

CONNECTIONS

The Delaware County Volunteer Center

Connections Volunteer Center engages people in meaningful volunteer experiences. **Can you imagine?**

A community full of people volunteering everyday, everywhere.

Reach out, Connect, Grow. Volunteer Today!

Volunteer Opportunities November 2017

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SourcePoint

- Kitchen Assistants: Their busy kitchen needs help to get meals prepared for homebound Meals On Wheels clients. The food is 80% made from scratch by both staff and volunteers. Volunteers needed to cover positions vacated by "snowbirds" this winter. Two to three hour shifts are available 8:00 am - 1:00pm, help with cooking to scooping to serving. Must be able to stand for a couple of hours and enjoy working in a kitchen. Free lunch for volunteering!
- Meals On Wheels Drivers: Both short and long-term assignments are available to deliver hot meals to homebound seniors in Delaware County. Make new friends and feel good about your service! The hours are approximately 10:30am-1:00pm, Mon – Fri. Mileage reimbursement is provided as well as a free lunch.
- Home Chores: Home Chores volunteers complete indoor and outdoor chores for clients in Delaware County. Volunteers select the chores that they are comfortable performing. Flexible scheduling and mileage reimbursement is provided. The preference is for volunteers to accept at least one chore a month.
- Transportation: Volunteers are needed to transport homebound seniors to medical appointments. Use your own car, mileage reimbursement is available. Volunteers choose the assignments that fit with their schedule & comfort-level. The clients are very grateful!

AARP TAX-AIDE

Another tax season is rapidly approaching. This program is the nation's largest volunteer-run tax preparation service and is available free to low and middle income individuals, with special attention given to those 60+. Seeking local volunteers with basic computer skills, some aptitude and/or experience working with numbers and an interest in serving our community. Must be available at least one day a week, during the day, Mon-Fri, from Feb 1 - April 1. There are five sites: Andrews House, Orange Branch Library, SourcePoint, Sunbury Community Library and in Mt. Gilead at the Senior Center. Training & certifications provided. Mileage reimbursement available. New Volunteer Orientation Session on Dec. 6 or 7, morning or afternoon. Two day training is Jan. 3 & 4 with open practice labs every Thursday in January.

Canine Companions for Independence

Help by signing up for a shift or two at the Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping Event during the Holiday Season. There will be a tip jar for donations to Canine Companions. The stores provide all the wrapping materials.

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- The **Senior Companion program in Delaware County is in need of volunteers** to help their peers maintain, regain, or extend independent living. Volunteers help other older adults with personal errands, grocery shopping, correspondence, and doctor appointments. They can also provide short periods of relief to primary caregivers. No medical or technical skills to be a Companion. All you need to know is how to be a friend. Senior Companions must be age 55 or older with 15-20 hours per week to dedicate to the program. Benefits package included. This program is sponsored by Catholic Social Services, supported by SourcePoint, and managed by Connections Volunteer Center.
- Join the **Pen Pal Program** which matches adults 55+ with fifth graders in the Delaware City Schools. The pen pals read the same book and exchange letters to share thoughts on the story and life experiences that help bring the stories to life. The program starts with orientation in December, letters January through April, and an end of year celebration in May.



Sunbury Community Library

Seeking volunteers to assist in checking the shelves for items long overdue to make sure they haven't make their way into the wrong location of behind or undershelves. Also in need of volunteers to help once or twice a month to prepare well loved books for recycling. This opportunity is high school aged students and adults.

Area Senior Groups

Seeking older adults to join area senior groups, especially those aged 60+ who would be willing to take on leadership roles within the groups to help keep them flourishing.

Andrews House - Christmas Cupboard - December 2

Bake a difference for the Andrews House's event. Decorated cookies, buckeyes, baked goods including small loaves of sweet & savory bread, jams and jellies, and soups. Festive wrapped goods are always a big hit. Drop off items at Andrews House on Friday, Dec. 1 from 9 am - 9 pm. Please box goods in non-returnable containers labeled with your name and/or group name. Sign up on line so they can better estimate contributions.

If you are interested in any of the listed opportunities, please call 740.363.5000 between 9 am & 4 pm or e-mail: Colleen Dennis at cdennis@helplinedelmor.org or Elaine Miller at emiller@helplinedelmor.org.
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Grace Clinic Delaware is a free medical ministry that serves uninsured and underinsured members of our community with free medical appointments, prescription assistance, and specialist appointments. They are in urgent need of a Pharmacist for the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6:15 - 9:00 pm.

Volunteer Guardian Program

Guardians serve individuals who have no family able or willing to assist them, and whose ability to make decisions is diminished. They are alone and they need your help. Volunteer guardians do not have financial responsibility for the person. Must be at least 21 years old, have reliable transportation, references, attend an interview, undergo a background check and complete training. A program of the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging.

The Salvation Army

- Holiday Bell ringing is fun and easy. To run the Red Kettle Campaign, they need hundreds of volunteers. Help them by signing up your friends, family and coworkers to Adopt-A-Day; you pick a convenient location and date and divide the time however you need to get the day covered. Smile, ring the bell, and bringing entertainment is encouraged to make it fun!
- Help the Delaware corps with a Thanksgiving Meal. Help on prep day Nov. 17, 12 - 3 pm or 3 - 6 pm. Help on Nov. 18, day of the meal. prep 9 am - 12 pm, 12 - 1:30 pm serving, 1:30 - 3 pm with clean up.

The Strand Theatre

If you like movies and love the Strand, show your enthusiasm by being a Volunteer. Benefits include a Strand t-shirt and flash light plus popcorn and a small fountain drink.

Family promise of Delaware County

They are looking for dinner provider and host at the Promise House each night the week following Thanksgiving, Nov. 26 - December 2. The volunteers bring a prepared meal and serve it at the House, they stay and interact with the guests. The shift would be from 5:45 - 8:00 pm. General meals are prepared for 15 people. Info about exact amount as well as food allergies is shared ahead of time. The volunteer can be an individual, couple, family or small group. After dinner reading to the children is always well received. The focus is on building relationships with the families & showing that those in the community care and support them.

Kindred Hospice

They are in BIG need for volunteers to provide companionship, socialization, and caregiver relief for our patients and family members! They are also in need of administrative volunteers for clerical support including filing, answering the phones and helping with mailing.

Common Ground Free Store, Miracle on William Street

Volunteer with the event by helping set up on Thursday, 11/30 or help with event operations on Saturday, Dec. 2 or come in at the end and help with clean up. Or host a Toy/Supply Drive or donate at one of their gift donation stations location around town.

The Arts Castle

Volunteer in a beautiful environment in the Gallery Shop at The Arts Castle. Once a month, Tuesday - Friday, from 1-5 pm. The shop offers a wonderful variety of artists' original works from Ohio and throughout the country.

Holiday Wish List Sign-Ups

The United Way of Delaware County and the Women's Leadership Network are sponsoring ALL foster children in Delaware County along with other families in need this holiday season. Their goal is to fulfill holiday wishes and much needed basic items this year. Items need to be unwrapped and delivered to the United Way of Delaware County by Dec. 1. Sign up to Sponsor A Child this Holiday season.

SHARE

Share makes sleeping bags for the homeless out of recycled materials. Including using MEN'S TIES to tie up the sleeping bag when it is rolled up. They are in need of old ties - clean out that collection. Get creative! Have a Scout collection -- a school collection -- or how about when you attend a meeting, bring a tie!

American Red Cross

- **Transportation Specialist – Hospital Deliveries** – help drive their lifesaving mission forward by using American Red Cross vehicles to transport blood donations to the Red Cross lab and to the hospitals they serve.
- **Delaware County Blood Donor Ambassador** – Help the Red Cross meet blood collection goals and promote good blood donor experiences by putting your excellent customer service skills to work!

Delaware County Railroad Safety Task Force

Are you concerned about public safety? The Railroad Safety Task Force is looking for residents of Delaware County who are interested in spreading the message of safety when crossing railroad tracks. Help do community outreach and education during events and presentations, especially to children, about railroad safety.

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