GROW YOUR BUSINESS
Promote your business and build lasting connections.

Volunteer Delaware 50+
302-515-3020

Let's work together!
Contact us today to learn more about advertising opportunities.

Bags 2 Mats for the Homeless

NEW WORKSHOPS DATES !
SUSSEX WEST IS NOW EVERY OTHER MONTH !

November 12th: 1 pm to 3 pm -Sussex West
November 19th: 1 pm to 3 pm- Georgetown Public
January 14th : 1 pm to 3 pm -Sussex West

LOCATIONS

SUSSEX WEST-
14 MANOR HOUSE LANE, LEWES, DE 19958

GEORGETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY-
123 W PINE ST, GEORGETOWN, DE 19947

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
BOBBI JO TICE 302-515-3020 OR EMAIL
BOBBI.TICE@DELAWARE.GOV

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK-
BAG2MATS FOR THE HOMELESS- DELAWARE FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Use your compassion and talents to make a DIFFERENCE!

Become a Vet-to-Vet Volunteer!



AccentCare® is a proud member of the We Honor Veterans program, a national initiative to recognize the unique needs of veterans and their families. The U.S. has around 18 million vets, and currently 1 in 4 dying patients is a vet. No one speaks the language or has that immediate connection better than fellow veterans or active-duty military personnel.

Vet-to-Vet volunteers receive specialized training and provide companionship, compassionate listening, and participate in Veteran pinning ceremonies. Vet-to-Vet volunteers have sympathetic insight and may be able to provide stress relief for patients and their caregivers. Volunteers may support patients' emotional and/or spiritual healing through sharing a common language, a cultural bond, and code of conduct.

Please share your time with our patients and help us honor the sacrifice they made for this country and our freedom.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT OUR VOLUNTEER SERVICES COORDINATOR AT:
RebekahWelch@AccentCare.com
or 302-533-3800

www.accentcare.com/volunteer

A Little Time,
A Lifetime of Difference.
Make a meaningful impact in the lives of others through compassion, companionship, and volunteering.
Learn more about volunteer opportunities with AccentCare
Contact Danielle Briggs at Volunteer Delaware 50+.
302-515-3029
Danielle.Briggs@delaware.gov



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Use your compassion and talents to make a difference

Volunteer with AccentCare® Hospice



AccentCare has developed several specialty roles, which allow volunteers to utilize their own strengths and interests. This offers a meaningful and rewarding volunteer experience, and enhances the quality of life for our patients and families.

AccentCare is looking for licensed **Cosmetology** and **Massage Therapy** volunteers.

For more information, please **scan the QR code** or **contact our volunteer service coordinator** at:
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or **302.533.3800**

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Do you play an instrument or sing? AccentCare is looking for volunteer musician companions.



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Use your **compassion** and **talents** to **make a difference**.

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COMMUNITY *Representatives*

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

Alzheimer's Association Community Representatives are **community engagers** that raise awareness of Alzheimer's Association programs, provide basic disease information, and link consumers to Alzheimer's Association services.

Together, WE CAN END ALZHEIMER'S.

KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Represent the Alzheimer's Association at a target of **12 community events / year** in neighborhoods, rural counties, business and civic organizations or faith communities.
- Offer 20-minute ***Introduction to Alzheimer's*** **presentations** for community organizations, congregations, civic organizations, sororities / fraternities, clubs and other locations.
- Promote support groups, education programs, Alzheimer & Brain Awareness Month, Walk to End Alzheimer's, or The Longest Day using your local connections, bulletin boards, social media and physical displays in your community.
- Connect the Alzheimer's Association to new community organizations and connect people with additional Association services and volunteer opportunities.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Self-motivated individual that is comfortable reaching out to individuals, organizations and families in need and connecting them to the Alzheimer's Association.
- Excellent verbal and written communications skills and comfort with computers and email.
- Passionate about the Alzheimer's Association mission with personal or professional experience with dementia preferred.

COMMITMENT EXPECTED:

- Community Representatives commit to appearing at a target of 12 events annually.
- All program volunteers participate in initial training and ongoing education and must comply with Alzheimer's Association volunteer policies and procedures.
- Terms are renewable upon successful completion of annual goal-setting conversation with your staff partner.

BENEFITS TO VOLUNTEER:

- Increase your knowledge of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias while serving your local community.
- Be recognized as a leader and resource for Alzheimer's disease and dementia.
- Join a network of other volunteers, staff and community leaders to help create a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia.

RAISE AWARENESS
Share Alzheimer's Association programs and basic disease information.

MAKE CONNECTIONS
Promote programs and events and connect people to Association services.

BUILD COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS
Expand our reach by connecting with new organizations and individuals.

MAKE AN IMPACT
Your time and connections help bring us closer to a world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia.

The Alzheimer's Association will provide training, information, and electronic or printed materials to assist in your efforts. Orientation includes several hours of online learning, self-study and shadowing or mentoring by local Alzheimer's Association staff and volunteers. Some materials are available in multiple languages.

Every Connection Makes a Difference.

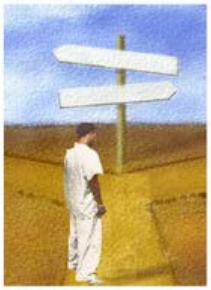
THRESHOLDS PROGRAM GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE



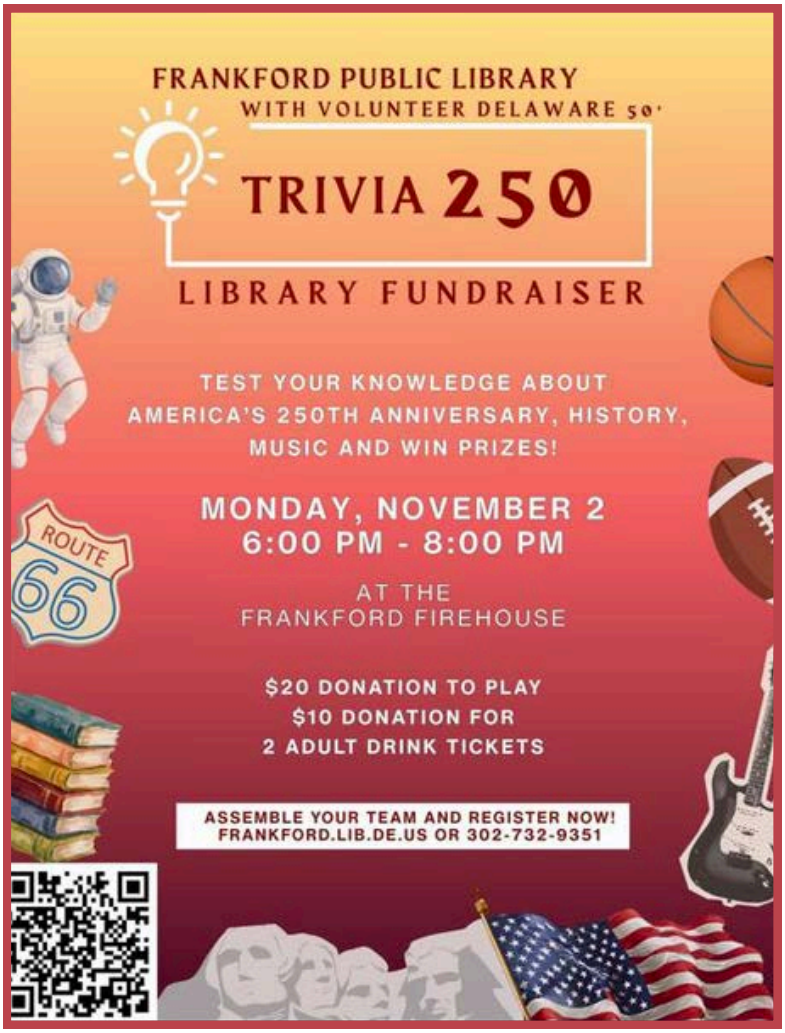
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THRESHOLDS PROGRAM AT SUSSEX CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION (SCI) IN GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE

Thresholds of Delaware Inc. is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization. The mission of the Thresholds Program is to help individuals in Delaware correctional institutions build effective decision-making skills and take responsible control of their lives. Volunteer facilitators are trained to use the Student Workbook to provide individualized instruction in decision-making skills in a safe classroom setting at SCI. Three ten-week cycles are offered each year on Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 PM. Volunteers may choose which cycle(s) they want to facilitate.

TO VOLUNTEER FOR THRESHOLDS, CONTACT SANDY AT 302-236-9110 OR thresholdsprogram@gmail.com






FRANKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
WITH VOLUNTEER DELAWARE 50+
TRIVIA 250
LIBRARY FUNDRAISER
TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY, HISTORY, MUSIC AND WIN PRIZES!
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
AT THE FRANKFORD FIREHOUSE
$20 DONATION TO PLAY
$10 DONATION FOR 2 ADULT DRINK TICKETS
ASSEMBLE YOUR TEAM AND REGISTER NOW!
FRANKFORD.LIB.DE.US OR 302-732-9351
ROUTE 66


LEWES SENIOR Activity Center
Lewes Senior Activity Center
HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
Saturday, November 7th
8am-1pm
Over 30 local Craft Vendors
Silent Auction
LSAC Ceramics
Books & Puzzles
Soup Sale
32083 Janice Rd
Lewes, DE 19958


Indian River Senior Center's
2026 Autumn Craft Market
November 7th - 10am to 2pm
Rain or Shine!
Talented crafters selling artisan goods at your local senior center. Shop small, shop local this autumn.
214 Irons Avenue
Millsboro, DE 19966
302-934-8839 x 1
IRSC SOAR... INDIAN RIVER SENIOR CENTER


Current Needs
Toothpaste
Bodywash
Shampoo
Deodorant
Bar Soap
SOAP
703 East King St. Seaford, DE
Open 10am-3pm
Monday-Thursday

Village Volunteers
Helping older adults age in place



WayFinder Senior Solutions

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

You are not alone.

Join a welcoming and supportive space for caregivers and family members navigating the early stages of a dementia diagnosis.

16686 Kings Highway #B, Lewes

October 12, November 9, December 14

10:00 am - 11:30 am

What to Expect:

- ✓ A safe place to share experiences
- ✓ Resources and guidance from a trained facilitator
- ✓ Peer support from others on a similar journey
- ✓ Conversations focused on caregiving, coping and connection

Facilitator: Deborah Ann Mikiten
Certified Senior Advisor,
Aging Life Care Manager
Wayfinder Senior Solutions

Open to: Caregivers, family members, and friends of those living with dementia

Free to attend

To RSVP or Learn More:
302-703-2568
info@villagevolunteer.org

Together, we can navigate the dementia journey with compassion, understanding, and strength.

AGING IN PLACE PANEL DISCUSSION IV:

LEGAL AND FINANCIAL

FREE AND INTERACTIVE EVENT

Listen, learn, and bring your questions!

NOV 12, 2026
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Dedicated Financial Building
18422 Coastal Hwy
Lewes, DE 19958

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- Financial Planning
- Estate Planning & Wills
- Power of Attorney
- Healthcare Directives
- Tips to Flourish in Later Years

Discussion begins at 10 am | Light refreshments will be served

FOR MORE INFO

Call the Village Volunteers office
302-703-2568
info@villagevolunteer.org



REGISTER NOW!

Use the QR code or call the Village Volunteers office.

THRIVING TOGETHER
Empowered Aging, Enriching Community

DEDICATED FINANCIAL

Village Volunteers



Bayhealth Community Wellness Fair

Saturday, Nov. 7
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bayhealth Conference Center
at Blue Hen, Dover

Free health screenings,
education & giveaways

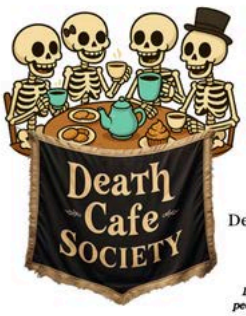
Learn more: Bayhealth.org/Fair

Village Volunteers
Helping older adults age in place



LET'S TALK THE "D" WORD

with Bob Russo, Certified Death Doula



OCTOBER 22, NOVEMBER 19, DECEMBER 10

10 AM - 11:30 AM | 16686 KINGS HWY. #B LEWES, DE

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED
CALL 302-703-2568 OR EMAIL INFO@VILLAGEVOLUNTEER.ORG

Decrease your concerns. Live more fully.

Death Cafe is an opportunity to gain a greater understanding and awareness of death in a relaxed, informal setting.

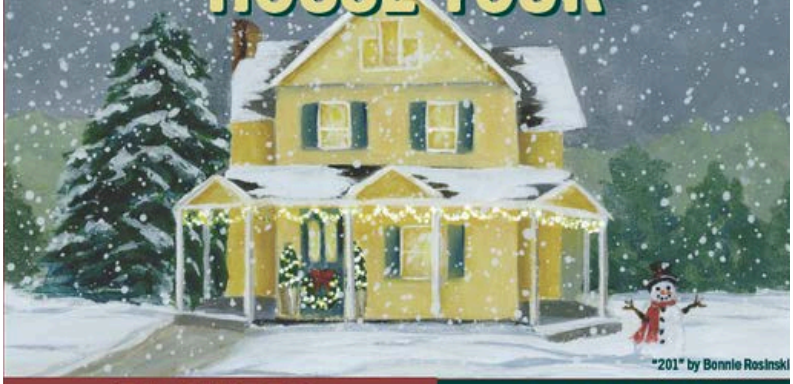
Death Cafe is a global movement 'to increase' awareness of death in order to help people make the most of their (finite) lives'. Death Cafe is not a bereavement support or grief counseling setting. It is a discussion group.

Save the Date

THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF MILTON DELAWARE PRESENTS

The 2026 Annual MILTON

Holiday HOUSE TOUR



TICKETS

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

SATURDAY December 12
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
RAIN, SHINE OR SNOW

IN ADVANCE $25

RESERVE BY PHONE
or for more information:
203-610-2443
OR 443-617-0617

BUY IN-PERSON
SALES BEGIN November 1, 2026
The Mercantile at Milton
Lewes Gourmet in Lewes, DE

ON SALE NOW VIA VENMO
@wcompayment
Venmo pre-purchases may be picked up at the Milton Historical Society on the day of the event.
venmo

Food Bank OF DELAWARE

SEASONAL SOUP SALE

Warm up this season with soup!



Soup for you, scholarships for them!
Help aspiring Food Bank culinary students stir up their futures.

$12 for one quart and 2 pieces of chef's choice bread

$20 for two quarts and 4 pieces of chef's choice bread

This Season's Soups

Week of Oct. 26	Week of Nov. 2	Week of Nov. 9	Week of Nov. 16	Week of Nov. 23	Week of Nov. 30
Stuffed Pepper (GF)	Cream of Crab	Chicken and Dumpling Soup	French Onion (Vegetarian)	Thanksgiving Sides and Pies Sale	Lasagna Soup

Place your order by 11AM on Tuesdays!

Pick up on your soup on Thursdays from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. or Fridays from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Pick up:

Newark Cafe
(entrance is on the side of the building near the farm)
222 Lake Drive
Newark, DE 19702

Milford Cafe
102 Delaware Veterans Blvd.
Milford, DE 19963

For ordering and more information, check out:
https://www.fbd.org/soupsale/

AUTISM DELAWARE

SNOWFLAKE SOIRÉE

A FLURRY OF WONDER AWAITS

Embrace the season with Autism Delaware at our enchanting Snowflake Soirée! Step into a sparkling winter wonderland filled with lively music, delicious local flavors, and magical moments—all while supporting individuals and families touched by autism.

Friday December 4, 2026
7-11PM
Rehoboth Beach Convention Center
229 Rehoboth Ave
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

For more information: https://www.autismdelaware.org/

Community Partners

Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Association, Inc

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #17

American Red Cross of Delmarva

American Veterans Thrift Store

Autism Delaware

Auxiliary of Stockley

Center Back Bay Strummers

Bayhealth Medical Center (Kent & Sussex)

Beebe Healthcare Big

Brothers/Big Sisters of Delaware

Blood Bank of Delmarva

Boys and Girls Club of Delaware

Brandywine Valley SPCA

Bridgeville Senior Center

Cancer Support Community Delaware

Cape Henlopen School District (K-12)

Cape Henlopen Senior Center

CareWear Project

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

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

Frankford Public Library

Georgetown CHEER Center

Georgetown Public Library

GFWC Women's Club of Indian River

GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club

Good Samaritan Aide Organization, Inc

Greenwood CHEER Center

Habitat for Humanity Sussex County

Habitat Restore

Harbour Lights CHEER Center

Indian River School District (K-12)

Indian River Senior Center

Laurel Senior Center

Lewes Activity Senior Center

Literacy Delaware, Inc

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

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

South Coastal Village Volunteers

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

If you have any questions or interested in any of our partner organizations please contact our office, Volunteer Delaware 50+ at 302-515-3020