

# 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!**

## SourcePoint

- Dining Center Assistants: Assist the hostess at the dining center, Café 55. Help with registration, carrying trays for diners, assist with set up, and clearing of tables. Looking for outgoing, social personalities who can do light lifting and move around easily. Work with a great group of ladies and enjoy a free lunch during your shift! 3 hour time commitment from 10:30am-1:30pm. One volunteer each weekday.
- Dining Center Activity Leaders: Lead group activities with the seniors at dining centers in Georgetown Apartments (Delaware) and Rainbow Apartments (Sunbury.) Activities might include mind aerobics, brain games, card games or easy art projects. Volunteers may create their own material or have it provided for them and can serve weekly, bi-weekly or monthly. The hours are 11am-12:30pm on Wednesdays (Delaware) and Mondays (Sunbury.) Free lunch available!
- Bingo Caller: Call Bingo on Friday afternoons from 12:30pm-3:30pm. The Bingo caller works with the "runner" to set up and clean up the activity. The Bingo caller calls the numbers, keeps track of the numbers called and keeps track of the time. If you can speak loudly and would enjoy spending the afternoon with a fun group of seniors, this opportunity is for you!
- 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.



**A Place of Warmth at Zion** seeks to provide a safe and warm place on nights of extreme cold for homeless men that live outdoors. Volunteers can help by volunteering for shifts during the coldest nights of winter. The warming center will be opened when the temperature is predicted to be below 20 degrees. An off duty law enforcement officer will be on site when the center is opened. Warming center hours are 8:00 pm overnight to 8:00 am. Two shifts are available for volunteers 8:00 pm - 2:00 am and 2:00 am to 8:00 am. Training on Thursday, December 7, 7:00 pm at Zion United Church of Christ at 51 W. Central Ave., Delaware. Minimum age 18. Pre-registration preferred, on line at [ConnectionsVolunteerCenter.org](http://ConnectionsVolunteerCenter.org).

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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.



## 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 under shelves. 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.

## Central Ohio Symphony

Two chances to get into the holiday spirit! Friday, Dec. 8 at 7 pm help decorate Gray chapel on the Ohio Wesleyan Campus for the concert. It will take about 2 hours. 2017 Holiday Concerts are Sunday, Dec. 10th at 2:00 and 4:30 pm. Be a great host for the audiences by ushering, assist at the handicapped entrance, and after the concerts, packing up the decorations. Great music and wonderful orchestra to enjoy while volunteering.

## Ohio Living Sarah Moore

Volunteers sought to help with BINGO night. BINGO is every Tuesday night at 6 pm. Volunteer will help gather residents (there will always be an activity staff member present), call the numbers and hand out prizes. Help once a month or more.

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](mailto:cdennis@helplinedelmor.org) or Elaine Miller at [emiller@helplinedelmor.org](mailto:emiller@helplinedelmor.org).  
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## Opportunities for Dec

**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!

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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? Help spread the message of safety when crossing railroad tracks through community outreach and education during fairs, events and presentations, especially to children, about railroad safety.

### **Preservation Parks of Delaware County**

- All hands on deck! Volunteers needed to help park staff clean and decorate the nature center at Deer Haven Park for the Holidays. Wed., Dec. 6, 9-11:00 am.
- Land Steward workday on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at Alum Creek property. Hand toss prairie seeds throughout acres of mowed fields at the new property on Bale Kenyon Road. Dress for the weather. Shifts available 9:30-11:30 and/or 1-3:00 pm. Lunch break at a nearby restaurant.

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