

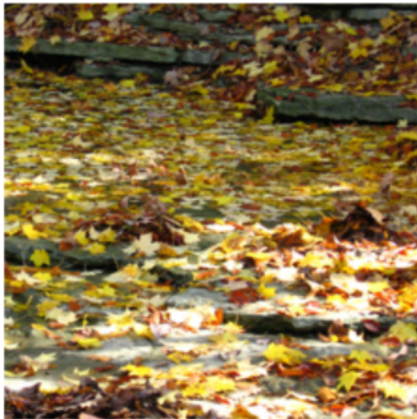


Community Volunteer Force

serving Butler County, OH

Volunteer Resource Newsletter

November - December, 2020



West Chester RASKALS - Pick your own date!

Random Acts of Simple Kindness Affecting Local Seniors (RASKALS) is a community-wide service program matching local senior citizens with volunteer teams to complete simple yard clean-up and outdoor home chores. The program is volunteer driven and coordinated through West Chester Township.

New this year, volunteers can choose their own date in November. RSVP

online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4ba9aa2da1fb6-20201>



Fairfield RASKALS is FULL

The City of Fairfield will host a RASKALS event, but Brittany Theilman reports: "We are currently full with volunteers and clients at this time, however please feel free to reach out to me about any volunteer information for the City of Fairfield." 513-896-8439 btheilman@fairfieldoh.gov.



Oxford RASKALS will be 'hybrid' event in 2020

Oxford Seniors is continuing its tradition of annual RASKALS volunteer service for local older adults' yard clean-up. This year's "hybrid" will not be a single Saturday of volunteerism, but will match one-three volunteers with one yard, on a mutually agreeable day throughout November 2020.

Contact Jennifer Marcum, Volunteer Coordinator for Oxford Seniors at 513-523-8100.



Eve Center is always seeking new volunteers

Our volunteer program requires a 12-week training course that we provide twice a year. The next training course begins February 3rd. Information can be found on our website: <https://www.evecenter.org/basic-training/>

Eve Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting healing and growth for women through biblical, no-cost, safe and confidential peer counseling and training.

Contact Kenda Moss, Eve Center Executive Director, evecenter.org



United Way Community Connect has many volunteer ideas

Have you checked out Community Connect on the Butler County United Way website? Visitors are given an opportunity to view volunteer openings and review information about many agencies that serve our region. Take a look at: <https://bcuw.galaxydigital.com/>



Volunteer for Candyland event

Pause for Parents, Play for kids is a program that supports families with disabilities through rest, support, connection, and fun!

The **GOOD** news! Our annual Pause Holiday Shoppe will go on!

The **BAD** news! Our 2020 Holiday Shoppe Reimagined will need to be held drive-through style. Oh #Rona.

The **FUN** news! This event is going to **ROCK**! Our theme is Candyland! Our families will drive through our live Candyland game board to hear a story of resilience and hope. At each drive through station, families will be part of the story from their car and will collect fun things along the way from our station volunteers!

The **LIVE** event will take place **on SATURDAY, Dec. 5, from 5:30-7:30pm**, BUT there are other opportunities for you to get involved as well!

WHAT CAN I SIGN UP FOR? Glad you asked! :)

1) VIRTUAL Personal Shopper - As a volunteer, you will be matched with a Pause family BEFORE the event, during the week of November 2-6. Via Zoom call at an agreed upon time, the children will "order" gifts from the Holiday Shoppe warehouse for their family members. You will enter their order into our system via a Google Form link we send you. Our elves will take it from there!

2) IN-PERSON Gift Wrapper - All gift wrappers will meet at Center Pointe Christian Church on Saturday, November 21st from 10a-2p (check-in opens at 9:30a) and wrap the gifts that the kids select!

3) IN-PERSON Holiday Shoppe Event Volunteer - Event will take place at our normal Holiday Shoppe event site - Center Pointe Christian Church on Saturday, December 5th. Volunteers needed for set-up (9a-3p), during the event (check-in will open at 4:30p) and after the event for tear-down (7:30-9:30p). All event volunteer opportunities are listed in this registration form.

WE WILL BE USING COVID SAFE PROTOCOLS! All in-person volunteer opportunities will all happen in a mask wearing, physically distanced, hand sanitizer everywhere, pandemic-safe sort of way!

SIGN UP HERE: <https://forms.gle/9oJNAfb5mGRVQsnu6>



Service day at Angst Family Barn Nov. 14 from 9 am - ?, 4050 Trenton Oxford Road, Hamilton OH 45011. Help clean out barn at Angst Family Farm! In order to save and stabilize the barn for future public use, volunteers are needed to help clear out loose hay and spoiled grain. Please bring your own shovel, rake, pitchfork, wheelbarrow masks and gloves. If interested, please contact Karen Stephens at 513-262-6166 or email at karentheot@gmail.com. RSVP is required.

Trail Maintenance Steward - Flexible; during park hours 8 am – dusk at assigned hiking trails within MetroParks. Trail Ambassador Stewards hike marked trails in an assigned MetroPark at least 4 hours a month. Stewards report any maintenance and safety concerns to MetroParks staff and pick up any trash.

Long-term Survey Project - flexible. Governor Bebb MetroPark, Voice of America MetroPark, Forest Run MetroPark & Rentschler Forest MetroPark. We are looking for volunteers to assist staff by collecting data. Counting passengers in vehicles will help us see how many people visit the parks. This information will help guide us where we need to focus our efforts. Timing can be flexible in 1-2 hour increments. We will provide equipment and training.

Group Service Projects – Flexible. Various locations. MetroParks always has a variety of projects for groups to complete! Contact us if you have a youth group, church group, student group, or business group that is interested in scheduling a private service day.

To comply with the current regulations surrounding groups, the maximum allowed attendees is 9. A complete listing of the requirements can be shared upon request.

Contact Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net



Calling Eagle candidates, Scouts or volunteer groups

Safe Haven Farms is in need of Eagle Candidates, Scout units or volunteer groups looking for good service project opportunities. Safe Haven Farms is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located on 60 acres near Middletown, founded by a group of local parents in response to the lack of residential and vocational services for adults with developmental disabilities. SHF has already hosted several very successful Eagle Scout projects, but we have some additional projects planned for 2020 – 2021.

* Construction of 6-8 more picnic tables to replace some that have deteriorated due to weathering (can be complete offsite, we will pick up).

* Improve chicken run area - assemble aluminum frame for 10'x20' chicken run (from a kit), install chicken wire to sides and top, construct chicken nesting boxes to allow them to expand our flock and provide more eggs.

If you know someone who would be interested in taking on any of these projects contact: Janie Cochran, Executive Director of Safe Haven Farms, janie.cochran@safehavenfarms.org.



Volunteers desperately needed

PAWS adoption center in Monroe always needs volunteers. Anyone with a little extra time or a group? Contact Kathy Teller 513-539-7297.



VIRTUAL Girl Scouts Express program facilitator

Volunteers will facilitate Girl Scout curriculum virtually each week based on Girl Scout badges. Curriculum will be provided to volunteers each week with activities and training will be provided. After registration and initial training, volunteers will receive zoom meeting details and specific meeting plans.

Volunteers will be responsible for leading girls through curriculum topic each week and engaging girls in fun virtual Girl Scout activities alongside Girl Scouts staff members.

Responsibilities: Virtual Weekly Meetings; Working directly with girls in K-1 or 2-3 or 4-6; Facilitating GS Curriculum: Girl Scout Badges – you will be provided with curriculum & supplies.

Mondays: through 12/7 @ 6-7 pm (10 weekly meetings). Contact Casey Rinella at Girl Scouts of Western Ohio: 513-619-1357 CaseyRinella@gsw.org.



New volunteers welcome

We currently need volunteers to assist us with projects at people's homes in the community. From handyman projects to checking on elderly/widows.

We also have a donation center where volunteers are needed to assist with organizing and recording inventory. We look forward to hearing from some new possible volunteers.

Hands2Hope, Mark Wells, 513 438 0350, mwells@hands2hope.org.



Be mentor in Futures Program

Help empower future success of Butler County's youth by becoming a mentor in Big Brothers Big Sisters Big Futures Program. This volunteer opportunity is ideal for adults who love their job or are retired and they want to share what they've learned with the next generation. All professions, including the trades, are welcome! (513) 867-1227 bbbsbutler@gmail.com.

Big Futures is a career-focused mentoring program that matches adult mentors in the community with high school freshmen and sophomores from throughout Butler County. The purpose of the program is to help youth prepare for their future success by sharing your experiences and perspectives in the workforce, and what it takes to achieve success and fulfillment. You will meet twice per month with your mentee. One of these meetings is one-on-one at your workplace or public location, where you'll share lessons you've learned and help your mentee plan for and realize their goals. The other meeting is a "field trip" to a local business, where you and your mentee will join others in the Big Futures program to tour the business and learn about what it's like to work there. Please note: during the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings with your mentee may be virtual, and field trips to local businesses may or may not be possible.



Volunteer Camera Operator - Year-round

Here's your ticket! Volunteer to run camera for West Chester TV at Lakota high school sports this fall, winter and spring. Production crews cover a number of events all year and couldn't do it without help and support from the community. No experience is necessary and all equipment is provided. <http://www.westchesteroh.org/.../wes.../volunteer/-fsiteid-1>



How to volunteer with Animal Friends

Volunteers must attend an orientation prior to assisting us. Call our volunteer connection at 513-867-5727 to hear a recording of upcoming orientations or review the list of upcoming dates below. All orientations are held at the shelter. Our address is 1820 Princeton Road, Hamilton, OH 45011.

Volunteers **MUST BE** at least 16 years of age. We **DO NOT** allow anyone under the age of 16 to volunteer regardless of a parent being present.

Three easy steps:

Click link SignUp.com: <https://signup.com/go/nUTBxyG>

Review the options listed and choose the spot you would like.

Sign up! It's Easy – you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Once oriented, Volunteers can help on their own time with NO SCHEDULE. You can come anytime during our volunteer hours... M,T,F,Sa,Su 9 AM – 4 PM and W,Th from 11 AM – 6:30 PM. The more you help the better, and all we ask is that you commit to a minimum of four hours per month.



You could help at many events

Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park uses volunteers many times each year. For events, volunteers will assist with ticketing, greeting, parking, collecting event surveys, photographing events and other tasks as needed. We ask that our volunteers arrive at the park 45 minutes prior to the event start time and wear a red shirt to help attendees identify members of our team. Volunteers are dismissed shortly after the conclusion of events.

Please note, the health and safety of our guests, staff and volunteers remains our top priority. Thus, we require staff and volunteers to mask and encourage attendees to do the same.

Contact Project Manager Gabi Roach at groach@pyramidhill.org. There also is the Facebook group, "Volunteers of Pyramid Hill" for volunteer spotlights, upcoming service opportunities and more

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

Volunteer Opportunities with Women Helping Women

Hospital Advocate - Volunteers sign up for on-call shifts to respond to area hospitals to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault during days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. This role requires accepted volunteers to complete our 40-hour training.

Court Advocate - Volunteers are utilized to assist survivors in court setting, such as providing support in scheduled hearings or helping walk-ins fill out a civil protection order packet. Shifts are on weekdays either 8am-12pm or 1pm-5pm. This role requires accepted volunteers to complete 40-hour training.

Outreach Advocate - Volunteers attend community events during daytime, evening and weekends on behalf of the agency to provide education and information about our programs and services.

Administrative/Clerical Advocate - Our agency needs help in our office organizing documentation, assisting with valuable reports, and supporting the administrative work of our staff. **Special Events Advocate** - Volunteers assist with events throughout the year that our agency hosts, such as awareness events or fundraisers. Some of these events include Purple Light Walk and Light Up the Night.

Next step is to attend our Information Session. At the information session you will learn more about Women Helping Women, how we use volunteers, requirements for volunteering and steps to becoming a volunteer. Info sessions offered two times a month (morning and evening) and typically last for one hour. Contact Women Helping Women: 513-765-5988.



You can find the Community Volunteer Force 24/7. We post volunteer items as received at:

<https://www.facebook.com/communityvolunteerforce/>

https://twitter.com/force_volunteer

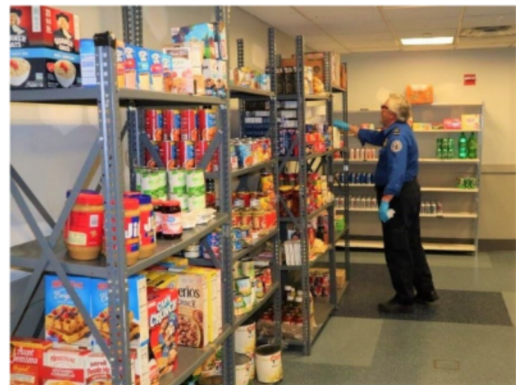


We are soliciting volunteers

Willing to help either socially distanced, wearing masks or virtually Monday through Thursday in the afternoons

Socially distanced hours 4-6pm and virtual hours are 6-8pm 4--6 primarily elementary school aged children and subjects are reading, language arts, math (basic add/subtraction, multiplication) and some STEM activities....6-8 need is for homework help for potentially grades 4-high school. **College Students are encouraged to apply.**

Reply to info@3rdevelopment.org in some instances background checks will be required if tutoring in person and depending on location. The Cost of a background check is the responsibility of volunteer. We are soliciting assistance for our community academic hubs to support online learning. PPE will be provided. Training will also be provided.



Family Service of Middletown

Family Service of Middletown is in need of volunteers to help with **work necessary to keep its Choice Market running as we serve those who are food insecure.**

Volunteers will need to be able to lift at least forty pounds as they will sometimes need to prepare a box of foods items for our clients.

Other duties are available to volunteers having had the experience of working in any capacity in other fields of employment.

Persons wanting to volunteer can call Family Service of Middletown at 513-423-4637.