

VOLUNTEER DELAWARE 50+

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

For more information:

302-515-3020

Or

<https://volunteer.delaware.gov/volunteer-delaware50>

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

Office of Volunteerism within the Division of State Service Centers.

Our 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.



Ann's Views-

I love the thankful season; from our Thanksgiving table to New Years' wishes, it seems as though we all get into the spirit of giving. For those reading this newsletter, you share in giving most of the year. Whether you are a community partner or a volunteer, service is in your nature. Share this newsletter with a friend! They may find just the right opportunity in which to get involved. It could be a couple of hours for a Sunday one-time opportunity, knitting at home, or being involved in many volunteer jobs for many different agencies. Our community partners never have enough volunteers!

"Volunteering helps me more than it helps them." is what many of our volunteers say. That is because volunteering is proven to decrease the risk of depression, reduce stress levels and helps you meet others and develop new relationships. It may even help you live longer by staying physically and mentally active.

Now that you and your friends are ready to jump-start 2019 with volunteer opportunities by the thousands throughout the State of Delaware, make sure you bookmark our NEW WEBSITE: www.volunteer.delaware.gov

We wish you a very Happy Holiday Season!

Ann Gorrin

Volunteer Services Administrator

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for a reoccurring opportunity, or a one-day special event where you can help? Whether you want to get your feet wet as a new volunteer, are looking for more to do, or want to learn about a new organization while giving back to your community, one of these opportunities may be the one for you!

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Love, INC

Volunteer Positions Available -

Seasonal Intake Workers: During the Holidays, Love INC acts as the clearinghouse to many Gift and Holiday Food ministries. Their call volume increases significantly. Seasonal phone intake workers and coordinators are needed through December 23rd.

Volunteer Coordinator: This Volunteer is responsible for the coordination of volunteers within the Network of Churches and Community Partners. Volunteer Coordinators work with the CMC at Partner Churches to cultivate more volunteers. The Volunteer Coordinator works with other volunteers in scheduling, to ensure all volunteer shifts are covered.

B.R.I.D.G.E.S. Community Navigator: Is a volunteer who becomes trained to navigate the systems of care for addiction and recovery systems in Delaware. They are building a team of navigators who will offer help to their struggling community members. They need YOU to join their team.

Visitation Teams: They maintain a list of those who have an evangelistic heart and want to minister in the highways and the hedges to those who need help in our community. After a Love INC intake, there are often requests for a church visit from clients. Pastors are willing to do these visits; but there are enough requests that they need to have laity teams. These teams are generally made of 2 or more. If you would like to be added to the list of volunteers they call when they get these requests, let them know. They can offer training, if you feel called but not equipped for the job.

Temporary Clearinghouse Coordinator: Assigns intake to volunteers each week. Coordinates all intakes and assures they have been processed. Insures the intakes are being followed up on and the Love INC process is being fulfilled. This volunteer understands all aspects of the Clearinghouse. This is a temporary Position and training is provided.

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COMMUNITY PARTNER AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE
YOUR VOLUNTEER NEEDS FEATURED HERE?

LET US KNOW!

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE TO SHARE WITH
VOLUNTEERS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS!



Code Purple Hot Line: 302-519-0024

- P.O. Box 542 - 703 East King St., Seaford

Love INC Clearinghouse phone line: 302-629-7050

codepurplesussexcounty.com

They are building a team of volunteers to help serve homeless guests for the 2018/2019 cold weather season! Learn more about Code Purple and how you can get involved.

This vital resource is dependent on volunteerism as Code Purple Sussex County is 100% volunteer run. Most of their emergency winter sanctuaries are open each night from December 15th until March 15th. Volunteer spots include: intake, overnight, morning relief, clean-up crews, transportation, laundry and dinner service.

(To **Sign Up** please use the link found on their website at codepurplesussexcounty.com **Volunteers/Servants!**). Last year their shelters served 150 homeless neighbors. They served the elderly, families, the infirm, those recently released from prison, and sometimes persons struggling with addiction or persons with mental health diseases that were not being treated. Each guest is uniquely homeless...each vulnerable...each one matters!

Code Purple opens "on call" once the weather dips down below 32 degrees. Volunteers will sign up to volunteer **if** Code Purple is called. However, once December 15th arrives, six sanctuaries **stay open** regardless of the temperature until March 15th. The Laurel sanctuary opens every night of January & February. It takes an average of 12 people per night at each site to effectively operate a Code Purple Sussex County Site (They have 11 certified CPSC Sites). The other sites open as overflow.

That's a potential of 132 volunteer spots to fill each night just to provide basic coverage during the season!

Come be part of the solution and join the team!



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 28
BUDDY BASKETS FOR HOMELESS**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
DAY** | **21 JAN 2019**
10 AM - 12 NOON

**FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST
ALL WELCOME TO
VOLUNTEER TO ASSEMBLE
THE BASKETS!**

American Legion Post 28 (Bingo Hall)
31768 Legion Rd., Millsboro, DE
Contact Beth @ 302.381.3897 or Linda
@ 302.569.8699 for more information!



**For information
about any of the
opportunities,
call
Danielle Briggs
or
Linda Rogers
at 302-515-3020**

ITEMS NEEDED FOR BUDDY BASKETS

**PAPER TOWELS, BATHROOM TISSUE, WINDOW CLEANER,
LAUNDRY DETERGENT, LIQUID CLEANER, ANTISEPTIC
WIPES, LIQUID OR BAR SOAP, WASHCLOTHS, TOWELS.**

**DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT POST 28. MONETARY DONATIONS
WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED TO PURCHASE THE ITEMS.**

**DONATIONS OF PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY & BREAD REQUESTED TO
MAKE SANDWICHES FOR LOCAL HOMELESS SHELTERS.**

**COMPLETED BASKETS WILL BE DELIVERED TO HOME OF THE BRAVE,
VETERAN OUTREACH CENTERS, CRISIS HOUSE, CHURCHES, CODE
PURPLE LOCATIONS.**

**CHEER
Coastal Leisure Center**

Looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen with cleaning up and using the dishwasher. Help is needed each Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Help also needed some Fridays, and on a fill-in basis.)





santa cause 5K fun & run

Many opportunities for volunteers coming up in late November and early December for their annual 5K event!

Pre-Event Support | Office Volunteers

Tuesday, November 27th | Shift: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: 410 S. Bedford Street, Georgetown, De 19947

Volunteers will come to the Children & Families First office to assist behind the scenes in preparation for the event.

Pre-Event Support | Office Volunteers

Wednesday, November 28th | Shift: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: 410 S. Bedford Street, Georgetown, De 19947

Volunteers will come to the Children & Families First office to assist behind the scenes in preparation for the event.

Volunteer Check-in & Coat Check

Sunday, December 2nd | 2 Spots Available

After Party Support

Sunday, December 2nd | 2 Spots | Shift: 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Location: inside the Starboard

Assist children & adults with one of the games, crafts or activities in the after party.

Pass out small prizes as appropriate.

Ensure games & activities are played respectfully and area is kept reasonably debris free.

A minimum of 1 volunteer is needed at each station, with a preferred 2 volunteers per station. After Party support includes setting up the food buffet. Some items may be heavy.

Participant Check In & Registration

Sunday, December 2nd | 7 Spots | Shift: 10:30am to 12:00pm

Location: Outside under the event tent

Volunteers will check-in event participants, and help them find their Bib Number and T-Shirt.

Volunteers encouraged to dress in festive holiday attire.

Registration positions include: pre-registration for 5k and Fun Run, on-site registration, on-site payment, and gift bag pick-up.

Course Marshals

Sunday, December 2nd | 7 Spots | Shift: 11:30am to 1:00pm

Location: Outside along the race course

Ensure course is safe for participants.

Help direct participants at critical turning points.

Outside on the course; Volunteers will be standing during their shift.

Marshals must be in place along the course by 12:00pm, requiring arrival on-site no later than 11:30am.

Holiday Cheer Station Host

Sunday, December 2nd | 12 spots | Shift: 11:30am to 1:00pm

Location: Outside along the race course

Cheer along participants & pass out special holiday treats at one of 6 holiday stations along the course (all supplies will be provided).

Your holiday station will be determined by the event coordinator and you will receive placement before the event.

This is coastal Delaware's most festive 5k, so please attempt to dress up according to holiday course placement.

These roles will be outside and volunteers will be standing during their shift. A minimum of 2 volunteers is needed at each station

Event Clean-Up

Sunday, December 2nd | 3 Spots | Shift: 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Assist in cleaning up and breaking down the after party and event area.

DELAWARE[®] HOSPICE

1982 **35th Anniversary** 2017

Volunteers Needed

- Patient Care Volunteers
- Vet to Vet Volunteers
- Fundraising Volunteers
- Office Volunteers
- Memory Bear Seamstresses

As the only nonprofit hospice agency in the state of Delaware, we are always looking for special volunteers. If you are able to donate just a few hours a week, month, or year, please call Maxine for more information. 302-856-7717 or visit www.delawarehospice.org

GREATER LEWES COMMUNITY



The Village Volunteers...

Caring for older adults in our Coastal Communities.

Transportation • Friendly Visits • Telephone Check-ins
Technology Assistance • Respite Care • Errands
Minor Household Repairs • AND MORE!



Our volunteers will get you where you want to go.
We help you live independently as long as possible.

VOLUNTEER YOUR WAY with the Village!

302-703-2568

GreaterLewesCommunityVillage.org

Upcoming Events:

Holiday Raffle and Boutique

Saturday, December 1

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Raffle drawing at 3:30 - Need not be present to win

Little Schoolhouse (Midway School)
Lewes Historical Society Campus, 110 Shipcarpenter Street

Gift Card Tree Raffle, value \$550

 Gift Boutique  Bake Sale  50/50 Raffle

Raffled Baskets - Wine and many others

The Abigail II

Silent Auction

This 4' x 4' handcrafted wooden sailboat is an original design, made locally, from reclaimed wood.

Can be hung or displayed on the attached easel.

Bidding closes at 4:00 on December 1.

The Abigail II will be on display at this Dec.1 event.



GFWC Zwaanendael Women's Club

Public Spirited Women Serving and Improving the Community

Member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs

www.gfwcZwaanendael.org



Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 8th!

Lewes Senior Center

9am-12pm

Cookies/\$7 per pound

Enjoy the taste of the season without all of the work!

Weight Management Group

Meeting: Every Tuesday Time: 12:00-1:00

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Sponsored by IRSC

214 Irons Ave., Millsboro, DE 19966 302-934-8839

www.IndianRiverSeniorCenterDE.com

GriefShare Group



Pastor Bob & Michelle Odom
GriefShare Facilitators

DATE: Begins Thursday Mornings (13 weeks) 10am—12pm
Oct. 4th 2018

COST: Suggested Donation \$2.00 per week, includes a personal workbook, DVD's we watch together during the meeting, and refreshments.

WHERE: The Indian River Senior Center, located behind the WAWA on Rt 113, on 214 Irons Ave., Millsboro, DE.

Tools are taken from the Bible on how to weather through the pain of grief & loss. This group will also cover "Surviving the Holidays".

Seats are limited, please sign up/call today 302-934-8839.

Pastor Bob & Michelle Odom will facilitate this group. Bob is the Senior Pastor of the Peninsula Community Church, Selbyville, DE

www.IndianRiverSeniorCenterDE.com

Griefshare.org

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
Begins: Oct 4th 2018



Jackpot Bingo at Lewes Senior Activity Center
32083 Janice Road, Lewes, DE 19958

Every Tuesday

Doors open at 4:00 PM

Early Bird starts at 5:30 PM

Packages start at \$14.00

Over \$1000.00 given away every week!

Call 645-9293 for information.

Cape Henlopen Senior Center

(11 Christian Street, Rehoboth Beach, DE) 302-227-2055

“Afternoon”



Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Early Bird games – 1:30 p.m.

Regular games – 2:00 p.m.

ADMISSION \$15

Includes your Basic Pack and Specials

DOES NOT INCLUDE 50/50 or QUICKIE

Refreshments will be sold!

- ✓ Cookie Jar (To be announced)
- ✓ Pull Tabs!
- ✓ Jackpot Game worth \$150.

Try your luck. You may be a winner!



**FREE
PARKING**

Anyone over the age of 18 are welcome to come.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

News Release

National Wildlife
Refuge System



2018 Events

Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge

Wednesday, December 12 - Birding Field Trip

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Led by volunteer birding guides, beginner and experienced bird watchers will enjoy observing and learning about the bird species frequenting the refuge at this time of year. Come prepared for the weather and expect to walk up to a mile. Bring your binoculars, a field guide, and spotting scope (the leader will have spotting scopes also). Binoculars will be available to borrow. Meet at the refuge office. Trips are free, open to the public, and last approximately three hours.

Pre-registration is required by calling the refuge office at (302) 684-8419.

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HARRINGTON CASINO!!



**Upcoming Bus
Trips Schedule**
(Trips are always on a
Thursday)

August 23rd

Sept 27th Oct. 25th Nov. 15th

Dec. 13th

\$15.00 for Members /\$25.00 for Non Members

You receive **\$15 FREE PLAY AND \$7 towards the**

“All You Can Eat” Buffet

Seating on the bus is limited—Reserve Early

For more information and reservations Call - Maggie Smith 302-947-2274



Located At:
214 Irons Avenue,
Millsboro, DE 19966
302-934-8839



IndianRiverSeniorCenterDE.com



BECAUSE YOU ARE SPECIAL

*We sometimes take for granted
In the rush of all we do,
And forget to say a special thanks
To volunteers like you!*

*How much all you do means,
Your gifts of time and of yourself
Are special ones indeed.*



Twas the night before Christmas, for this volunteer,
I sat in my house, warmed by the cheer.
Full of good food and counting each friend,
I took just a moment to reflect at year-end.

Those that I love were snuggled up tight,
Dreaming of who would be coming that night.
Seeing the presents all wrapped 'round the tree,
A disquieting thought slowly crept over me.

Cold winds were blowing just outside my door,
Reminding my heart of things I could not ignore.

The hungry and homeless, lost in our city,
Poor, lonely seniors who deserve more than pity!

Children in schools that can't help their need,
Wishing for someone to teach them to read.

For those living each day as they battle HIV,
Having access to fresh, healthy groceries is key!

"There's so much to do," I said with a sigh,

"Who's up to the challenge?" Surely not I!

I'm just plain, old me; I can't solve all this woe.

I wouldn't know what to do, I don't know where to go!

So armed with my laptop, I hopped online quick,
Finding the answer took merely a click!

People making a difference without putting on airs,
Each hour they spent proclaimed, "Chicago Cares!"

With knowledgeable partners and bright volunteers,
They've been serving the neediest of our city for 20 years!

I registered quickly and signed up right then,
With so many choices I didn't know where to begin.

Tutoring, art clubs, cooking galore,
BINGO, food pantries, crafting and more.
Serve dinner at a shelter and show off Bubbie's kugel,
Or spend time with seniors to teach them to Google.

With so many ways to simply give back,
I pictured a day when no Chicagoan need lack,
The basics of life we're all meant to enjoy;
A healthy, safe life for each girl and boy.

I called on my family, each in-law and cousin,
Soon a roomful of computers really got things
a-buzzin'.

We each found a project that was close to our heart,
Knowing, full well, that this was just a start.



Just like The Grinch I suddenly knew,
Like a crash of thunder coming out of the blue;
"Maybe Christmas need not come from a store
Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more!"*

And what if this feeling, these actions could last,
What if I need not return to the past?
By choosing to serve throughout the whole year,
Each day, week and month could be filled with good cheer!

What started as sadness soon become hope,
Serving my neighbors and helping them cope.

**My greatest surprise was not under the tree,
The gift I received, was a more happy me!**

It's been awhile, I'll stop bending your ear,
But with this piece of advice, go serve, volunteer!
When we help one another the world feels so right,
Now "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

**Borrowed with love from Dr. Seuss' 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas!'*

-From The Chicago Cares Blog 2011-



*May your holidays sparkle with moments of love,
laughter, and goodwill;
And may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy.
Have a Happy Holiday season.*

Shari Linda Davi Ana



Sussex County Community Programs

AGAPE Senior Center
 Alzheimer's Association
 American Legion Aux. #17
 American Legion Aux. Unit #28
 Atlantic Shores Rehab & Health Care
 Autism Delaware
 Auxiliary of Stockley Center
 Back Bay Strummers
 Bay Health Medical Center
 Beebe Healthcare
 Big Brothers/Big Sisters
 Brandywine Living
 Brandywine Valley SPCA– Georgetown
 Bridgeville Senior Center
 Cancer Support Community
 Cape Henlopen Senior Center
 Casa San Francisco
 CHEER Coastal Leisure Center
 CHEERful Notes Glee Club
 Children & Families First
 Citizen's Climate Education
 Coastal Concerts, Inc.
 College of Earth, Ocean and Environment
 Community Resource Center
 ContactLifeline
 DCRAC (DE Community Reinvestment Action Council)
 Delaware Hospice/South Division
 Delaware Senior Medicare Patrol
 Delaware Veterans Home
 Delmar Public Library
 East Millsboro Elementary School
 Easter Seals
 Fellowship Health Resources, Inc.
 First State Senior Center
 Food Bank of Delaware
 Georgetown Center
 Georgetown CHEER Center
 Georgetown Elementary
 Georgetown VA Clinic
 GFWC Women's Club of Indian River
 God's Way Thrift Shop-Rehoboth
 Good Samaritan Aide Shop
 Greater Lewes Community Village
 Greenwood CHEER Center
 Greenwood Public Library
 Gull House
 H.O. Brittingham Elementary School
 Habitat for Humanity
 Habitat ReStore
 Harbor Health Care Center
 Harbour Lights CHEER Center
 Immanuel Shelter
 Indian River Senior Center
 ITN Southern Delaware
 Jewish Family Services (Sussex Village Network)
 John M. Clayton Elementary School
 Kent/Sussex Adopt-A-Family
 Kody's Kids, Inc.
 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.
 Lulu M. Ross Elementary School
 Mason-Dixon Woodworking Club
 Matter of Balance
 Meals on Wheels
 Manor House
 Millsboro Public Library
 Millville Volunteer Group
 Milton CHEER Center
 Nanticoke Health Services
 Nanticoke Senior Center
 Nanticoke Watershed Alliance Creekwatchers
 New Life Thrift Shop
 Nimble Fingers
 Ocean View Volunteers
 Office of the Child Advocate CASA
 Office of the Public Guardian
 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
 Rehoboth Elementary School
 Renaissance Health Care
 Robin Hood Thrift Shop
 Ronald McDonald House of Delaware
 Rosa Health Center
 Roxana CHEER Center
 South Coastal Library
 The ARK Educational Consulting, Inc.
 The Way Home
 Thresholds
 Volunteer Delaware 50+ Advisory Council, Inc.
 Volunteer Delaware 50+ Technical Assistance
 Woman's Club of Milton
 Zwaanendael Club

In Sussex County call 302-515-3020

PLEASE NOTE -

The Volunteer Delaware website has changed to: <https://volunteer.delaware.gov>