

# **Make the Connection**

"Everyone can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

## **Great Valley School District Volunteer Opportunities For Community Service**

This booklet has been compiled to assist students in their search for volunteer opportunities within the Great Valley community. The agencies listed in this handbook are not endorsed or supported by the Great Valley School District. The Great Valley School District assumes no responsibility for students' volunteer experiences with these agencies.

**ADULT CARE OF CHESTER COUNTY, INC**  
**201 Sharp Lane**  
**Exton, PA 19341**  
**610-363-8044**

Contact Person: Patricia DeHart, Volunteer Coordinator  
pdehartl@acofcc.org

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 14 or older

Activities:

- Office tasks
- Read to participants
- Saturday activities
- Assist with gardening
- Painting

**ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM**  
**Bayard Taylor Library**  
**216 E. State Street**  
**Kennett Square, PA 19348**  
**610-444-9118**

Contact Person: Linda Jacobi, Program Director  
ljacobi@ccls.org

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 16 or older

Activities:

- Tutoring adults in literacy and English as a Second Language, (ESL)
- One-on-one instruction, 3 hours a week (state law)
- Six-month commitment required
- Training required

**AMERICAN HELICOPTER MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER**  
**1220 American Boulevard**  
**Brandywine Airport**  
**West Chester, PA 19380**  
**610-436-9600**  
**FAX 610-436-8642**

Contact Person: Sherron Trio, Volunteer/Facilities Coordinator  
adm@helicoptermuseum.org

Volunteers: High School Students, Application Required

Activities:

- Assist with programs and operations
- School group mentoring program

**AMERICAN RED CROSS, SOUTHEAST PA CHAPTER**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> & Chestnut Street**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19103**

Contact Person: Sharon Jefferson  
215-299-4068

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 16 or older. Call for application and training information.  
Interview and background check required.

Activities:

- Assist with mobile blood drives
- Serve beverages at blood drives
- Monitor donors at blood drives
- Call Sharon Jefferson at 215-299-4068 for additional information

**Amigos de Jesus**  
**126 Woodland Avenue**  
**Malvern, PA 19355**  
**610-644-8237**

Contact: Emily Ford, Executive Director

Volunteers: High School Students

Activities:

- Translating documents Spanish/English
- Office support
- Organize events (clothing drives, backpack collections)
- Assist with fundraisers along with students from other local high schools

**BAKER INDUSTRIES**  
**184 Pennsylvania Avenue**  
**Malvern, PA 19355**  
**610-296-9795**

Contact Person: Beth Tidewater, Director of Human Resources  
[beth@bakerindustries.org](mailto:beth@bakerindustries.org)

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 15 or older

Activities:

- Assist employees who have mental disabilities with projects/mailings for local businesses
- Light assembly
- No weekends, closes at 4:00 PM daily, summer availability

**BARCLAY FRIENDS**  
**700 North Franklin Street**  
**West Chester, PA 19380**  
**610-696-5211, ext. 233**

Contact Person: Lauren Earle  
learle@bf.kendal.org

Volunteers: Age requirement, 15 or older - an adult (parent) must be present at all times with students.

Activities:

- Assist recreation lead
- Visit with residents, share talents (music, art, etc.)
- Many additional opportunities

**BELLINGHAM RETIREMENT NURSING HOME COMMUNITY**  
**1615 East Boot Road**  
**West Chester, PA**  
**610-436-6663**

Contact Person: Heidi Jenkins, Activities Director

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 15 or older  
Application required

Activities:

- Work with residents
- Assist with activities

**BRINGING HOPE HOME**  
**940 West Valley Road, Suite 1601**  
**Wayne, PA 19087**

Contact Person:

Volunteers: Volunteer Hours: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Activities:

- Office Support: answering phones, filing, helping with event support, researching
- Event Support: helping the day of events ([bringinghopehome.org/events](http://bringinghopehome.org/events))
- School Involvement: hosting an event at GV to benefit BBH. Volunteers will be mentored on how to run an event.

**BRYN MAWR REHABILITATION**  
**414 Paoli Pike**  
**Malvern, PA 19355**  
**484-596-5599**

Contact Person: Yvonne Navarro-Brewer, Volunteer Coordinator  
Navarro-BrewerY@MLHS.ORG

Volunteers: High School Students, (14 years or older), summer only. Two weeks to process

application. Minimum block is 30 hours; 50 hours are required for college recommendations. Summer applicants must apply by May.

Activities:

- Various areas: physical therapy, book cart, clerical duties
- Escort resident
- Sunday concert series
- Other opportunities available

**CAMP HILL SPECIAL SCHOOL**  
**1784 Fairview Road**  
**Glenmoore, PA**  
**610-469-9236**

Contact Person: Courtney M. Coffman, Development Officer  
ccoffman@campbillspecialschool.org

Volunteers: High School Students. Applications are required for individual volunteers.

Activities:

- Work on an individual and group basis with children (ages 5–18) who have developmental disabilities and other secondary disabilities
- Volunteer groups are welcome to work on a variety of outdoor projects

**CHARLES A. MELTON ARTS & EDUCATION CENTER**  
**501 E. Miner St.**  
**P. O. Box 834**  
**West Chester, PA 19381**  
**610-692-9290**  
**Website: [www.meltoncenter.org](http://www.meltoncenter.org)**

Contact Person: Renee Washington  
camc5011@verizon.net

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 15 or older

Activities:

- Maintenance work
- Helping with after-school programs such as tutoring
- Clerical work
- Summer enrichment programs

**CAMP HILL VILLAGE KIMBERTON HILLS**  
**1601 Pughtown Road**  
**P.O. Box 1045**  
**Kimberton, PA 19442**  
**610-935-3963**

Contact Person: Mimi Coleman, Volunteer Coordinator  
mimi@camphillkimberton.org

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 15 or older  
Application required

Activities:

- Instruction in typing, writing and reading
- Environmental projects: watershed & recycling
- Group activities
- Work one-on-one with adults that have developmental issues
- Organic gardening/farming
- Many other opportunities

**CHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
**Chester County Government Services Center**  
**601 Westtown Road, Suite 290**  
**P.O. Box 2747**  
**West Chester, PA 19380**  
**610-344-6232**

Contact Person: Ilene F. Greising, Volunteer Coordinator  
igreising@chesco.org

Volunteers: Prefer students at least 16 or older  
Students under 18 need signed permission forms

Activities:

- Basic clerical responsibilities
- Poster art work
- Assist in WIC Dept. (Women/Infants/Children)

**CHESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL**  
**701 E. Marshall Street**  
**West Chester, PA 19380**  
**610-431-5190**

Contact Person: Carol Dunigan, Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteers: Age requirement, 16 or older. Application available online.

Activities:

- Clerical duties

**CHESTER COUNTY LIBRARY**  
**400 Exton Square Parkway**  
**Exton, PA 19341**  
**610-280-3235**

Contact Person: Susan Walraed, Coordinator of Volunteers  
swalraed@ccls.org

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 15 and completion of 9<sup>th</sup> grade for youth services – volunteer opportunities during summer months; must be 16 or older for other areas of the library. Application required; available online.

Activities:

- Shelving opportunities
- Computer tutoring (must be 16)

**CHESTER COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTER**

790 East Market Street  
West Chester, PA 19380  
610-692-2344

**Contact Person:** Regina Venuti, Assistant Executive Director  
610-692-7402  
rvenuti@cc-oic.org

**Volunteers:** High School Students

**Activities:**

- Various clerical & cleaning opportunities

**CHESTER COUNTY SPCA**  
**1212 Phoenixville Pike**  
**West Chester, PA 19380**  
**610-692-6113, Ext. 216**

**Contact Person:** Ernie Milowsky, Volunteer Coordinator  
Volunteer@ccspca.org

**Volunteers:** Age Requirement: 16 or older (shelter work). Must be 18 or older to work with animals. Application required; available online.

**Activities:**

- Help with events, special occasion horse show ribbon errand runners, etc.
- Walk for Paws in the spring, dog bank collection
- Forget-Me-Not Garden Party in June

**CHILDREN'S COUNTRY WEEK ASSOCIATION (Paradise Farm Camps)**  
**1300 Valley Creek Road**  
**Downingtown, PA 19335**  
**610-269-9111, Ext. 201**  
**Fax: 610-269-3646**

**Contact Person:** Andy Schaum, President & CEO

**Volunteers:** Age Requirement: 14 or older

**Activities:**

- Youth Development Organization for Environmental Education
- Landscaping, gardening, trail maintenance, painting of cabins/lodges, clean-up crews
- Many other opportunities available

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE**

**300 Lawrence Drive**

**Suite B**

**West Chester, PA 19380-9823**

**610-836-5990, Ext. 106**

Contact Person: Marie Frey

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 16 or older; Bi-lingual students welcome

Activities

- Opportunities exist for students with sincere interest in medicine to job shadow
- Babysitting in clinic, children's book drive
- Reception / filing opportunities
- Optimal time for volunteer opportunities is in the summer

**COVENTRY MANOR NURSING HOME**

**3031 Chestnut Hill Road**

**Pottstown, PA 19465**

**610-469-6228**

Contact Person: Crystal Yost, Activities Director

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 16 or older  
Required: application/orientation/background check/TB tests

Activities:

- Bingo, various group activities

**CRIME VICTIM'S CENTER OF CHESTER COUNTY**

**236 West Market Street**

**West Chester, PA 19382**

**610-692-1926**

Contact Person: Beth Watson

Volunteers: High School Students/Young Adults

Activities:

- In April there is a need for volunteers for a race and vigil for crime victims. Help is needed to serve and clean up.
- Bookbag project in August & Christmas project in mid-December

**DANIEL J. DETWILER PHOENIXVILLE YMCA**

**400 E. Pothouse Road**

**Phoenixville, PA 19460**

**610-933-5864**

Contact Person: Pat Bradish, Administrative Assistant  
pbradish@fvymca.org

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 16 or older



Activities:

- Membership services; front desk (checking membership cards, greeting members)
- Clerical/mailings, public relations, artwork
- Official student volunteer intern - training program for membership services and maintenance

**DOWNINGTOWN SENIOR CENTER**

**983 East Lancaster Avenue**

**Downingtown, PA 19335**

**610-269-3939**

Contact Person: Melissa Ziegler, Program Director

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 14 or older

Activities:

- Play games with seniors
- Help set up; birthday & holiday parties; group activities and clean-up activities
- Help needed in kitchen

**EAST WHITELAND VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION**

**170 Planebrook Road**

**Frazer, PA 19355**

**610-644-8558, Ext. 2 (best time to reach is Monday at 7 PM, training & meeting night)**

Contact Person: Ken Hurley, Fire Chief  
chief#5@eastwhiteland.org

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 16 or older

Activities:

- Fire, EMS, training, auxiliary

**THE GVSD ESL HOMEWORK CLUB**

Sugartown Elementary School

611 Sugartown Road

Malvern, PA 19355

610-889-2125, Ext. 2127

Contact Person: Janet Beiswenger  
jbeiswenger@gvsvd.org

Volunteers: Great Valley High School Students

Activities:

- Work with ESL (English as Second Language) children involved in after-school program
- Assist ESL teacher in working with students to complete homework assignments

**THE GVSD WARWICK HOMEWORK CLUB**  
**All GVSD Elementary Schools**  
**Malvern, PA 19355**  
**610-889-2125, Ext. 1983**

Contact Person: Jennifer Blake, Coordinator of Community Relations  
jblake@gvsd.org

Volunteers: Great Valley High School Students

Activities:

- Work with children enrolled in Warwick after school day care
- Assist with homework, reading, etc.
- Monday - Thursday 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

**GREAT VALLEY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION**  
**19 N. Bacton Hill Road**  
**Malvern, PA 19355**  
**484-995-3598**

Contact Person: Chris Johnson  
www.gvbl.org

Volunteers: High School Students

Activities:

- Many volunteer opportunities exist

**GREAT VALLEY NATURE CENTER**  
**Route 29 & Hollow Road**  
**P.O. Box 82**  
**Devault, PA 19432**  
**610-935-9777**  
**www.gvnc.org**

Contact Person: Lynn Elliot, Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator, gvnature@gmail.com  
Tom Pascoello, Director

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 13 or older. Age Requirement for Junior Counselor: 14 or older.

Activities:

- Outside trail work
- Help with special seasonal events
- Work with young children during school breaks and summers

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF CHESTER COUNTY**  
P.O. Box 1452  
Coatesville, PA 19320  
610-384-7993, Ext. 17 (call on Tuesday or Thursday)  
[www.hfhcc.org](http://www.hfhcc.org) (on-line scheduling)

Contact Person: Eliza Bernadini, Volunteer Coordinator  
eliza@hshcc.org

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 16 or older

Activities:

- Various construction activities (all skill levels)
- Year-round opportunities available
- Clerical
- The Home Store

### **HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS**

**Art School Road**

**1685 Art School Road**

**Chester Springs, PA 19425**

**610-827-7414**

Contact Person: John Shaw, Volunteer Coordinator  
jshaw@yellowsprings.org

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 15 or older  
Opportunities available weekdays, evenings and weekends

Activities:

- Assist with many special events (photography show, art show, 5K run, jazz concert, special tours, etc.)

### **HOPE SPRINGS EQUESTRIAN**

**1105 Green Lane Road**

**Chester Springs, PA 19425**

**610-827-0931 (barn)**

Contact Person: Jeannie Knowlton

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 14 or older

Activities:

- Assist with lessons by leading horses or acting as "side-walker"
- Training sessions available

### **LITERACY EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION**

**1311 West Chester Pike**

**West Chester, PA 19382**

**610-719-6448**

Contact Person: Glen Jensen  
info@lefbooks.org

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 16 or older

Activities:

- Book processing, office help, assisting in the warehouse, etc.
- Need for photographers, artists and writers

**LONGWOOD GARDENS**  
**P.O. Box 501**  
**Kennett Square, PA 19348**  
**610-388-5257**

Contact Person: Lori Trexler  
[ltrexler@longwoodgardens.org](mailto:ltrexler@longwoodgardens.org)

Volunteers: Grades: 9-12  
Application Required; file by January 27, 2014 for summer  
of 2014 (June 23 – August 13)

Activities: The Longwood Teen Volunteer Program is an eight-week experience that provides high school students with an opportunity to gain work experience, leadership skills, and be part of a team.

**MALVERN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**  
**424 E. King St.**  
**Malvern, PA 19355**  
**610-647-0693**

Contact Person: Neil Vaughn, Fire Chief (call on Tuesday evening at 6 PM)

Volunteers: For membership recruitment, contact [mrychlak@malvernfireco.com](mailto:mrychlak@malvernfireco.com)

Activities:  
•Fire Rescue and EMT (depending on level of training)

**MANATAWNY MANOR**  
**Adult Day Care**  
**30 Old Schuylkill Road**  
**Pottstown, PA 19465**  
**610-705-3745**

Contact Person: Janet Swiecicki, Activities Director

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 14 or older

Activities:  
•Small group activities, one-on-one word games  
•Group activities include bingo, serving snacks  
•Entertainment: skits, musical groups, poetry, art work

**MELMARK INC.**  
**2600 Wayland Road**  
**Berwyn, PA 19312**  
**610-325-4976**

Contact Person: Cyndie Martin, Director of Corporate & Community Affairs

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 16 or older. Orientation required.  
Volunteer positions available during the summer and for special events

Activities:

- Internships available (Seniors only)
- Holidays and special event (June) help needed

**MEALS ON WHEELS – MAIN LINE**

**235 Lancaster Avenue  
Devon, PA 19333  
610-688-8170**

Contact Person: Patricia Sierzant, Executive Director  
mealsonwheels@verizon.net

Volunteers: High School Students (for summer months and holidays)

Activities:

- Deliver and pack meals, clerical, (training required); 9:30 AM -1:00 PM, Monday-Friday

**MOM'S HOUSE**

**145 S. Main Street  
Phoenixville, PA 19460  
610-935-7711**

Contact Person: Dottie Frey, Program Director  
phx\_momshouse@verizon.net

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 16 or older (Day Care)

Activities:

- Baby bottle fundraiser (club or group activity)
- Clerical work

**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION**

**600 Reed Road  
Suite 104  
Broomall, PA 19008  
610-325-5758**

Contact Person: Eileen Gallagher or Melanie Parks  
egallagher@mdausa.org or mparks@mdausa.org

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 16 or older

Activities

- Summer camp (register in May)
- Mailings throughout the year, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Telethon on Labor Day
- Year round events off-site

**PALS FOR LIFE**

**939 Radnor Rd  
Wayne, PA 19087  
610-687-1101  
www.palsforlife.org**

Contact Person: Kristen Abbott, Program Manager  
Kristen@palsforlife.org

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 12 or older

Activities:

- Special projects, mailings, and newsletters
- Saturday community fairs
- Pet visitation programs, companion pets

**PAOLI LIBRARY**  
**18 Darby Road**  
**Paoli, PA 19301**  
**610-296-7996, Ext. 12**

Contact Person: Beverly Michaels, Branch Manger

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 14 or older

Activities:

- Shelve books, maintenance of bookshelves, crafts, story time
- Help with Children's Summer Reading Program
- Summer Service Camp

**PAOLI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
**255 West Lancaster Ave.**  
**Paoli, PA 19301**  
**484-565-1099**

Contact Person: Dana McKee, Director Volunteer Services  
mckeed@mlhs.org

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 14 or older. Application required, available on line.

Activities:

- Junior Volunteer Program after-school and weekends

**PEMBROOKE HEALTH & REHABILITATION RESIDENCE**  
**1130 West Chester Pike**  
**West Chester, PA 19382**  
**610-692-3636, Ext. 160**

Contact Person: Sherry Urban, Activities Director

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 16 or older

Activities:

- Outings
- Help run programs
- Many opportunities available

**PA HOME OF THE SPARROW**  
**969 East Swedesford Rd.**  
**Exton, PA 19341**  
**610-647-4940**  
**www.homeofsparrow.org**

Contact Person: Ginny Parry, Director of Volunteers  
gparry@homeofthesparrow.org

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 16 or older, M-F, 9-5.  
Weekends for special events. Application available online.

Activities:

- 5K run/1 mile fun walk
- Sort shelve donations
- Childcare
- Buddy for a young child
- Holiday book wrap
- Assist at special events

**PHOENIXVILLE HOSPITAL**  
**140 East Nutt Road**  
**Phoenixville, PA 19460**  
**610-983-1424**

Contact Person: Pamela Leiby, Volunteer Coordinator  
Pam\_leiby@chs.net

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 15 or older

Activities:

- Call for informational packet. Seasonal opportunities exist: fall, spring, and summer sessions.

**GOLDEN LIVING CENTER (formerly known as PHOENIXVILLE MANOR)**  
**833 S. Main St.**  
**Phoenixville, PA 19460**  
**610-933-5867**

Contact Person: Jill Kozak, Director of Activities  
jill.kozak@goldenliving.com

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 15 or older. Background check and PPD test required.

Activities:

- Help transport residents to activities
- Visit with residents one-on-one
- Assist staff with activities

**PHOENIXVILLE SENIOR CENTER**  
**153 Church Street**  
**Phoenixville, PA 19460**  
**610-935-1515**

Contact Person: Tana Gazzillo, Executive Director  
tana@phoenixvilleseniorcenter.org

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 16 or older - Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Activities:

- Help serve fundraising dinners
- Assist with recreational activities

**ST. MARTHA'S MANOR NURSING HOME AND VILLA ST. MARTHA ASSISTED & INDEPENDENT LIVING**  
**470-490 Manor Avenue**  
**Downingtown, PA 19355**  
**610-873-8490**

Contact Person: Debbie McCready, Assistant Activities Director

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 16 or older. Flexible Hours.

Activities:

- Wide variety of activities for the students to perform
- Help with various resident recreational activities
- Visit with residents-one-on-one
- Adopt a grandparent

**SAFE HARBOR HOMELESS SHELTER**  
20 N. Matlack Street  
West Chester, PA 19380  
610-692-6550

Contact Person: Tariya Edwards, Supervisor  
tariyasafeharbor@comcast.net

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 12 or older

Activities:

- Prepare and/or serve dinners, prepare bag lunches
- Help organize and store donations
- Kitchen clean-up



**THE SALVATION ARMY**  
**101 E. Market Street**  
**West Chester, PA 19380**  
**610-696-8746**

Contact Person: Donna Copeland, Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 13 or older, M-F, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, occasionally special events

Activities:

- Sort canned goods
- Many other opportunities exist, call for details

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS-CHESTER CO.**  
**458 E. King Road**  
**Malvern, PA 19355**  
**484-320-8401**

Contact Person: Madge Fahrenholtz  
610-696-4384

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 16 or older

Activities:

- Help needed on Saturdays, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM in Downingtown
- Various opportunities from coaching a sport to serving on a sub-committee
- One-on-one mentoring

**SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING**  
**200 Sunrise Blvd.**  
**Exton, PA 19341**  
**619-594-0455**

Contact Person: Kellee Silhan  
610-594-0455

Volunteers: Age Requirement:

Activities:

- Group or one-on-one activities with residents.

**SURREY SERVICES FOR SENIORS**  
**28 Bridge Avenue**  
**Berwyn, PA 19312**  
**610-647-6404**

Contact Person: Linda DiMaggio, Volunteer Manager  
info@surreyservices.org

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 14 or older

Activities:

- Assist with serving meals (Priority)

- Yard work, installing/removing screens, checking gutters, etc.
- Computer projects, mailings, web set-up and design

**THE ARC OF CHESTER COUNTY**

**900 Lawrence Drive**

**West Chester, PA 19380**

**610-696-8090 Ext. 210**

**FAX 610-696-8300**

[www.arcofchestercounty.org](http://www.arcofchestercounty.org)

Contact Person: Stephanie Cory, Development Director  
[scory@arcofchestercounty.org](mailto:scory@arcofchestercounty.org)

Volunteers: Age requirements; individuals must be 15 or older, 12 or older with a parent

- Group and/or individual opportunities available
- Long-term, direct service volunteers are required to obtain clearance forms

Activities:

- Administrative support at The Arc's Lawrence Drive location. One to two hour sessions or as needed.
  - Large mailing preparation: addressing, stuffing and stamping envelopes
  - Filing
  - Internet research and database updates
  - Miscellaneous office support
- Count Me In® Puppet Show
  - Hand and rod puppets are used to educate elementary school-aged students about children with disabilities and diversity. Training, including scripts, is provided. Scheduled performances dependent upon requests and held during and after school hours, as well as some evenings. Generally, one hour of volunteer time per performance is required. Puppeteers are accompanied by an Arc staff member at all performances.
- Mikayla & Me Story Time
  - Mikayla & Me, written by Kimberly Resh, is a true story about a third-grade student with disabilities. The book is read to elementary school-aged children to educate them about children with disabilities and diversity. Book and story time snack are provided by The Arc. Generally, one hour of volunteer time is required per scheduled reading. Scheduled story times vary depending on school/organization requests. Volunteers are accompanied by an Arc staff member at the school/organization location.
- Recreation program for children and teens with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
  - Fun Club for kids age 8-12 and Teen Club for teens ages 13-17 take place one Saturday a month. Times vary with scheduled events. Events held in various locations throughout the community.
- First Step Early Intervention program
  - Assist teachers and students with therapeutic swimming for preschool children on Friday mornings.
- Camp Safari/Teen Camp
  - Assist camp counselors and Arc staff at week-long summer day camp. Camp is located at Paradise Farms in Downingtown. Camps are held one week in June and two weeks in August. Volunteer hours are from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- "My Arc of Chester County Service Project"
  - Have an idea? Suggest your project to The Arc of Chester County. The project must be approved by Great Valley School District and The Arc of Chester County.

**THORNCROFT THERAPEUTIC HORSEBACK RIDING, INC.**  
**190 Line Road**  
**Malvern, PA 19355**  
**610-644-1963**

Contact Person: Lauren Jendrasiak  
[lauren@thorncroft.org](mailto:lauren@thorncroft.org)

Amy Davis  
[amy@thorncroft.org](mailto:amy@thorncroft.org)

Volunteers: Students, ages 13 and up

Activities:

- Training provided; horse experience not necessary
- Serve students with a variety of special needs
- Lessons Monday-Saturday
- Assist at October Dressage at Devon

**TYLER ARBORETUM**

515 Painter Road  
Media, PA 19063  
610-566-5431, Ext. 205

Contact Person: Melissa Hamblin, Volunteer Coordinator  
[mhamblin@tylerarboretum.org](mailto:mhamblin@tylerarboretum.org) (Email preferred)

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 14 or older. Call by early March for summer programs.

Activities:

- Special events: Pancake breakfast- February, Plant sale - April, Pumpkin Days – October
- Summer Day Camp Volunteer Counselors
- Environmental/Education Focus
- Tour guide for historic tour
- Trail Day – cleanup
- Assist at Butterfly House

**UPPER MAIN LINE YMCA**

**1416 Berwyn Paoli Rd**  
**Berwyn, PA 19312-0637**  
**610-647-9622, ext. 2319**

Contact Person: Debbie Cornell-Naughton, Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteers: High School Students

Activities:

- After School Childcare Aides, ages 15 or older
- Aquatic Swim Aides, ages 15 or older
- Dance Chaperones, ages 15 or older
- Maintenance Helpers, ages 16 or older
- Specialty Camp Aides, (June-August), ages 13-16 years old.

- Special Events – Halloween Treat Trail, Fall Fest, Angel Tree, breakfast with Santa, Earth Day, race helpers, summer beach parties (all ages welcome)
- Youth Sports – ages 15 or older

**WEST CHESTER AREA DAY CARE CENTER**  
**501 East Niolds Street**  
**West Chester, PA 19382**  
**610-696-8447**

Contact Person: Betsy Billie, Director  
 wcadcc@yahoo.com

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 17 or older

Activities:

- Read to children
- General Maintenance
- Clerical

**WEST CHESTER AREA SENIOR CENTER**  
**530 East Union Street**  
**West Chester, PA 19382**  
**610-431-4242**  
**www.wcseniors.org**

Contact Person: Jim Mobile, Volunteer Coordinator  
 iqstudios@aol.com

Volunteers: Age Requirement: 16 or older  
 Call by March to make summer arrangements  
 Hours of operation, Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Activities:

- Perform music, dance, and plays for the members of the Senior Center

**WEST CHESTER AREA YMCA**  
 605 Airport Road  
 West Chester, PA 19380  
 610-431-9622

**Contact Person:** Marcy Bergin

**Volunteers:** Age Requirement: 16 or older

**Activities:**

- Teacher aides
- Read books
- Tutor / homework assistance, etc.

**WINTERTHUR MUSEUM AND COUNTRY ESTATE**

Education Division

Winterthur

Winterthur, DE 19735

302-888-4784

Web: [www.winterthur.org](http://www.winterthur.org)

**Contact Person:** Margaret Jenkins, Volunteer Manager  
volunteer@winterthur.org

**Volunteers:** Students, ages 12 and up

**Activities:**

- Winterthur's Teen Corps
- Work in exhibits during weekends and holidays
- Assist with programs and provide information about the museum
- Special events include: Point to Point, Terrific Tuesdays, Breakfast with Santa, Touch it Room

**WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER**

113 West Wayne Avenue

Wayne, PA 19087

610-687-6391

**Contact Person:** Susan Deutch, Volunteer Coordinator  
sdeutch@womensrc.com

**Volunteers:** Age Requirement: 17 or older

**Activities:**

- Administrative support
- Database input
- Radnor Fall Festival