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Cecil County

Volunteer Resource Guide

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Senior Services & Community Transit
Cecil County, MD**

The purpose of the Cecil County Volunteer Resource Guide is to provide a means of relaying information to individuals and groups interested in pursuing volunteer opportunities.

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www.ccgov.org/dept_aging/index.cfm

AARP TAX-AIDE VOLUNTEERS

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AARP Tax-Aide is ...

- The nation's largest, free, volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service
- A charitable nonprofit that provides a quality service helping taxpayers with low- and middle-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older.

AARP Tax-Aide Volunteers are ...

- Over 32,000 individuals who give their time and expertise to help others
- All ages, races, ethnic groups, income levels, and educational backgrounds
- Reimbursed for qualified program-related expenses, including mileage

Volunteer as a Tax Assistance Counselor ...

- Become certified by self or classroom training, and by passing the IRS exam
- Provide free tax assistance by preparing tax forms or answering tax questions
- Help clients one-on-one at tax sites
- Feel GOOD about helping others!

Serve as a site facilitator ...

- No tax knowledge required
- Check clients in and verify that they have the required documents

We train during January each year, and take an exam at the end of the training. You will NEVER feel unqualified to provide the service. Training is provided and supervised by IRS, Maryland, and

Delaware tax division representatives. We use laptop computers provided by AARP and/or IRS (no scratching numbers in by hand!). We use professional software that prompts us to avoid accidental omissions, and each return is reviewed by another member of the team.

Interested? Call or email Cheryl Hite to learn more.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Contact: Mary Kelly
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The Adopt-A-Highway program allows volunteer groups to pick-up litter along non-interstate Maryland State Highway roadways as a community service.

Who can Adopt-A-Highway? Any family, business, school or civic organization can adopt a state maintained highway.

How to Adopt-A-Highway? Call your local State Highway office for a list of adoptable roads, complete an agreement, safety training, pick-up your supplies and you are ready to go!

What is the responsibility of SHA? State Highway Administration will provide Lime Green safety vests, hats trash bags, two (2) Adopt-A-Highway metal signs with group name, two (2) SWAT (Stop Waste and Trash) roll-up caution signs, safety literature and video.

Time Commitments: As the adopting group, you agree to pick-up litter from your section of roadway (1-3 miles) four times a year for a two year period.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

92 Reads Way, Suite 205
New Castle, DE 19702

Contact: Erica Tarpine

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Email: Erica.Tarpine@cancer.org

Website: www.cancer.org

The American Cancer Society raises money for research, patient services, education programs and advocacy. Cecil County programs include:

- Reach to Recovery, matching breast cancer survivors with new patients
- Road to Recovery, providing patients with transportation to treatment
- Patient Advocates, helping patients navigate through the healthcare system
- Look Good...Feel Better, providing cosmetic counseling for women facing cancer
- Hope Lodge, providing free housing to patients undergoing treatment
- Dietitian on Call, providing nutrition counseling

Three main fundraising events finance Cecil County programs:

Relay for Life is the signature event for ACS – it is an overnight event where teams walk or run around a track to raise money to help fight cancer. Relay for Life Cecil County is held every year on the first weekend in June at Elkton High School and in North East at the Community Park in September.

Volunteer Needs: Volunteers to form walking teams, serve on the planning committee, help with fundraising efforts, and to set up, run, and clean up on the days of the event.

Time Commitment: Team Captain and Planning Committee meetings are held once a month. Fundraising efforts are ongoing. Event volunteers are needed in 2-3 hour shifts.

Daffodil Days is a fundraising campaign featuring the daffodil, the American Cancer Society's flower of HOPE. This campaign is dedicated to the promise that one day cancer will not threaten the lives of those we love.

Volunteer Needs: Individuals to serve on the planning committee; serve as Daffodil Coordinators for their place of business, or pack and deliver daffodils or work at sales sites throughout the county during the second week in March.

Time Commitment: Planning Committee meetings are held monthly. During event week, volunteers are scheduled in 2-3 hour shifts.

Volunteer Requirements: Contact the organization for more information.

“Everyone can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love...”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS OF THE
DELMARVA PENINSULA**

100 W. 10th Street, Suite 501
Wilmington, DE 19801

Phone: Volunteer Line:
1-800-777-6620, option 7
for more information

Email: volunteer@redcrossdelmarva.org

Website: www.redcrossdelmarva.org

The American Red Cross of the Delmarva Peninsula can be reached 24 hours a day to help local families when disaster strikes and to help local military families communicate during emergencies. We teach our neighbors lifesaving skills such as first aid, CPR, and water safety. We train you free of charge in disaster preparedness. We install Lifeline monitors to give you the confidence and freedom to live on your own. All this would not be possible without the valuable contributions of your talents, time and financial contributions. Thank you!

Current volunteer needs include but are not limited to:

- Disaster recovery assistance
- Course instruction and training
- Facilitating emergency communication between military personnel and their families
- Providing community-based disaster education
- Assisting the elderly through the Lifeline program
- Donating professional expertise and filling leadership roles at local offices

Volunteer requirements depend on the volunteer job; potential volunteers are encouraged to attend a free orientation session to learn more about our services and volunteer opportunities. Contact the office for more information.

Time Commitments: Long term, short term, and one-time events are available. Contact our office for more information.

Age Requirements: 16 years of age and older — but there are some youth activities.

**Reasons for Volunteering
in Maryland**

Volunteering is an American ideal. Civic responsibility and patriotism are core elements for building and sustaining healthy communities in this country.

Volunteers have a number of motivations for giving back, and many relate to duty and social responsibility. Since September 11, Americans have benefited from the renewed sense of pride and civic engagement during the ongoing recovery period after the attacks.

“I commend the Corporation for National and Community Service for its timely focus on health and volunteerism. These findings complement the Administration on Aging's ongoing efforts to harness the power of prevention and wellness for all older Americans. Volunteerism is an important tool in our strategy to promote health and prevent disease,” said Josefina G. Carbonell, Assistant Secretary for Aging at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

BAYSIDE COMMUNITY NETWORK, INC.

1290 W. Pulaski Hwy.

Elkton, MD 21921

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The following is a listing of opportunities to make a difference in the lives of children and adults experiencing a disability:

Assist adults with mental challenges by helping them walk or use a wheelchair between classes. **Time Commitment:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday; flexible days and times between 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM; usually 1 to 1 ½ hours; Route 40 location

Assist mentally challenged young woman with office duties. **Time Commitment:** Tuesdays, 11:00 AM – noon, Elkton Public Library

Work with children with special needs at Camp C.A.R.E. (Sandy Cove). **Time Commitment:** Selected weeks in July and August, Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Drive adults with disabilities to jobs or doctor appointments. **Time Commitment:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday; flexible days and times between the hours of 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Drive adults with disabilities to and from jobs. **Time Commitment:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Flexible days and times between the hours of 6:30 AM – 8:30 AM. Flexible days and times between the hours of 4:30 PM – 10:30 PM.

For more information, please contact the organization.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CECIL COUNTY

300 Cherry Street

North East, MD 21901

Contact: Melissa Polonsky, Director of Program Development

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Website: www.mybgccc.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Cecil County is a non-profit organization serving youth from 6-18 years of age. We provide a safe, positive place for kids after school and during the summer, offering recreational programs; education and career development; the arts and culture; character and leadership development; health and life skills; and technology.

Current Volunteer Needs: Volunteers will provide help with recreation, education, arts, character building, health and life skills, and technology.

Volunteer Requirements: Volunteers will be required to have a background check. We appreciate any special skills or talents volunteers can share with youth (sports skills, homework assistance, homemaking skills like baking, sewing or crafts, photography, fine arts or music skills, career discussions, chess or other board games, weightlifting or other fitness activities, computer skills, gardening or outdoor activities, educational games, maintenance, etc.). Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older.

Time Commitment: Long term, short term and one-time volunteers are welcome. Our hours are 2:00 PM–6:00 PM during the school year (Monday—Friday). Summer hours are 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM (Monday – Friday).

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA,
DEL MAR VA COUNCIL**

100 W. 10th Street, Suite 915
Wilmington, DE 19801

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Cecil District Executive

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Website: www.delmarvacouncil.org

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Current Volunteer Needs: Volunteers are needed to help with Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews located throughout Cecil County.

Volunteer Requirements: Potential volunteers must fill out an adult application form and submit to an FBI criminal background check.

Time Commitment: Typical time 5-10 hours per week.

"I thought that I would just be making a difference in other peoples' lives, but through serving them and working with these people I grew to love them and found that the biggest difference that took place was in my life. This is an experience I will never forget."

*Anna Smith
Guatemala 2008 Volunteer*

**CECIL COLLEGE, DIVISION OF
CONTINUING EDUCATION AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Elkton Station
107 Railroad Avenue
Elkton, MD 21921

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Coordinator Non-Credit
Career Advising

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Website: www.cecil.edu

Current Volunteer Needs: We need workshop speakers on an on-going basis for students; there is a need for employers and career people to talk and perhaps assist in our career center and with job shadowing/coaching.

Volunteer Requirements: Volunteers must have good communication skills and enjoy working with students of all ages; must be interested in education and possess skills in mentoring and advocacy. For Career Center - knowledge of computers, resumes, etc. All speakers should be motivational, knowledgeable, and passionate about their area of expertise. **Age Requirements:** 18 years of age and older

Time Commitment: Long term, short term, and one time event opportunities are available.

**CECIL COLLEGE, YOUTH
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

Elkton Station
107 Railroad Avenue
Elkton, MD 21921

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Youth recreational and theater summer camp program. Teen volunteers are needed to work as counselors in training.

Current Volunteer Needs: Volunteers will assist with theater/drama and recreational activities.

Volunteer Requirements: Volunteers must have a positive attitude, be good role models, and enjoy working with younger children (ages 7-12). **Volunteers should be between the ages of 13-16** to serve as counselors in training.

Time Commitment: Short term -- one to two weeks during the summer; hours 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Don't ever question the value of volunteers. Noah's Ark was built by volunteers; the Titanic was built by professionals...

CECIL COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, INC.

135 E. Main Street
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Heather Morrissey
Executive Director
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Fax: 4 410-392-5392
Email: info@cecilcountyartscouncil.org
Website: www.cecilcountyartscouncil.org

The Cecil County Arts Council is a non-profit organization committed to presenting, promoting and sustaining the arts in Cecil County.

Current Volunteer Needs: The Arts Council offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, including: office assistance, exhibition set-up and hanging, promotions, table-sitting at trade shows, etc., and special event planning and coordination. We also have various committees that require volunteers. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the business of art. Tell us your strengths and interests and we'll find the perfect fit. Volunteers earn credits for classes and Arts Council merchandise. Please contact us for more information.

Volunteer Requirements: Volunteers should have a positive demeanor and enjoy working with others. We accept volunteers 14 years of age and older.

Time Commitment: There are weekly and monthly opportunities as well as one-time commitments; we will work with anyone's schedule. Our operating hours are: Monday – Friday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM and the 1st & 4th Saturday of each month, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

CECIL COUNTY CHORAL SOCIETY

www.cecilchoral.org

The Cecil County Choral Society is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide every interested person the opportunity to rehearse and perform choral music.

Current Volunteer Needs: Individuals who love to sing! For age requirements, please contact the organization via our website:

www.cecilchoral.org/contactus.htm

Time Commitment: 10 weeks of rehearsals (Tuesdays, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM) and four concerts per semester (fall and spring). Rehearsal season begins in September on Tuesday evenings. Check the organization's website for specific starting dates.

CECIL COUNTY COURT WATCH PROGRAM

135 E. High Street
Elkton, MD 21921

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Violence Coordinator

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Fax: 410-996-0696

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The Cecil County Watch Program volunteers sit in on actual court cases, take notes and give opinions on ways the judicial system could be improved.

Current Volunteer Needs: The Cecil County Court Watch Program needs watch volunteers for district/circuit court.

Volunteer Requirements: Volunteers must be unbiased and open-minded; cannot have a criminal record. Must have free time and be interested in the judicial system. Volunteers should possess good writing and communication skills.

Time Commitment: Volunteers may serve as they wish.

"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live.

Life is no 'brief candle' to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on the future generations."

George Bernard Shaw

CECIL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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Rising Sun Office:

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Website: www.ccgov.org

The Cecil County Department of Parks and Recreation, in strong partnership with the community, is committed to providing quality facilities, parks, programs and services in a professional, efficient manner that meets the needs of the community, enhances the quality of life, and promotes community involvement through organized activities and events.

Current Volunteer Needs: Assist with programs (lacrosse, soccer, wrestling, football and hockey), Safetyville Summer Camp and the Holly Tree (winter). Skilled volunteers are needed as tutors and teachers or assistants for classes (art, dance, exercise) or other areas of interest. Help is also needed for park clean up twice a year. Volunteering with us is a great way for students to earn service learning hours!

Volunteer Requirements: We accept Safetyville Teen Assistants ages 12 – 12th grade; Holly Tree Sitters must be 14 or older (if under 18, will need parent or guardian). Contact the organization for more information.

Time Commitment:

- Safetyville: Two weeks in June and two weeks in July, 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM.
- Holly Tree: Volunteers needed to decorate and un-decorate the tree. Volunteers are needed to sit at the tree while open to the public (first week in December until January 1 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM)
- Coaching: Knowledgeable coaches are needed depending on the season to provide instruction and leadership to youths in organized sport activities after school, evenings and weekends.
- Program instruction for children and adults: Seasonal

“Whatever community organization, whether it's a women's organization, or fighting for racial justice ... you will get satisfaction out of doing something to give back to the community that you never get in any other way.”

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

**CECIL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES: HELP CENTER**

135 E. High Street
Elkton, MD 21921

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The Help Center operates a free Thrift Shop and Food Pantry. Financial assistance is available for: eviction prevention, first month's rent, mortgage foreclosure prevention, and winter heating fuel. The Help Center is also involved with the Salvation Army Camp, supplies for school backpacks, and holiday food programs.

Current Volunteer Needs: Front desk receptionist, food pantry and clothing room assistance, driver, and Salvation Army bell ringer.

Volunteer Requirements: Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and should possess the desire to give back to the community or want to help solve a community problem.

Time Commitment: 4-hour shifts in the morning or the afternoon

**CECIL COUNTY DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE RAPE CRISIS CENTER**

P.O. Box 1160
Elkton, MD 21922

Contact: Amy Broyles
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Fax: 410-996-0820
Email: abroyles@dhr.state.md.us

The Cecil County Domestic Violence Rape Crisis Center is a dual agency which provides services to victims of domestic violence and rape/sexual assault. Services include individual and group counseling, safe shelter, court and hospital accompaniment and safety planning. We also have children's programs and are available to provide community education.

Current Volunteer Needs: On-call Rape Crisis Advocate, children's programs, outreach events, help at SPCA.

Volunteer Requirements:

Child Protective Services clearance will be performed and a criminal background check as well. Volunteers must be 16 years old; age 18 and older for on-call advocate.

Time Commitment: On-call Rape Crisis Advocates are on-call for one week shifts every 6 to 8 weeks; time commitment varies for other volunteer positions.

"A pessimist, they say, sees a glass of water as being half empty; an optimist sees the same glass as half full.

But a giving person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty."

G. Donald Gale

CECIL COUNTY FAIR

Cecil County Fair Grounds
4640 Telegraph Rd., Rt. 273
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Debbie Harris, Secretary

Phone: 410-392-3440

Email: generalinfo@cecilcountyfair.org

Website: www.cecilcountyfair.org

Cecil County Fair has been a wonderful county event since 1953. An old-fashioned county fair with rodeo, demolition derby, midway, truck and tractor pulls, 4-H exhibits and entertainment. Takes place the last week in July.

Current volunteer needs include but are not limited to:

- Set up and tear down, clean up of grounds and exhibit areas
- Registering entries for exhibits
- Judging of 4-H & open class entries/exhibits

Age Requirements: All ages; call office for more information.

Time Commitments: Short term and one-time events are available. Contact our office for more information.

“When you are kind to someone in trouble, you hope they'll remember and be kind to someone else, and it'll become like a wildfire.”

Whoopi Goldberg

CECIL COUNTY FARM MUSEUM

954 England Creamery Road
Rising Sun, MD 21911

Contact: Jerry England

Earl Simmers

Phone: 410-658-3348

Email: info@ccfarmmuseum.org

Website: www.ccfarmmuseum.org

The goal of the Cecil County Farm Museum (CCFM) is to keep the history of agriculture in the county alive while providing rewarding and enjoyable fellowship for our members. Whatever your interest in agriculture, we can help you pass this on to the community by volunteering. Our monthly meetings are about 1-2 hours long. CCFM takes pride in offering educational opportunities on local agricultural history to the community. We routinely work with elementary and high schools to perform on-site demonstrations and discussions. We also work with youth-oriented service groups (such as Boy/Girl Scouts) to provide opportunities for merit projects.

Current Volunteer Needs: Fund-raising, public relations, tractor demonstration assistance, artifact collection/restoration, Apple Butter Festival event assistance, site planning and improvements.

Volunteer Requirements: Volunteers should be 18 years of age or older; any skill level is welcome.

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours per month or more.

**CECIL COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT**

401 Bow Street
Elkton, MD 21921

Website: www.cecilcountyhealth.org

The Cecil County Health Department strives to improve the health of Cecil County and its residents in partnership with the community. We provide leadership in finding solutions to our health problems through assessment, policy development and assurance of quality health services and education. Programs and services help to: prevent epidemics and the spread of disease, protect against environmental hazards, prevent injuries, promote and encourage healthy behavior and mental wellness. We also respond to disasters and assist communities in recovery, and assure the quality and accessibility of health services.

Administration Division

Contact: Brenda Henson, Director
Phone: 410-996-5550, ext. 109
Fax: 410-996-5179
Email: bhenson@dhhm.state.md.us

Current Volunteer Needs: Assist with health and human services programs.

Volunteer Requirements: Experience in transporting clients (valid driver's license required); typing and filing skills. Volunteers must be 21 years of age or older.

Time Commitment: Flexible hours between 8:00 AM – 5:00PM (Monday – Friday)

Community Health Services Division

Contact: Robin Waddell, RN, MSN,
CRNP, Director
Phone: 410-996-5130 ext. 189
Fax: 410-996-5179
Email: rwaddell@dhhm.state.md.us

Current Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers are needed to supervise children in the clinic waiting/play room.

Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and enjoy working with children.

Time Commitment:

Flexible hours between 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Monday – Friday).

Special Population Services Division

Contact: Douglas Sommers, Director
Phone: 410-996-5112 ext 148
Fax: 410-996-5134
Email: dsommers@dhhm.state.md.us

Current Volunteer Needs: Mental health crisis counselors are needed during disasters working with the Health Department Mental Health Core Services Agency.

Volunteer Requirements:

Training provided; volunteers must be 21 years of age or older.

Time Commitment:

Please contact the organization for more information.

CECIL COUNTY PREGNANCY CENTER

P.O. Box 1948
Elkton, MD 21922

Contact: Lucy Sneeringer
Executive Director

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Fax: 410-398-7886

Email: cecilcountypc@comcast.net

Website: www.supportwoman.org

The Cecil County Pregnancy Center is a Christian organization committed to upholding the sanctity of human life by providing emotional support and practical assistance to pregnant women and families in need.

Current Volunteer Needs: Volunteers are needed as Peer Counselors in our individualized, incentive-based program of pregnancy and parenting education for clients. Peer Counselors also aid clients requiring material assistance through our H.O.P.E. Chest. **Of note, we are particularly in need of Spanish-speaking Peer Counselors!** We also need 'Helping Hands' volunteers, who work "behind-the-scenes" processing material donations, cleaning the facility, copying, filing, etc.

Volunteer Requirements: Must be 100% Pro-Life, dependable, possess readiness to help in different ways, and have a commitment to Christian biblical values regarding life, sex, marriage, and family. **Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older.**

Time Commitment: No requirement for overall length of commitment; however, we prefer a weekly commitment if possible and require a minimal commitment of two times per month. Hours needed: Monday and Tuesday, 12:00 PM – 3:00PM and 5:00PM – 8:00PM; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10:00AM – 1:00PM.

CECIL COUNTY PROJECT LITERACY

Elkton Station
107 Railroad Avenue
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Carolyn Fletcher
Director, Adult Education

Phone: 410-392-3366

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Email: cfletche@cecil.edu

Current Volunteer Needs: Provide one-on-one tutoring to adults who possess limited to no reading ability.

Volunteer Requirements: We need volunteers who have patience and are tolerant of other lifestyles. Volunteers must complete a nine hour tutor training. Please contact the agency for specific requirements.

Time Commitment: Long term; depends on initial skill level of student and other factors. Schedules are flexible.

A BEACH FILLED WITH STARFISH Making a Difference

A woman was walking along a beach filled with starfish. As she walked, she would stoop down, pick one up at random, and throw it back into the ocean. A man came upon her and asked why she was bothering with throwing some back when there were so many – how could it possibly make a difference?

She picked up another starfish, threw it back into the ocean, and said, "It made a difference to that one."

Author Unknown

CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

301 Newark Avenue
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Monica Shine
Volunteer Coordinator

Phone: 410-996-6070 x3176

Website: www.cecil.ebranch.info

The Cecil County Public Library connects the entire community with innovative information services, high quality educational and cultural programs and skilled staff. The public library system serves the county with seven branches and a bookmobile. Volunteering at the Cecil County Public Library is a great way to serve your community while meeting interesting people and having fun! We have volunteer opportunities at all seven CCPL Branches.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers can be found in many of the library's departments including circulation, children's and reference. Opportunities include assisting with library mailings, helping with Story Time crafts, helping to keep materials in order and assisting with special events.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with our **Story Circles Program** and **Book Buddy Program**. The **Story Circles Program Volunteers** visit nursing homes, assisted living homes, adult daycare centers, or senior apartment complexes throughout the county. The volunteer reads stories and leads discussions with small groups of seniors once a month. Our **Book Buddy Volunteers** select and deliver library materials every three weeks to patrons who are homebound or facility-bound.

Volunteer Requirements:

Book Buddy and Story Circles Volunteers must have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Please contact your local branch of the library for more information on volunteer requirements (including age).

Time Commitment:

Story Circles Volunteers need to prepare what they wish to present to the group. Materials are available at the library. Planning and presenting should take approximately one hour. Book Buddy Volunteers may spend as long as they want. The usual time commitment is 1 ½ hours per month, which includes visiting, selecting books, checking-in and checking-out books and travel time. Please contact your local library branch for information on time commitment for other volunteer positions.

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

Dr. Albert Schweitzer

CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

210 Booth Street
Elkton, MD 21921

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Website: www.ccps.org

The Cecil County Public Schools serves the diverse needs of more than 16,000 students in our elementary, middle and high schools. Persons who volunteer in our schools may serve in clerical or supervised instructional roles.

Current Volunteer Needs: Call your local school for more information or contact Kelly Keeton.

Volunteer Requirements: Volunteers in the CCPS need to be comfortable working with young people, and to be able to get along with them. A critical attribute that must be possessed by all volunteers is the ability to maintain confidentiality in all matters concerning the school, the staff, and the students. Flexibility, a sense of humor, and the ability to follow written and/or oral directions are also required. All volunteers are supervised by certificated teachers; the work volunteers perform with students is designed by those teachers.

Time Commitment: Volunteers can work as little as one hour per week. The key is the ability to have regular attendance.

CECIL COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

758 E. Old Philadelphia Road
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Tanya Adams
Recycling Coordinator
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Website: www.ccgov.org/dept_works/recycling.cfm

Manage solid waste and recycling for Cecil County.

Current Volunteer Needs: Painting, light carpentry, mowing, weed-eating, general maintenance.

Volunteer Requirements: Must be over 18 years of age.

Time Commitment: 8 hours per week

There is no better investment of time and money that in the life of a child. They are the future.

Alma Powell

CECIL COUNTY SPCA, INC.

3280 Augustine Herman Highway
Chesapeake City, MD 21915

Phone: 410-398-9555

Fax: 410-885-2910

Email: cecilcountyspca@verizon.net

Website: www.cecilcountyspca.org

Cecil County SPCA, Inc. is a shelter for animals.

Current Volunteer Needs: Volunteers will assist with feeding, grooming and socializing animals.

Volunteer Requirements: Must have a love for animals, must be reliable and committed. No previous drug history. **Volunteers must be 13 years of age or older.**

Time Commitment: Prefer long- term commitment. Hours of operation: Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30PM, Wednesday until 7:00 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

CECIL COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

110 North Street
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Sandy Biggs
Volunteer Coordinator

Phone: 410-398-3890

Email: beccabiggs@verizon.net

Cecil County Special Olympics provides sports training and competition for individuals with disabilities, giving the athlete a chance to excel and gain confidence. We also provide the opportunity to develop life-long friendships with other athletes throughout the state of Maryland (all at no cost to the athlete).

Current Volunteer Needs: Volunteers will work with people who are disabled (mentally or physically). Volunteers can help in whatever way they can, either by training in a variety of sports, or assisting athletes in competition.

Volunteer Requirements and Time Commitment: Please contact the organization for more information.

“Never before has man had such a great capacity to control his own environment, to end hunger, poverty and disease, to banish illiteracy and human misery. We have the power to make the best generation of mankind in the history of the world.”

President John F. Kennedy

CECIL COUNTY TOURISM

68 Heather Lane, Suite 43
Perryville, MD 21903

Contacts: Sandy Turner
Tourism Coordinator
cecil.tourism@ccgov.org
Della Lied
dlied@ccgov.org
Dale Underwood
dunderwood@ccgov.org

Phone: 1-800-Cecil95
(1-800-232-4595)

Fax: 1-866-466-7069

Website: www.seececil.org

Cecil County Tourism markets the county as a tourist destination

Current Volunteer Needs: Volunteers are needed to help with mailings throughout the year. In addition, knowledgeable residents are needed to work shifts at the visitor center, answering questions about local attractions, accommodations, restaurants, and directions.

Volunteer Requirements: Mailing assistance volunteers should have the ability to follow detailed instructions. Information volunteers must possess an in-depth knowledge of Cecil County attractions, accommodations, and directions.

Time Commitment: Volunteers may commit to serving a few days per year or as frequent as several days per month. Please contact the Cecil County Tourism Office for more information.

CECIL PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

110 E. Main Street
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Sunshine Gibson
Systems of Care Specialist

Phone: 410-620-0762

Fax: 410-620-3802

Email: sgibson@cecilpartnerships.org

Website: www.cecilpartnerships.org

Cecil Partnerships for Children, Youth and Families, Inc. is the Local Management Board for Cecil County, responsible for the planning and implementation of programs to serve the community. By combining state, federal and local funds, we have collaboratively developed innovative programs that address the needs of our county's children, youth and families.

Current Volunteer Needs: Volunteers can assist in grant development and administration, including: data collection and data entry, as well as clerical duties with Cecil Partnership's office.

Volunteer Requirements: Volunteer duties will be based on the individual's desires and qualifications. There are volunteer activities available for every qualification and skill level. If a volunteer would like to work with minors, he/she must pass a criminal background check. **Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older.**

Time Commitment:

Length of commitment varies depending on the desired commitment of the volunteer.

CHESAPEAKE CARE RESOURCES

80 Marysville Road
North East, MD 21901

Contact: Jean Marie Miller
Deputy CEO

Phone: 410-287-5040

Fax: 410-287-5049

Email: jmarie@chesapeake-care.org

Website: www.Chesapeake-Care.org

Chesapeake Care Resources provides residential services, a day program, and transportation services to individuals who have developmental disabilities. We encourage independence through choice and M.O.V.E. (Mobility Opportunities via Experience).

Current Volunteer Needs: Assistance needed for field trips and other various areas. Please contact us for more information.

Volunteer Requirements: A caring nature. We accept volunteers 14 years of age and older.

Time Commitment: Varies and can be very flexible.

CHRISTIAN CRITTERS

c/o Elkton United Methodist Church
219 E. Main Street
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Faye Camors

Phone: 410-392-5548

Email: flywaway723@comcast.net

Christian Critters, a pet ministry of Elkton United Methodist Church, offers visitation to clients in nursing homes, adult day care centers, senior centers, assisted living facilities and specialty schools for adults.

Current Volunteer Needs: Friendly, well-behaved pets and their owners. Student service learning hours are available if a youth accompanies the pair.

Volunteer Requirements: Please contact us for specific requirements. Service learning hours for youth (must be accompanied by an adult).

Time Commitment:

Two days per month: afternoon hours (1:00 – 3:00), evening (6:00 – 8:00), weekdays and weekends. We will work to accommodate a volunteer's schedule.

“The ad got my attention immediately. I could not have written a better job description for myself. I work with AmeriCorps State Park Partners in Delaware as a volunteer coordinator. I am the first full-time volunteer coordinator at the Killens Pond State Park, so my job duties have been written as I go. For example, after our park naturalist took on a full-time teaching position and was unavailable to manage the Learn and Serve program she began, I took over the program. It has been a challenging and rewarding experience, and I have gained knowledge, training, and personal fulfillment. The members of our group are all terrific. I know that there are people who will remain in my heart and life. This is a new program, and we are changing the way volunteers impact the park. I am proud to be part of a team that is breaking new ground.”

Hester Downes, AmeriCorps State and National - AmeriCorps State Park Partners, DE

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL*CECIL COUNTY

P. O. Box 2303

Elkton, MD 21922-2303

Contact: Bunny Sturgill-Martin
President

Phone: 1-443-907-5289

Email: bunny@christmasinaprilcecilcounty.org

Website: www.christmasinaprilcecilcounty.org

Christmas in April*Cecil County provides home repair, construction and safety to clients who are income restricted, elderly, disabled, or injured.

We provide services through volunteers, licensed professionals, materials men and service providers.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers help with construction on homes for clients who apply for services.

Volunteer Requirements: Christmas in April uses all volunteers who step up to the task. Skilled tradesmen and contractors are very valuable in the larger and complicated projects. Accomplished homeowners serve as leaders on smaller projects. We all labor under this leadership. Other volunteers serve as Board Members on various committees in different capacities, such as: raising money, screening applications, increasing awareness, developing sponsors, and planning functions. **Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older.**

Time Commitment:

Board Member: 24 days a year

Team Captain: 4 days a year

Volunteer: 2 days a year

Live the Value of Service Every Day

It's not just about joining a program or getting involved in formal volunteer work. You can live your commitment to service through small acts every day. Here are just a few:

Be a good neighbor

Speak up for others

Be an optimist

Be a good listener

Do something nice for someone
every day

Share your good fortune

Be open to the joy of giving of
yourself

Invest your time in doing good
Don't wait for others to step up to
the plate

Dream of a better world—and
make your dreams come true

**COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANIES,
CECIL COUNTY**

CECILTON FIRE COMPANY

110 E. Main Street
Cecilton, MD 21913

Contact: Robert Dixon

Phone: 410-275-8686

Website: www.ceciltonvfd.com

CHARLESTOWN FIRE COMPANY

307 Market Street
Charlestown, MD 21914

Contact: Ronnie Daniels

Phone: 410-287-6451

Website: www.charlestownmd.org/safety.htm

**COMMUNITY FIRE CO. OF
PERRYVILLE, MD, INC.**

920 Principio Furnace Road
P.O. Box 776, Perryville, MD 21903

Contact: Charles W. Gardner

Phone: 410-642-6930

Email: cgardner161@msn.com

Website: www.pvfd616.com

The Community Fire Company of Perryville provides fire, rescue, EMS, and other emergency services to the community.

Current Volunteer Needs: In addition to fire, rescue or EMS volunteers, emergency services, fund-raising, and administrative volunteers are needed.

Volunteer Requirements: No qualifications required. Free training is provided in all areas of service (fire, rescue and EMS). This association can also aid in developing the skills and experience required for career opportunities. **Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older.**

Time Commitment: Long or short term.

**COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY OF
RISING SUN (CFCRS)**

300 Biggs Hwy.
P. O. Box 148
Rising Sun, MD 21911

Contact: Ken Morris

Phone: 410-658-5115

Fax: 410-658-9899

Email: kmorris@zoominternet.net

Website: www.cfcrs.org

We provide fire, rescue, Emergency Medical Services and special operations to the citizens and visitors of the town of Rising Sun and the surrounding community. We also provide mutual aid to the adjoining Cecil County Fire Companies as well as Chester and Lancaster Counties (PA), Harford County (MD) and New Castle County (DE). CFCRS has approximately 70 active members and 40 associate members with NO full or part time employees. We have a Cadet Program for young adults ages 14 and 15 to assist with peripheral duties of the company. CFCRS has two major fund drives in the fall and spring. We also have a Community Fireman's Carnival in July of each year.

Current Volunteer Needs:

We have a need for adults (young, middle aged and up) to accomplish the goals set forth by the company to provide services in fire, EMS, fund raising and administrative areas.

Volunteer Requirements:

We provide training in the fire and EMS services; those members completing training will meet company, state and federal standards and certification. Administration and fund raising is performed by all members from time to time. The Community Fire Company of Rising Sun, Inc. does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, national origin or sex. **Cadets may start**

at age 14 and regular members at age 16.

Time Commitment:

It is our intention to provide an atmosphere that personnel would like to stay for a long term. Fire fighting and EMS calls may require extended time depending on the operation. A county pension for members is provided at age 55 for those meeting the requirements.

COMMUNITY FIRE CO. OF RISING SUN LADIES AUXILIARY

300 Biggs Hwy.
P.O. Box 699
Rising Sun, MD 21911
Contact: Ann Gibney, President
Phone: 410-658-6300
Fax: 410-658-9899
Email: membership@cfcrs.org
Website: www.cfcrs.org

The Ladies Auxiliary provides refreshments to emergency personnel at the scene of emergencies and also caters functions at the Rising Sun Banquet Hall to support the Community Fire Company of Rising Sun.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Please contact us for specific needs.

Volunteer Requirements:

No training required. Volunteers must be 16 years of age and older.

Time Commitment: Long and short term commitments available; please contact the organization for more information.

HACKS POINT FIRE COMPANY

1185 Glebe Road
Earleville, MD 21919
Contact: Gary Simmons
Phone: 410-275-8308
Website: hackspointfirecompany.com

NORTH EAST FIRE COMPANY, INC.

210 S. Mauldin Avenue
North East, MD 21901
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 770
North East, MD 21901
Contacts: Stephen J. Piatelli, President
Kathy Logan, Secretary
Phone: 410-287-8222
Fax: 410-287-6913
Email: admin@nefc4.com
Website: www.nefc4.com

SINGERLY FIRE COMPANY

P.O. Box 444
Elkton, MD 21922-044
Contact: Shirley Herring
Phone: 410-398-7300
Website: www.singerly.com

“Somewhere on this planet, someone has a solution to each of the world's problems. It might be one of us. With your help, we can build a more hopeful world.”

Marianne Larned

**COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANIES,
CECIL COUNTY**

**VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., NO. 1 OF
CHESAPEAKE CITY, INC.**

215 Lock Street

Chesapeake City, MD 21915

Phone: 410-885-5951

Email: Photo2@chesapeakecity2and12.com

Website: www.chesapeakecity2and12.com

We provide fire, rescue, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and other services to the town of Chesapeake City and surrounding communities. We also assist neighboring fire companies in Maryland and Delaware in providing emergency services.

Current Volunteer Positions & Needs:

Fire and rescue personnel, EMS aides and drivers, administrative and fund raising assistance.

Volunteer Requirements: Individuals must have a desire to serve the community. No experience necessary - all training provided through the fire company and other emergency services organizations. Interested persons must complete application and have background check. **Age Requirements:** Applicants must be at least 16 years of age, with parental consent required if below 18 years of age.

Time Commitment: To be an active member, each individual is expected to complete 150 hours of service in various areas of operation each year. Other full members volunteer their time when available.

WATER WITCH FIRE COMPANY

P.O. Box 324

Port Deposit, MD 21904

Contact: Walter Abrams

Phone: 410-379-4223

Website: www.wwfco.com

**By the Way ... How Do
You Compare?**

According to IndependentSector.org's "Give 5" campaign, which encourages people to volunteer 5 hours per week and donate 5% of their income to charitable causes:

Approximately 109 million American adults volunteer annually: that's 56% of all adults.

Adult volunteers contribute an average of 3.5 hours per week - totaling 19.9 billion hours with an estimated dollar value of \$225.9 billion.

59% of teenagers volunteer an average of 3.5 hours per week: that's 13.3 million volunteers totaling 2.4 billion hours at a total value of \$7.7 billion.

70% of American households make a contribution to one or more charitable organizations. The average gift of contributing households is 2.1% of income.

**COMMUNITY HOSPICE OF
MARYLAND**

202 East Main Street
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Lisa Clewer
Volunteer Director

Phone: 410-725-6745

Fax: 410-287-2612

Email: lclewer@communityhospices.org

Community Hospice provides high quality compassionate healthcare to those facing a terminal illness. Our Hospice Team of nurses, social workers, chaplains, and bereavement counselors are experts in addressing the issues faced by the terminally ill and their loved ones. Our goal is to provide comfort care and end-of-life services with innovation to foster dignity and independence in those we serve.

Current Volunteer Needs:

- **Hospice Services:**
Home Patient Care (reading to patients, relieving caregivers for a needed break, shopping, cooking, or running errands, helping patients write or tell their life stories) and administrative tasks (answering phones, filing, assisting with mailings, and fund raising activities).
- **Hospitals and Health Care Facilities:**
Visit with patients at various nursing homes, assisted living facilities and in-patient hospital care.

- **Skilled Services:**

For hospice patients who are homebound, providing spiritual care, massage therapy, music therapy, legal assistance, hair cutting and numerous other services.

Volunteer Requirements: All that we require is a caring heart and the willingness to make a difference in someone's life. Personal choices, interests, and talents are always considered when providing services. We require volunteers providing patient care to be 18 years of age or older. Office volunteers may be younger than 18. Please contact the organization for more information.

Time Commitment: Any amount of donated time is accepted. Typically, one day per week for a 2-3 hour period of time. Flexible schedules can be arranged to accommodate a volunteer's preference for daytime, evenings, weekends or weekdays. Occasionally, volunteers are needed at a specific time to accommodate family appointments.

“Volunteering creates a national character in which the community and the nation take on a spirit of compassion, comradeship and confidence.”

Brian O'Connell

COVERED BRIDGE THEATRE COMPANY (CBT)

Community Cultural Center
Milburn Stone Memorial Theatre
One Seahawk Drive
North East, MD 21901

Phone: 410-287-1023

Email: cbt@cecil.edu

Website:

www.cecil.edu/community-resources/resources/cultural-center/volunteer.asp

Community Theatre housed at Cecil College. Individuals interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with CBT are encouraged to visit the organization's website for a detailed description of volunteer roles. Check it out!

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS (DAV)

Bldg. 6, Room 3
VA Medical Center
Perry Point, MD 21902

Contact: Woody Shenk, DAV
Transportation Coordinator

Phone: 410-642-2411, ext. 5384

Fax: 410-642-1873

Email: woodrow.shenk@va.gov

Website: www.DAV.org

DAV is a nation-wide Veterans Service Organization operating a Transportation Network at Perry Point VA Center, Perryville, MD.

Current Volunteer Needs:

We need volunteer drivers to transport patients to and from the VA Medical Center, Perry Point, MD.

Volunteer Requirements:

We require our drivers to pass a physical and a background check. Volunteer

drivers must be capable of driving an eight passenger van.

Time Commitment:

Volunteers can drive a specific day of the week or drive on-call, which ever suits your time best. The time commitment can range from one hour to five hours, depending on the destination.

EASTER SEALS, DELAWARE & MD EASTERN SHORE

61 Corporate Circle
New Castle, DE 19720

Contact: Holly Titus

Phone: 302-221-2037

Fax: 302-324-4480

Email: HTitus@esdel.org

Website: www.de.easterseals.com

Easter Seals provides services to children or adults with disabilities and their families. We help to ensure that all people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to live and learn in their community.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Receptionist and greeter, office assistants and classroom assistants, marketing volunteer, Saturday respite assistant, exercise leader, yearly conference setup and support (September), volleyball challenge (March). Volunteers are also needed to share a skill or hobby.

Volunteer Requirements: Must be over 17 years of age.

Time Commitment: Varies.

ECLIPSE BASE BALL CLUB OF ELKTON

77 Clear Creek Glen
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Bruce Leith, President
Email: elktonbase_ball@yahoo.com
Website: www.elktonbbc.com

Ever want to volunteer to work in an authentic 19th century base ball front office? The Elkton Base Ball Club educates the public on what a sporting event was like in the 1860s in Cecil County. We play other clubs up and down the east coast of the United States just as base ball would have been played in the 19th century. You can also check out our website for our current schedule!

Current Volunteer Needs: We are looking for people who love the history of baseball and want to participate in planning mini events throughout the summer (from April to October). Matches are held at Elk Landing at the end of Landing Lane in Elkton, MD. We are currently looking for people who want to participate as a 19th century umpire, 19th century townsfolk, and concession stand volunteers as well as other “front office” jobs. If you are interested in playing for the club you just have to love the history of the game and like playing the game (physical activity required) and you must be at least 18 years old.

Volunteer Requirements: Volunteers should have an appreciation for baseball’s history and/or 19th century life. **Age Requirements:** Adults only.

Time Commitment: Matches are on scattered Sundays and Saturdays; 3-4 hours per game or 1-2 hours per week depending on position.

ELKTON CHAMBER AND ALLIANCE

101 East Main Street
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Mary Jo Jablonski
Phone: 410-398-5076
Fax: 410-398-4971
Email: info@elktonalliance.org
Website: www.elktonalliance.org

The Elkton Chamber and Alliance is a non-profit, private/public partnership, which helps promote and revitalize the downtown area of Elkton.

Current Volunteer Needs: Volunteers will assist with a variety of events throughout the year. Please contact us for more information.

Volunteer Requirements:

Please contact the organization for more information.

Time Commitment:

One time (Fall Fest in September).

“In American society today, we need to have volunteerism. I truly believe that it is the glue that will hold us together and it will be the energy that will take us into the 21st century.”

U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski

ELKTON COMMUNITY KITCHEN

c/o Elkton Presbyterian Church
209 E. Main Street
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Margaret Holland
Coordinator

Phone: 410-398-6483

The Elkton Community Kitchen provides hot lunches on Friday of every week to the homeless, welfare recipients, mentally challenged, senior citizens, and **all** members of the community – thus the name Community Kitchen rather than “soup kitchen”. The program, supported by more than 20 organizations, emphasizes the forming of human relationships and mutual healing.

Volunteer Requirements: We are looking for organizations to become part of our program—providing, preparing, and presenting food for approximately 150 persons. Organizations should contact the Elkton Community Kitchen Coordinator to make arrangements.

Time Commitment:

Contact the Elkton Community Kitchen Coordinator.

“I have seen how little it takes to re-ignite the flames of hope. Through service, we help others start dreaming again...”

*Matt Giles
Bolivia 2002 volunteer*

ELKTON TOWN BAND

58 McCleary Road
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Jacob Schneider
President, Board of
Directors

Phone: 410-398-8816

Email: tbones7@comcast.net

Website: elktontownband.tripod.com/index.html

Originally established in the 1880s as the Elkton Cornet Band, the Elkton Town Band (ETB) has evolved into a group of adult musicians, whose talents and abilities range from intermediate to professional levels. The ETB plays a variety of music, ranging from show tunes to marches to orchestral transcriptions. Public performances include a five concert series at Elkton High School and appearances in local parades and other community functions. Tax-deductible donations are accepted by the band, which are used to purchase new arrangements of music.

Current Volunteer Needs: The band accepts experienced adult and advanced level student musicians.

Volunteer Requirements: All volunteers must be able to attend rehearsals and must provide their own instrument. They must have experience performing in band at the high school or college level. No beginners are accepted. Experienced adults are welcome without audition. Student musicians will be auditioned unless 1) he/she has performed in all-county or all-state band or 2) he/she is attending with a participating family member.

Time Commitment: Most rehearsals are Sunday evenings from 5:00 – 6:30 PM at Elkton High School. Most performances are typically at 7:00 PM at the same location.

FAIR HILL INTERNATIONAL

378 Fair Hill Drive
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Charles T. Colgan
Executive Director

Phone: 410-398-2111

Fax: 410-398-5020

Email: office@fairhillinternational.com

Website: www.fairhillinternational.com

Fair Hill International is a 501(c) (3) (non-profit) corporation that conducts a series of equestrian events (three-day-eventing, combined driving, endurance riding) throughout the year at the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers will assist with events. Please contact the organization for specific needs.

Volunteer Requirements:

Knowledge of horses is helpful but not necessary. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older.

Time Commitment:

Variable – one or more full days at the “Festival in the Country” on the third weekend in October – or one half to one full day per event during April through September.

See our website for schedule of events during the year:

www.fairhillinternational.com

FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER

200 Road B., Hollingsworth Manor
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Barbara Istvan, Director

Phone: 410-287-1100

Fax: 410-392-9548

Email: bistvan@cecil.edu

Childcare Center provides Early Head Start, Pre-K classes, GED and Head Start.

Current Volunteer Needs: Please contact the Center for more information.

Volunteer Requirements: Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older and will have to agree to a criminal background check.

Time Commitment: Please contact the Center for more information.

FAMILY SERVICES ASSOCIATION

718 N. Bridge Street
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Howard Isenberg
Executive Director

Phone: 410-398-4060

Fax: 410-398-8893

Family Services Association, Inc. is a non-profit, outpatient, mental health outreach and visitation center.

Current Volunteer Needs: Volunteers will assist in providing services for children and youth.

Volunteer Requirements: Volunteers should be hard-working, committed to making a difference, possess a strong ethical background, and strive to help others. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older.

Time Commitment: Will discuss with volunteer.

FREEDOM HILLS THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM

Mailing Address:

P. O. Box 222
Port Deposit, MD 21904

Location:

55 Rolling Hills Ranch Lane
Port Deposit, MD 21904

Contact: Renee Sherrard-Luther

Phone: 410-378-3817
or 866-431-6874

Fax: 410-378-3817

Email: fhtrp@freedomhills.org

Website: www.freedomhills.org

Offering therapeutic horseback riding to the physically, mentally, emotionally disabled or challenged, and to kids at risk. We serve all ages in the tri-state area of MD, DE, and PA.

Current Volunteer Needs: Fundraising, office assistance, side/lead walking horses, barn management, Special Olympics, horse shows.

Volunteer Requirements: Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older; training is provided

Time Commitment: Volunteers are needed for daily activities, some evenings and weekends, annual fundraisers.

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can.

John Wesley

FRIENDS OF MOUNT HARMON, INC.

P. O. Box 65
Earleville, MD 21919

Contact: Phyllis Drupieski
Site Coordinator

Phone: 410-275-8819

Email: pdrupieski@mountharmon.org

Website: www.mountharmon.org

Friends of Mount Harmon are dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of Mount Harmon Plantation. Mount Harmon is one of the few remaining colonial era plantations open to the public, and is a scenic and historic treasure. The plantation includes a restored 18th century manor house, colonial kitchen, formal boxwood garden, rare tobacco prize house, and a spectacular waterfront setting. Mount Harmon is open May through October, Thursdays to Sundays, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, and by appointment.

Current Volunteer Needs: Volunteers are needed to assist with our programming: as docents, with school programs and for special events.

Volunteer Requirements: Volunteers should possess the ability to interact well with the public (knowledge of colonial history, antiques and/or nature are a plus). A Junior Docent Program is open to youth ages 12 and older.

Time Commitment: A long term commitment is preferred. Mount Harmon is open May through October, Thursdays to Sundays 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Please contact us for more information.

THE GENERATION STATION

1 Randalia Road
Chesapeake City, MD 21915
Contact: Anita Collings
Phone: 410-885-5973

The Generation Station is an after-school program for “at risk” middle school students and is one of four ministries operated by the Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association. The program runs from October to May. When finances permit, summer programs are offered.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Assistance is needed to work with children and youth programs (art, computers, recreation, tutoring) and other activities as planned.

Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteers must be able to work well with adolescents/early teens. Hours are approximately 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM (schedule can be flexible). We accept volunteers who are high school seniors and older.

Time Commitment:

There is flexibility with volunteers –can be worked out with Mrs. Collings.

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY COUNCIL, INC.

501 S. College Avenue
Newark, DE 19713
Phone: 302-456-7150
Fax: 302-456-7188
Website: www.GSCB.org

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouting is for girls between the age of 5 and 17 and is inclusive of all ethnic and cultural backgrounds, religions and economic status. Chesapeake Bay Council serves DE, Cecil County, the MD Eastern Shore and two VA counties. Financial aid is available.

Current Volunteer Needs: We have volunteer positions that directly serve girls, positions that support volunteers, and clerical positions in our offices in Newark, DE and Salisbury, MD.

Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteers will need to grant permission for a background check. Leaders are required to attend two free training classes to help them run a troop. Leaders need to be 18; high school girls can assist with and run troops but they must have two adults present at all times.

Time Commitment: Varies.

“A volunteer is a person who is a light to others, giving witness in a mixed-up age, doing well and willingly the tasks at hand— namely, being aware of another’s needs and doing something about it.”

Author Unknown

GUIDING EYES FOR THE BLIND

361 Route 164
Patterson, NY 12563

Contact: Linda Damato

Phone: 1-866-GEB LABS
(1-866-432-5227)

Email: ldamato@guidingeyes.org

Website: www.volunteer.guidingeyes.org

Guiding Eyes for the Blind is an internationally accredited, nonprofit guide dog school with a 50-plus year legacy of providing the blind and visually impaired with superior Guiding Eyes dogs, training, and lifetime support services.

Current Volunteer Needs: Puppy Raiser - Raising a puppy for Guiding Eyes for the Blind is a real gift of love. A puppy is not born a guide dog, but created through the dedication and commitment of an entire team of individuals. The Puppy Raiser is the pivotal member of that team. Raisers provide hours of patient teaching and numerous socialization journeys over a 12 to 16 month period, before they return a well-socialized young adult dog to Guiding Eyes training staff.

Volunteer Requirements: Puppy Raisers are responsible for providing a safe, healthy and loving home for a pup, socializing the pup and teaching it good manners and attending required meetings and evaluations. Raisers are also responsible for the cost of food and some basic supplies (approx. \$35 per month). Guiding Eyes covers all veterinary expenses and provides free classes for volunteers.

Our network of puppy raisers includes a broad spectrum of caring individuals from various walks of life. They include couples, families with children, young adults and senior citizens. Some already have pets of their own. Raisers live in

urban, suburban, and rural areas – and in apartments, town-homes, and single family homes.

The relationship and bond between the raiser and pup will become the foundation for all the life lessons a guide dog needs to master.

Time Commitment: Puppy Raiser – Volunteers should be prepared to devote adequate time to exercise, train and attend regular weekend and evening classes with their puppy. Generally, Raisers will work with the pup for short 15-20 minutes socialization sessions throughout the day. Raising a puppy is a full time commitment for approximately 12 to 16 months.

Age Requirements: There are no age minimums to participate in this program however youth raisers need the support of their family to provide transportation to meetings and provide socialization experiences on a regular basis. An adult should also attend the classes and training so the entire family is consistent and knowledgeable when interacting with the puppy.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

P.O. Box 803

North East, MD 21901

Contact: Denise Sarsfield, President

Phone: 410-392-9601

Fax: 410-392-9155

Email: sarsfieldd@yahoo.com

Website: www.habitatcecil.org

Cecil County Habitat for Humanity, a hand up not a hand out, builds houses in the community.

Current Volunteer Needs and Requirements:

No requirements – help is needed for clerical tasks, mailings, and construction. Please contact the organization for more information on age requirement.

Time Commitment:

Volunteers may work one day or whatever their schedule allows.

HISTORIC ELK LANDING FOUNDATION

P. O. Box 277

Elkton, MD 21922

Contact: Joshua D. Brown, President

Phone: 410-620-6400

Email: elklanding@gmail.com

Website: www.elklanding.org

The Historic Elk Landing Foundation is a historic organization responsible for the interpretation and maintenance of one of Maryland's and the Mid-Atlantic's most historic tracts of land: Elk Landing. Situated at the confluence of the Little Elk and Big Elk Creeks, this site is on the area's earliest transportation corridor and played a role in many significant historical events. At present our chief interpretive era is 1750 – 1850; but as we are an emerging living history museum

we could potentially interpret the site from 10,000 BC to the 1920's. Currently the organization's core focus is the maintenance of our two historic homes and hosting historic living history events.

Current Volunteer Needs: We are looking for volunteers to assist with special events, tours, and special programs for students and adults. We are also looking for researchers, historians, website developers and many other positions. History buffs welcome! We are particular in need of War of 1812 enthusiasts.

Volunteer Requirements: We are looking for enthusiastic, responsible and dependable people of all ages. Please contact the organization for more information.

Time Commitment: All volunteer needs have very flexible time commitments; please contact the organization with your specific skill-set and we can happily provide you with more information.

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”

Author Unknown

JAYCEES OF CECIL COUNTY

P.O. Box 918
Elkton MD 21922

Contact: April Neel, President
Email: adneel29@yahoo.com
Website: www.jayceesofcecilcounty.org

The Jaycees (a “young person’s” organization), provides leadership training through community service for members, ages 21-40 years old. We improve our members’ leadership skills through organizing projects in our community. We encourage individual development by providing opportunities to improve writing and public speaking skills. We also have fun socials, like pool parties, happy hours, movie nights, family fun night, sporting events, picnics, etc. The Jaycees create positive change in our community! Some of our Signature Projects include: The Senior Citizen’s Prom, Spring Carnival, T. Nichol McIntyre Scholarship Award, and Christmas from the Heart. Our local chapter is part of a state, national and international organization.

Current Volunteer Needs: We need people who would like to create positive change in our community, improve communication skills, meet new people, and acquire organizational skills that employers want, meet people throughout the nation with similar ideals, become an effective leader, and make friends.

Volunteer Requirements: Come out and meet us! To be a member of the state, national and international organization you must be between the ages of 21-40 years old. Our local chapter also has associate members who do not meet the age requirement. Youth are welcome at our meetings and most events.

Time Commitment: You can commit as much or as little time as you would like. We encourage our members to attend our monthly membership meetings, which last one hour. You can choose to work on as many projects as you want.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ELKTON

P.O. Box 684
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Bill Alphin, President
Bill McQuistin
(after 10/1/09)

Email: elktonkiwanis@yahoo.com
Website: www.elktonkiwanis.com

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. Our motto is “serving the children of the world”.

Current Volunteer Needs: Volunteers will provide assistance for events throughout the year. Please contact us for more information.

Volunteer Requirements: A willingness to help others! Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older.

Time Commitment: We hope to have people join our club and stay for the long term to help with projects and fundraisers. We also would welcome people on short term to help with our fundraisers, especially our lemonade stand at the Cecil County Fair (it is our biggest fundraiser).

LIONS CLUBS IN CECIL COUNTY

Lions Clubs International exists “to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs”.

For more information on a Lions Club in your community, please contact the following persons:

CECILTON LIONS CLUB

Contact: Richard Thompson
President
Phone: 215-901-6240

CHESAPEAKE CITY LIONS CLUB

Contact: Robert Kidner, Secretary
Phone: 410-885-3655
Email: BKidner@dishmail.net

CONOWINGO LIONS CLUB

Contact: Paul McGuigan, Secretary
Phone: 302-218-7379 (cell)
410-378-3922 (home)

ELKTON LIONS CLUB

Contact: David Schlegel, President
Phone: 443-553-3102
Email: sirlanceschlegel@yahoo.com

NORTH EAST LIONS CLUB

Contact: Miriam McMaster
Secretary
Phone: 410-287-9078
Email: miriamnortheast@aol.com

PERRYVILLE LIONS CLUB

Contact: Salvatore Capuccio
Vice-President
Phone: 410-287-8148

PORT DEPOSIT LIONS CLUB

Contact: Bob Dermott, President
Phone: 410-378-4713
Email: Derm88@zoominternet.net

RISING SUN LIONS CLUB

Contact: Brad Davis, President
Phone: 410-658-7185
Email: bdavis@agoc.com

“In this troubled world, it's refreshing to find someone who still has the time to be kind. Someone who still has the faith to believe that the more you give, the more you receive.

Someone who's ready by thought, word, or deed to reach out a hand, in the hour of need.”

Helen Steiner Rice

MARCH OF DIMES

175 W. Ostend Street
Baltimore, MD 21230

Contact: Heather Lynch
Cecil County
Community Director

Phone: 410-803-0620

Email: hlynch@marchofdimes.com

Website: www.marchofdimes.com
www.marchforbabies.org

The March of Dimes is the leading non-profit organization for pregnancy and baby health. With chapters nationwide and its premier event, March for Babies, the March of Dimes works to improve the health of all babies.

Current Volunteer Needs: People to assist the March of Dimes staff in the planning and recruiting of teams and walkers for our walk-a-thon, March for Babies.

Volunteer Requirements: Please contact the organization for more information.

Time Commitment: October to May: One 1-hour meeting per month; event day – ½ day (AM).

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

Aesop

High school senior Nick Hock started volunteering early in life. As a four-year-old, he accompanied his parents when they volunteered at the Bowley's Quarters Improvement Association in their Maryland hometown. So he was an eager participant when a middle school science teacher started a service-learning project, growing bay grass in the classroom for spring-time transplantation to the Chesapeake Bay. The grasses, which are often destroyed by boats entering shallow areas, are vital to the bay's ecosystem, filtering water and providing places for fish to hide from predators and to spawn. Although he grew up on the bay, Hock says he never knew how important the bay was until he took that science class. Since then, he's continued with numerous activities focused on the bay as part of Chesapeake Bay Memories, an organization that offers field trips to the bay for under-privileged children. But that's only part of Hock's activities. He also serves as a DJ at Eastern High School in Essex, Md., and has provided computer support to both teachers and fellow students there. Hock, who plans to be an electrician, was honored as one of the top four Craftsmen of the Year in Maryland and recently became an Eagle Scout. He plans to study business management in college in preparation for a career in construction. He also intends to continue volunteering, both on and off the Chesapeake Bay.

Nick Hock

Chesapeake Bay Memories, MD

MEETING GROUND

P.O. Box 808
Elkton, MD 21922-0808

Phone: 410-275-2936

Fax: 410-275-9441

Email: volunteer@meetingground.org

Website: www.meetingground.org

Meeting Ground provides emergency and transitional housing and support for families, women, and men who are experiencing homelessness in Cecil County as well as Harford and Kent Counties and New Castle County, Delaware. We have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities available at any given time; please use the above contact information (preferably email) to inquire about possibilities.

CLAIRVAUX FARM

21 Veazey Cove Road
Earleville, MD 21919

A residential facility with accommodation for 45 persons – single men, single women, and families with children.

WAYFARERS' HOUSE

107 Delaware Avenue
Elkton, MD 21921

Centrally located emergency and transitional residence for 16 women with or without children.

SETTLEMENT HOUSE

The Men's Shelter of Cecil County
168 E. Main Street
Elkton, MD 21921

Centrally located emergency and transitional residence for 16 men.

GEORGE PORTER HOUSE

238 Mackall Street
Elkton, MD 21921

A large duplex transitional house for 5 to 8 persons who are working towards vocational and/or academic qualifications.

ROTATING CHURCH-BASED WINTER SHELTER

(from October to March)

A 25 bed shelter that rotates among 20+ Cecil County churches for women, men, and families experiencing homelessness.

MARY RANDALL CENTER

401 North Street
Elkton, MD 21921

A centrally located daytime drop-in center for worship, Bible study, coffee, laundry and extensive referral services. Meeting Ground's administrative offices are based in this building.

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

NAMI (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS) OF CECIL COUNTY

6 Rene Carr Street
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Fay Wood, President

Phone: 443-955-4963

Email: faywood@udel.edu

Website: www.NAMI.org

NAMI, a national grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons (and their families) living with mental illness, currently runs educational offerings in Cecil County as interest is shown. We hope to expand our offerings to the community.

Current Volunteer Needs: We need volunteers to help coordinate a walk team from Cecil County for the Maryland NAMI Walk, which takes place in May of each year. Volunteers will be working with people with mental health issues. We are also looking for a person with knowledge of website development who is willing to help develop a website for our affiliate.

Volunteer Requirements: A positive outlook on mental health issues, and a willingness to work with people of all ages.

Time Commitment:

We work with volunteers to schedule time that fits into their lives. Most work can be done directly from their homes.

“I joined AmeriCorps after realizing that there was more to life than just being a student. During my college years, I took a step away from volunteering. After graduating and starting graduate school, I realized that it was a part of my life that I missed. I went to the career office and spoke with a counselor who told me about AmeriCorps*NCCC.

During training, we cleaned up an inner city neighborhood in Baltimore, Maryland. I grew up in upstate New York across the street from a cow farm. I had never really experienced the inner city before and I was a little nervous.

Many possible worst-case scenarios raced through my head as we arrived in the city. However, I remembered that I wanted to challenge myself and this was the perfect opportunity. About two hours into our work, a man came out of one of the houses and asked what we were doing. We explained and he asked if he could help. His offer changed the way I felt about what I was doing. I went about my work with a new sense of purpose. Not only was I cleaning the neighborhood, I was setting an example and introducing the possibility of a lasting impact by involving the community members.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve my country while staying in my country. I know I will never take a step back again from volunteering because there is always something to be done.”

*Dianna Ball
AmeriCorps*NCCC
Baltimore, MD*

PAWS FOR PEOPLE

P.O. Box 1353

Hockessin, DE 19707

Contact: Stephanie Barry, Office
Manager for questions

Phone: 302-351-5622

Fax: 302-351-5622 (please call
ahead before faxing)

Email: PAWSforPeople@comcast.net

Website: www.PAWSforPeople.org

PAWS for People is a non-profit organization of volunteers who share their gentle affectionate pets (dogs or cats) with elders, children, and folks with disabilities. Our main focus is pet therapy -- visiting the young, adults and the elderly in a variety of settings – hospitals, assisted-living facilities, physical therapy settings, Easter Seals, a cancer center, a drug & alcohol treatment center and adult day care services. A complete list is located on our website. We also offer a number of programs that involve children including our **PAWS for Reading** program where children get the chance to read to a dog in a library or public school. We now serve over 80 locations in Cecil County, Maryland; New Castle County, Delaware; southern Chester County, Pennsylvania and 2 facilities in New Jersey.

Current Volunteer Needs:

The therapy team: The pet (cat or dog) must be exceptionally gentle, people-focused and enjoy being petted. The pet and handler must pass an evaluation done by a PAWS representative. The human part of the team must enjoy spending time visiting all kinds of people and want to share their pets with others.

Volunteer Requirements: Both owner and pet must attend an orientation session followed by a workshop providing information about the testing program, a team evaluation and testing and a formal

training. An assisted first visit to the facility/program of their choice completes the training.

Age Requirements: 18 years of age and older; we are currently accepting students who are interested in volunteering or need volunteer credits for their school; however, a parent or adult 18+ years of age must accompany them through orientation, testing, training and visiting.

Time Commitment: We require each team to commit to visit at least twice a month on a schedule they choose. Please contact the organization for more information or check our website for details.

“Citizen service is the very American idea that we meet our challenges not as isolated individuals but as members of a true community, with all of us working together. Our mission is nothing less than to spark a renewed sense of obligation, a new sense of duty, a new season of service...”

President Bill Clinton

RAY OF HOPE MISSION CENTER

960 Craigtown Road
Port Deposit, MD 21904

Contacts: Frank Rinaldi, Director
Kathy Heim, Intake

Phone: 410-378-9800

Fax: 410-378-5400

Email: rayofhope@zoominternet.net

Website: <http://mission.mivok.net>

Ray of Hope is a Christian-based mission. Our goal is to help people who fall through the cracks (everyday working families and senior citizens).

Current Volunteer Needs: Volunteers will assist in providing: emergency services, food/consumer goods, and health and human services. For example: assisting with the food pantry, soup kitchen, rental evictions, medications, doctor visits, and the garden program.

Volunteer Requirements: Must be able to read and write. Volunteers should be 16 years of age or older.

Time Commitment:

Long Term – Fridays, 9:00 AM – Noon;
Noon – 3:30 PM (Food Pantry); Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (sorting clothing)

RIVERFEST IN HISTORIC CHARLESTOWN

Phone: 443-303-4088

Email: info@charlestownriverfest.org

Website: www.charlestownriverfest.org

Raising children is the responsibility of the entire community. Our events help raise money for children's special events and the Boys and Girls Club.

Current Volunteer Needs: Volunteers will assist with recreational activities for the yearly event.

Volunteer Requirements: The desire to help wherever needed with a smile! For example, ticket booth sales, face painting, etc.

Time Commitment:

One time, every September.

It is from the numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

Robert F. Kennedy

SANDY COVE MINISTRIES

60 Sandy Cove Road
North East, MD 21901

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Director of Development
Phone: 443-674-9490
Fax: 410-287-3196
Email: s.bias@sandycove.org
Website: www.sandycove.org

We are a non-denominational Christian conference center which provides year round opportunities for individuals to be a part of our programs or come as one of our rental groups to get away from the hectic pace of life and enjoy God's creation overlooking the beautiful North East River.

Current Volunteer Needs:

- Housekeeping:
Laundry, housemaids
- Dining Room:
Food servers, food prep, kitchen staff
- Maintenance:
Grounds, painting, wallpapering, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, automotive, flooring, drywall
- Marketing:
Mailings, photography, database, data-entry
- Treasure Chest Resale Shop:
Sort and price donations of material goods
- Seasonal: Decorate facilities for holidays

Volunteer Requirements: Servant heart; willing to make a difference with the gifts/skills that God has entrusted to each person. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Time Commitment: Open and flexible

SEASONS HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE

133 N. Bridge Street, 3rd Floor
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Jean Jordan
Volunteer Coordinator
Phone: 410-392-4742
Email: jjordan@seasons.org
Website: www.seasons.org

Seasons Hospice provides a specialized program of care for patients who are facing a terminal illness. The Hospice Team provides expertise on pain management and symptom management, as well as spiritual and emotional support. Our goal is to make patients comfortable and add quality to life.

Current Volunteer Needs:

- Patient care and office tasks.
- Visit patients at various area nursing homes and in-patient hospital care.
- Provide skilled services for hospice patients who are homebound, such as massage and music therapy, spiritual care, and legal assistance. We need volunteers to cook for patients, cut hair, run errands, do yard work, and numerous other services.

Volunteer Requirements: Potential volunteers are identified for patient care and/or office activities based on their personal choices, interests, and talents. For office work—any age and for patient care 18 years of age or older.

Time Commitment: Typically one day a week, for 2-3 hour period of time. Occasionally, volunteers are needed at a specific time/day to accommodate family appointments. Days and hours would be chosen by volunteers and the families they are helping.

**SENIOR SERVICES & COMMUNITY
TRANSIT (SSCT) OF CECIL COUNTY**

200 Chesapeake Blvd., Suite 2550
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Krista Gilmore
Phone: 410-996-8416
Fax: 410-620-9483
Email: kgilmore@ccgov.org
Website: www.ccgov.org

Senior Services & Community Transit (SSCT) promotes an enhanced quality of life for a diverse population of older adults in Cecil County. We strive to promote positive aging through programs and services (delivered at our Elkton and Perryville Centers, community facilities, and homes), through education, information, volunteer opportunities, and access to benefits and services. SSCT defends the rights of vulnerable adults and enables individuals at risk of institutionalization to continue living independently in the community as long as possible. SSCT seeks to create partnerships to increase resources for older adults.

Current Volunteer Needs: Current volunteer needs include: transportation to medical appointments; Home Delivered Meal volunteers; office assistance; Senior Buddies (providing classroom assistance at local elementary schools); Healthy Lifestyles Fitness Center assistance.

Volunteer Requirements: Volunteers should possess the desire to help and serve others, the ability to communicate effectively with senior adults and have an outgoing, compassionate personality. All SSCT Volunteers are required to complete a volunteer application, which includes granting permission for a background check. Transportation volunteers must submit to a driving record check and provide proof of car insurance. Due to the

vulnerable population served by SSCT, individuals with certain criminal histories will be prevented from a volunteer assignment.

Age Requirements: Center Activities: 14 years of age and older (under 18 with parental permission); clerical and HLFC assistance: 18 years of age and older; Home Delivered Meals and Medical Transportation Volunteers: 25 years of age and older.

Time Commitment:

- Home Delivered Meal Volunteers: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (10:30 AM – Noon)
- Clerical assistance: weekdays during business hours (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM)
- Senior Buddies (once a week during school year)
- Healthy Lifestyles Fitness Center assistance: Monday -- Friday (7:30AM –6:30PM).

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another.”

Erma Bombeck

TRI-STATE BIRD RESCUE & RESEARCH, INC.

110 Possum Hollow Road
Newark, DE 19711

Contact: Julie Bartley, DCVA
Volunteer & Office Manager
Phone: 302-737-9543, ext. 102
Email: JBartley@tristatebird.org
Website: www.tristatebird.org

The mission of Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research is to achieve excellence in the rehabilitation of injured, orphaned, and oiled native wild birds, with the goal of returning healthy birds to their natural environment. We do this through compassionate care, humane research, and education.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Tri-State's small professional staff is augmented by an army of volunteers who donate 30,000 hours annually to keep Tri-State's programs running smoothly. Talents are needed in a variety of areas such as bird care, oil spill response, front desk reception, landscaping and maintenance, office support, fundraising, marketing and special events.

Volunteer Requirements:

Please call us at 302-737-9543 to find out how and where you can volunteer. Volunteer inquiries may also be made on our website (www.tristatebird.org).

Volunteers need to be at least 16 years old to work directly with the birds. We have other opportunities for those who are 14-15 years old. Please contact the organization for more information.

Time Commitment:

Please contact the organization for more information.

UNION HOSPITAL OF CECIL COUNTY

106 Bow Street
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Jean Moran, Director of
Volunteer Services
Phone: 410-392-7019
Fax: 410-620-5450
Email: jmoran@uhcc.com
Website: www.uhcc.com/volunteers

The Volunteer Services Department supports the staff at Union Hospital to enhance the health and well being of residents in Cecil County and neighboring communities.

Current Volunteer Needs: Volunteers give service in over 35 positions throughout the facility. Please contact us for additional information.

Volunteer Requirements: Volunteers need to have good customer service skills, be dependable, and have the desire to serve our customers. Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older.

Time Commitment: Volunteers are requested to commit to 100 hours of service. Volunteers are scheduled between 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM. Most shifts are three to four hours long. Most volunteers give one or two shifts per week or as available.

“Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud.”

Helen Dyer

UNITED WAY OF CECIL COUNTY

139 W. Main Street, 2nd Floor
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Robin Spurdle
Executive Director

Phone: 410-398-7572

Fax: 410-398-7622

Website: www.unitedwaycecil.org

The United Way of Cecil County identifies the most pressing needs in Cecil County and invests in programs with proven results to ensure that people get the help they need.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers are needed to assist with office and administrative tasks.

Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteers should possess good typing and office skills.

Time Commitment:

None – can be long or short term.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EXTENSION CECIL COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

County Administrative Building
200 Chesapeake Blvd., Suite 1500
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: April Hall Barczewski
Extension Educator
4-H Youth Development

Phone: 410-996-5280

Fax: 410-996-5285

Email: adhall@umd.edu

Website: www.cecil.umd.edu

Maryland's 4-H Program is an experiential, age appropriate youth-development education program offered through the University of Maryland. 4-H reaches a diverse group of youth ages 5-18 through clubs, after-school programs,

resident day-camps, Army and Air Force initiatives, in-school special interest groups and much more. Community Volunteers enable Extension to bring the University of Maryland to Cecil County. Volunteers share their knowledge, skills, practices, and talents to teach age appropriate programs throughout the 4-H curriculum of animal, human and environmental sciences, as well as natural resources. 4-H Volunteers serve as leaders, instructors, mentors, and coaches. Join over 3,900 Marylanders in becoming a 4-H Volunteer and make a difference in the lives of nearly 50,000 youth.

Current Volunteer Needs: We continually need volunteers to assist with our year round programs and events such as the Cecil County Fair and Project Workshops.

Volunteer Requirements: All of our volunteers are screened and must complete the Volunteer Training. Volunteers must be 19 years of age or older.

Time Commitment: Volunteer as little or as much as you like.

"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

**UPPER BAY COUNSELING &
SUPPORT SERVICES, INC.**

1275-B W. Pulaski Hwy.
Elkton, MD 21921

Contact: Kim Ragan
Development Coordinator

Phone: 410-620-7161

Fax: 410-620-7168

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Website: www.upperbay.org

Upper Bay Counseling & Support Services, Inc., a non-profit organization, is the largest provider of behavioral and mental health services in Cecil County, Maryland. Our staff includes psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed social workers, licensed professional counselors, and clinical nurses. We serve over 5,000 individuals annually with behavioral/mental health concerns and provide nearly 2,000 individuals with community education services. We accept medical assistance and Medicare, most commercial insurances, and private pay clients.

Current Volunteer Needs: We continually need volunteers to assist with programs, events, and day-to-day clerical and general office help.

Volunteer Requirements:

- Volunteers must be at least 18 years old to engage in client-based activities. Other non-client-based activities are available for volunteers who are 16 years old or older.
- All volunteers must maintain confidentiality in all matters concerning the staff, the clients and the organization.
- Volunteers must agree to a criminal background check, completing orientation and volunteer training.
- Volunteers should be dependable and work well with others.

Time Commitment: There is an on-going need for volunteers. Time commitments for certain areas and/or projects will vary, depending on specific activity. Hours can be flexible within Monday-Thursday, 8:00 AM to 6 PM and Friday, 8 AM to 3 PM.

“Though government has an important role to play in meeting the many challenges that remain before us, we are coming to understand that no organization, including government, will fully succeed without the active participation of each of us. Volunteers are vital to enabling this country to live up to the true promise of its heritage.”

President Bill Clinton

UPPER CHESAPEAKE COMMUNITY BAND

P.O. Box 1091

Rising Sun, MD 21911

Contact: Mary White, Director

Phone: 410-658-4534

Email: rmwhite@dol.net

Website: upperchesapeakeband.tripod.com

The Upper Chesapeake Community Band is an all-volunteer, all-ages community band formed in 1994 to provide a place for members to enjoy playing their instruments in a group setting, and to provide music for local community events.

Current Volunteer Needs: We always need more members in every section of the band. Right now we especially need clarinets, tenor sax and oboe. We also need front people to carry our banner and flags when we march in parades; so, we can also use volunteers who do not play any instruments.

Volunteer Requirements: No audition required but members need to be able to handle Grade 3 music for playing an instrument. Other areas: no requirements. **Age Requirements:** We have members from 11 years old to senior citizens (and all ages between).

Time Commitment: We rehearse on Thursday evenings in Rising Sun from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Many of our concerts are also on Thursdays; some are on another day of the week.

VA MARYLAND HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Bldg. 15, Room 214

PP/135/VS

VA Medical Center

Perry Point, MD 21902

Contact: Rich Maichle

Voluntary Service Specialist

Phone: 410-642-1038

Email: Richard.Maichle2@va.gov

Website:

www.maryland.va.gov/giving/volunteer_give.asp

The VA Maryland Health Care System works to form a comprehensive health care delivery system. Nationally recognized for its outstanding patient safety and state-of-the-art technology, the VA Maryland Health Care System is proud of its reputation as a leader in veteran's health care, research and education.

Current Volunteer Needs: Volunteers are placed depending on their interests and abilities. Clerical and patient care positions are available. Clerical positions include the Information Desk, office areas, and the Veterans History Project. Patient care opportunities include hospice, drivers, physical therapy, occupational therapy, recreation therapy and greeters.

Volunteer Requirements: All volunteers must attend a two hour orientation. Other requirements vary depending on the volunteer assignment.

Time Commitment: Varies.

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The YMCA of Cecil County is a non-profit organization that offers programs to all sectors of our community. We build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities.

Current Volunteer Needs:

We need volunteers to serve as greeters, receptionists, and general maintenance.

Volunteer Requirements: Background check will be completed. Volunteers must be over the age of 16.

Time commitment: None

Top Ten Reasons to Volunteer

1. When you stay home you get too many telemarketing calls.
2. Your family could use a break from you.
3. You might need help yourself some day.
4. It's hard to win a game of solitaire.
5. Soap operas all sound alike.
6. If you don't go out each day, you get old.
7. Why let your boss have all the fun in life?
8. The car needs a workout.
9. Your mom would be proud of you.
10. Who cares about money?

*Source: Joy Pople
Baldwinsville Volunteer Center
Baldwinsville, NY*

As of October 1, 2008, **Senior Services & Community Transit** became an **RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program)** station. RSVP, an initiative of the **Corporation for National and Community Service**, seeks to engage individuals ages 55 and older in meaningful volunteer opportunities within their communities.

“Perhaps the first and biggest benefit people get from volunteering is the satisfaction of incorporating service into their lives and making a difference in their community and country. The intangible benefits alone—such as pride, satisfaction and accomplishment—are worthwhile reasons to serve. In addition, when we share our time and talents, we:

- Solve problems
- Strengthen communities
- Improve lives
- Connect to others
- Transform our own lives

Comparisons of the health benefits of volunteering for different age groups have also shown that older volunteers are the most likely to receive greater benefits from volunteering, whether because they are more likely to face higher incidence of illness or because volunteering provides them with physical and social activity and a sense of purpose at a time when their social roles are changing. Some of these findings also indicate that volunteers who devote a ‘considerable’ amount of time to volunteer activities (about 100 hours per year) are most likely to exhibit positive health outcomes.” (Information from the Corporation for National and Community Service)

If you are 55 or older, please contact us for more information about becoming part of the RSVP program. Senior Services & Community Transit is dedicated to helping older adults maintain a good quality of life – and part of a healthy life includes remaining active in, and connected to, the community. Adults ages 55 and older can make a difference as volunteers! **Let us help you get connected – please call for more information (410.996.8416).**