



Cecil County

Community Volunteer Resource Guide

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Compiled by Cecil County Senior Services & Community Transit



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We also extend our appreciation to the organizations who submitted information for the Cecil County Community Volunteer Resource Guide – thank you for your support of this project. The guide will be periodically updated so please inform us of any changes within your organizations. And new additions are always welcome – please contact us for more information. An online version of the guide will be available via our website in the spring (visit www.ccgov.org – Senior Services & Community Transit page).

Happy Volunteering!

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The purpose of the Cecil County Community Volunteer Resource Guide is to provide a means of relaying information to individuals and groups interested in pursuing volunteer opportunities. Although we encourage and value volunteerism, the Cecil County Community Volunteer Resource Guide is not to be considered an endorsement of any listed agency (or any of the services provided) by Cecil County Senior Services & Community Transit. Furthermore, Cecil County Senior Services & Community Transit and Cecil County Government do not endorse any specific volunteer requirements stated by any listed agency.

Each listed organization was responsible for submitting contact information, description of services, volunteer opportunities, and specific volunteer requirements. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of information presented, errors or omissions may occur.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

92 Reads Way, Suite 205

New Castle, DE 19702

Phone: 800-304-0779

Contact: Clarice Ritchie

Email: Clarice.Ritchie@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

To finance these programs the American Cancer Society holds three main fundraising events in Cecil County:

Relay for Life (2 events) 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.

Daffodil Days (1 county-wide campaign) 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.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Relay For Life: Volunteers are needed 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.

Daffodil Days: Volunteers are needed 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.

Volunteer Requirements:

Contact organization for more information.

Time Commitment:

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

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

Age Requirements:

None

**AMERICAN RED CROSS OF
THE DELMARVA PENINSULA**

100 W. 10th St., Suite 501
Wilmington, DE 19801
Phone: 302-656-6620, ext.6240
800-777-6620, ext. 6240
Fax: 302-656-8797

Email: info@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:

Volunteers can assist in a variety of ways, such as: 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:

Depends 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 office for more information.

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

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF
CECIL COUNTY**

300 Cherry Street
North East, MD 21901
Phone: 410-287-2234
Fax: 410-287-2632

Contact: Barbara P. Smith
Director of Operations

Email: bsmith@mybgccc.org
Website: www.mybgccc.org

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

Current Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers will provide assistance 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 could share with youth (sports skills, homework assistance, homemaker 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.).

Time Commitment:

Long term or short term -- either of these would be helpful. Our hours are 2:00 PM –6:00 PM during the school year (Monday—Friday). Summer hours are 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM (Monday – Friday). We would welcome one-time or short-term volunteers for a specific project, as well as long-term volunteers for general assistance.

Age Requirements:

16 years of age and older

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

801 N. Washington Street

Wilmington, DE 19801

Phone: (302) 690-7578

Fax: (302) 622-3308

Contact: Dave Pearl
Cecil County Scout Executive

Email: dtothepearl@aol.com

Website: www.delmarvacouncil.org

Boy Scouts of America consists of three distinct programs: Cub Scouts for boys in grades 1-5; Boy Scouts for boys in grades 6 —12; and Venturing for boys and girls ages 14 —20. Each program emphasizes leadership development, personal responsibility, physical fitness, self reliance and an appreciation of nature and the environment. All of the programs are 100% volunteer-led and are sponsored by local churches and community organizations. Approximately 1000 Cecil County youth are scouts.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Whether you like the outdoors or not, as long as you want to help the kids in our community learn the skills they will need to become competent, caring adults of good character, we can find a place for you. We need people who can help us organize events, build new Troops and Packs, train leaders, raise money and recruit new members. If you have raised or are raising children, if you manage people or run a business, we can use your help.

Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age and must undergo a background check, which is included in the \$10.80 registration fee. Knowledge of traditional outdoor skills—camping, hiking, knots and lashings, map and compass, etc—is a plus but not a pre-requisite. Volunteers must sincerely want to help youth.

Time Commitment:

Time commitment will vary depending upon the position taken. A Scoutmaster quite typically devotes 10-15 hours a week—substantially more when a week-end camping trip is scheduled—while a person helping with an Activities Committee might spend only an hour or two per week. For our volunteers, this is truly a labor of love.

Age Requirements:

Volunteers must be 21 for any primary position. There are several assistant positions—Assistant Scoutmaster or Cubmaster, for example — where the age requirement is 18. Volunteers under the age of 18 may help out with activities as long as they are supervised by an adult who is at least 21 years old.

**CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH 400
PORT DEPOSIT COMMITTEE**

**P.O. Box 186
Port Deposit, MD 21904
Phone: 410-378-9590**

Contacts: Erika Quesenbery, Chair
Captain John Smith 400
Linda Read or John Leeds

Email: erikaq@stewartrealestatedev.com
or john@cmtugs.com

Website: www.portdepositcc.org
www.johnsmith400.org

The Captain John Smith 400 Project Committee in Port Deposit, a subcommittee of the Port Deposit Chamber of Commerce, is organized to plan a full-day of heritage-related events in honor of the arrival of the Captain John Smith shallop voyage from Jamestown, VA to Port Deposit, on Saturday, July 21, 2007. This one-day event will feature a Port Deposit Homecoming with genealogical assistance and information, living historians, living history encampments, artisans, staged entertainment, a National Geographic open air museum, and much more.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers are needed to help with providing information to the public, vendors (especially heritage vendors), artisans, book authors, entertainment, re-enactors, and people to help set-up, break down, and clean-up. The Port Deposit Chamber of Commerce is always looking for new members to help promote the town of Port Deposit and the town's business community.

Volunteer Requirements:

A love of Cecil County and Port Deposit are a definite plus.

Time Commitment:

The John Smith Event is Saturday, July 21, 2007, from 10:00 AM to about 5:00 PM. Clean-up hours would follow the event on Saturday evening and continue on Sunday. Planning and set-up are on-going, with meetings the last Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, 6 S. Main St, Port Deposit (Paul Risk Associates office).

Age Requirements:

All ages are welcome to participate.

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

**Elkton Station
107 Railroad Ave.
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-287-6060 ext. 641
Fax: 410-398-8697**

Contact: Chrys Dain Ellerton
Coordinator, Non-Credit
Career Advising

Email: cellerto@cecilcc.edu

Website: www.cecilcc.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:

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.

Time Commitment:

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

Age Requirements:

18 years of age and older

**CECIL COMMUNITY COLLEGE, YOUTH
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

Elkton Station

107 Railroad Ave.

Elkton, MD 21921

Phone: 410-392-3366 ext. 628

Fax: 410-398-4429

Contact: Tina Durborow, Director

Email: tcreighton@cecilcc.edu

Website: www.cecilcc.edu

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).

Time Commitment:

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

Age Requirements:

Volunteers should be between the ages of 13-16 to serve as counselors in training.

**CECIL COUNTY ARTS
COUNCIL, INC.**

135 E. Main Street

Elkton, MD 21921

Phone: 410-392-5740

Fax: 410-392-5392

Contact: Deborah Arnold
Office Manager

Email: cecilart@iximd.com

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:

We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities, such as: office assistance, exhibit preparation and special events. Please contact us for more information.

Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteers should enjoy working with the public.

Time Commitment:

Long term, short term and one time volunteers; we will work with anyone's schedule.

Age Requirements:

16 years of age and older

**CECIL COUNTY CHORAL
SOCIETY**

P.O. Box 2128

Elkton, MD 21921

Phone: 410-392-4953

Contact: Rosalinda McWilliams

The Cecil County Choral Society was developed for people who love to sing choral music. Participants perform in uplifting concert series twice a year that benefit both performers and listeners.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Individuals who love to sing!

Volunteer Requirements:

Must possess a love of singing.

Time Commitment:

10 weeks of rehearsals (Tuesdays, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM – carpools can be arranged) and four concerts annually.

Age Requirements:

Please contact the organization for more information.

**CECIL COUNTY COURT
WATCH PROGRAM**

135 E High St.
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-996-0252
Fax: 410-996-0696

Contact: Gary Pierce
Family Violence Coordinator
Email: gpierce@dhr.state.md.us

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.

Age Requirements:

None

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

135 E. High Street
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-996-0260
Fax: 410-996-0696

Contacts: Susan Parrotta,
Coordinator
Gerry Crockett,
Volunteer Coordinator

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:

Volunteer positions include: front desk receptionist, food pantry and clothing room assistance, driver, and Salvation Army bell ringer.

Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteers 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

Age Requirements:

Must be 18 years of age or older

**CECIL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION**

17 Wilson Road
Rising Sun, MD 21911
Phone: 410-392-4537
410-658-3000

Fax: 410-658-3011

Contact: Clyde S. VanDyke, Director

Email: cvandyke@ccgov.org

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 customer expectations, enhances the quality of life, and promotes community unity.

Current Volunteer Needs:

We need volunteers to assist with programs such as Safetyville and the Holly Tree. We also need volunteers to teach (or assist with) tennis, field hockey, basketball, dance, yoga, etc.

Volunteer Requirements:

Contact organization for more information.

Time Commitment:

Long term:

Teach programs to children and adults.

Short term:

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 it is lit and open to the public from the first week in December until January 1 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Age Requirements:

Contact organization for more information.

**CECIL COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
RAPE CRISIS CENTER**

P.O. Box 11650
Elkton, MD 21922
Phone: 410-996-0333
Fax: 410-996-0820

Contact: Anne Bean, Clinical Director

Email: abean@thr.state.md.us

The Cecil County Domestic Violence Rape Crisis Center provides crisis intervention, counseling, and advocacy to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Safe shelter available to people victimized by domestic violence. A 24-hour hotline is available. Community education and outreach provided.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers are a vital part of our program to assist in outreach events, children's programs, and as Rape Crisis advocates. Advocates receive specialized training and provide accompaniment to rape victims who respond to the local emergency room for services. Advocates also assist sexual assault victims who phone our hotline.

Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteers should possess the ability to work with people in a kind and caring manner.

Time Commitment:

Varies based on assignment; advocates are on-call during off-business hours for one week at a time.

Age Requirements:

Adults only

**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
Phone: 410-996-5550 ext. 109
Fax: 410-996-5179**

Contact: Brenda Henson, Director
Email: bhenson@dhhm.state.md.us

Current Volunteer Needs:
Assistance with health and human services programs

Volunteer Requirements:
Experience in transporting clients (valid driver's license required); typing and filing skills

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

Age Requirements:
21 years of age and older

Community Health Services Division

Phone: 410-996-5130 ext. 189

Fax: 410-996-5179

Contact: Robin Waddell, CRNP
Director

Email: rwaddell@dhhm.state.md.us

Website: www.cecilcountyhealth.org

Current Volunteer Needs:

Clerical volunteers needed to assist clinic staff in writing CCHD address on lab slips. Childcare volunteers are needed to supervise children in clinic waiting/play room.

Volunteer Requirements:

Clerical volunteers should have legible penmanship. Childcare volunteers must enjoy working with children.

Time Commitment:

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

Age Requirements:

Clerical – None
Childcare – 18 years of age and older

Special Population Services Division

Phone: 410-996-5112 ext. 148

Fax: 410-996-5134

Contact: Douglas Sommers, Director

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

Time Commitment:

Contact the organization for more information

Age Requirements:

21 years of age and older

**CECIL COUNTY MEN'S
SHELTER -- Settlement House**

P.O. Box 1596, W. Main Street
Elkton, MD 21922
Phone: 410-392-8066
Fax: 410-392-6948

Contact: Alison Windle
Executive Director

Email: settlementhouse@yahoo.com

Settlement House is a 16 bed transitional housing facility for men. Men must be accepted into the program, must follow the rules of the house, and work towards specific goals in order to remain in the home. After six months, residents should have attained these goals and be able to move onto independent living.

Current Volunteer Needs:

We need volunteers to work with the residents to provide job training, assistance in job searches, completing resumes, and teaching financial responsibility (such as budgeting, maintaining a checking account, etc). We also need assistance with building maintenance projects (the facility is over 100 years old). We have an on going need for volunteers for the daily program's lunch service. Churches and/or groups are also needed to assist with the rotating shelter program.

Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteer should be willing to devote their time and also have the desire to share knowledge with residents.

Time Commitments:

There is an on-going need for volunteers. Time commitments for certain areas and/or projects will vary, depending on specific activity. For example, with the daily lunch program, assistance is needed Monday through Thursday, between 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM.

Age Requirements: Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. Volunteers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

**CECIL COUNTY PREGNANCY
CENTER**

P.O. Box 1948
Elkton, MD 21922
Phone: 410-398-7888
Fax: 410-398-7886

Contact: Lucy Sneeringer
Executive Director

Email: cecilcountypc@comcast.net

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

Current Volunteer Needs:

Specific services include: pregnancy testing, pregnancy and parenting-related education, material assistance, community referrals, certified Natural Family Planning, post-abortion support, and "peer" counseling.

Volunteer Requirements:

Must be Pro-Life, Christian, dependable, possess readiness to help in different ways, and have a commitment to Biblical values regarding life, sex, marriage, and family.

Time Commitment:

No requirement for overall length of commitment; however, we prefer a weekly commitment and require a minimal commitment of two times per month. Hours needed: Monday – Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Monday and Tuesday evenings, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Age Requirements:

Peer counselors: 18 years of age or older
Helping Hands: No requirements

CECIL COUNTY PROJECT LITERACY

Elkton Station,
107 Railroad Ave.
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-392-3366
Fax: 410-392-9155

Contact: Carolyn Fletcher
Director, Adult Education

Email: cfletche@cecilcc.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 12 hour tutor training.

Time Commitment:

Long Term: Depends on initial skill level of student and other factors. Schedules are flexible.

Age Requirements:

Please contact the agency for specific requirements.

CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

301 Newark Ave
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-996-5600 ext. 141
Fax: 410-996-5604

Contact: Katherine Campbell
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.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers are needed to assist with our **Story Circles Program** and **Book Buddy Program**. The **Story Circles Program Volunteers** may read stories, reminisce, perhaps sing, and share personal stories with a small group of residents in a senior facility or nursing/assisted living home. Interaction is important. **Book Buddy Volunteers** take library materials to individuals who are unable to come to the library due to health reasons. Volunteers deliver books, etc. and provide friendship on a monthly basis. No fines on returned books.

Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteers must have a valid driver's license.

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.

Age Requirements:

16 years of age or older

CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

210 Booth Street
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-996-1065
Fax: 410-996-5454

Contact: Steve Asplen
Safe Schools Coordinator

Email: sasplen@ccps.org

Website: www.ccps.org

The Cecil County Public Schools serves the diverse needs of more than 17,000 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 Steve Asplen.

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.

Age Requirements:

Please contact CCPS.

CECIL COUNTY SPCA, INC.

3280 Augustine Herman Hwy
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.

Time Commitment:

Prefer long-term commitment. Hours of operation: Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to Noon; 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Age Requirements:

13 years of age and older

CECIL COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES & COMMUNITY TRANSIT (SSCT)

**214 North Street
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-996-5295
Fax: 410-620-9483**

Contact: Krista Gilmore
Volunteer Coordinator
Email: kgilmore@ccgov.org
Website: www.ccgov.org

Senior Services, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Aging, promotes an enhanced quality of life for a diverse population of older adults in Cecil County. Community Transit, in partnership with the Maryland Transit Administration, promotes accessible transit opportunities for Cecil County residents of all ages. Cecil County Senior Services & Community Transit (SSCT) strive to promote positive aging through programs and services (delivered at our Elkton and Perryville Centers, community facilities, and homes), through education, information, fitness and 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; Senior Buddies (providing classroom assistance at local Elementary Schools and the Family Education Center); and Special Event Volunteers (Bingo, dinners, Annual Fitness Picnic). We are seeking volunteers for a new home visitation program for homebound senior adults, which will provide much-needed socialization for persons with limited contact with the community.

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 criminal histories will be prevented from a volunteer assignment.

Time Commitment:

Long and short term; we also have the need for episodic volunteers – the dates vary with scheduled activities (please call for dates).

Home Delivered Meal Volunteers: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (10:30 AM – Noon)

Senior Buddies (Once a week during school year)

Friendly visit volunteers: One hour per week

Age Requirements:

Special Event Volunteers – 14 years of age and older (under 18 with parental permission)

Friendly visit volunteers – Adults only

Home Delivered Meals and Transportation Volunteers – Adults only; youth volunteers may accompany a parent/guardian with SSCT approval.

CECIL COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

110 North Street
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-398-3890
Fax: 410-398-3475

Contact: Sandy Biggs
Volunteer Coordinator

Email: beccabiggs@verizon.net

Special Olympics provide 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:

Please contact the organization for more information.

Time Commitment:

Please contact the organization for more information.

Age Requirements:

Please contact the organization for more information.

CECIL COUNTY TOURISM

1 Seahawk Drive, Suite 114
North East, MD 21901
Phone: 410-996-6292
Fax: 410-996-6279

Contact: Sandy Turner
Tourism Coordinator

Email: cecil.tourism@ccgov.org

Website: www.seececil.org

Cecil County Tourism markets the county as a tourist destination

Current Volunteer Needs:

We always need volunteers to help with mailings throughout the year. We also welcome knowledgeable residents to help provide information to travelers.

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 Tourism Office for more information.

CECIL PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

110 East Main Street
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-620-0762
Fax: 410-620-3802

Contact: Kyrianna Ruddy
Program Specialist

Email: kruddy@cecilpartnerships.org

Website: www.cecilpartnerships.org

Cecil Partnerships for Children, Youth and Families is the Local Management Board in Cecil County responsible for the planning and implementation of programs to serve at risk children, youth and families in the community.

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.

Time Commitment:

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

Age Requirements:

16 years of age and older

CHESAPEAKE CARE RESOURCES

80 Marysville Road
North East, MD 21901
Phone: 410-287-5040
Fax: 410-287-5049

Contact: Ann Kelly
Associate Director Programs

Email: AnnK@Chesapeake-Care.org

Website: www.Chesapeake-Care.org

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

Current Volunteer Needs:

Assistance needed in various areas. Please contact us for more information.

Volunteer Requirements:

It is necessary to have a caring nature.

Time Commitment:

Varies and can be very flexible.

Age Requirements:

14 years of age and older

**CHRISTMAS IN APRIL *
CECIL COUNTY**

P. O. Box 2303

Elkton, MD 21922

Phone: 1-443-907-5289

Contact: Bunny Sturgill-Martin
President

Email: Noodles1993@netzero.com

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:

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.

Time Commitment:

Board Member: 24 days a year

Team Captain: 4 days a year

Volunteer: 2 days a year

Age Requirements: 18 years and older

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

920 Principio Furnace Road

P.O. Box 776

Perryville, MD 21903

Phone: 410-642-6930

Contact: Charles W. Gardner,
Board of Director

Email: cgardner161@msn.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.

Time Commitment:

Long or short term

Age Requirements:

16 years of age and older

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

**300 Biggs Hwy; P. O. Box 148
Rising Sun, MD 21911
Phone: 410-658-5115
Fax: 410-658-9899**

Contact: Ken Morris
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 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.

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 60 for those meeting the requirements.

Age Requirements:

Cadets may start at age 14 and regular members at age 16.

**COMMUNITY FIRE CO. OF RISING SUN
LADIES AUXILIARY**

**300 Biggs Hwy/ P.O. Box 699
Rising Sun, MD 21911
Phone: 410-658-6300
Fax: 410-658-9899**

Contact: Ann Gibney, President
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

Time Commitment:

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

Age Requirements:

16 years of age and older

COVERED BRIDGE THEATRE COMPANY

Cecil Community College
One Seahawk Drive
North East, MD 21901
Phone: 410-287-1023
Fax: 410-287-1079

Contact: Cheryl Kraus
Administrative Assistant
Volunteer Coordinator

Email: cbt@cecilcc.edu

Website: www.cecilcc.edu/cultural-center

Community Theatre housed at Cecil
Community College

Current Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers are needed to assist with event production. Please contact the organization for more information.

Volunteer Requirements:

The ability to follow instructions; we will train for all positions.

Time Commitment:

Commitment for all assistance is varied and flexible. A short term commitment is needed for the full week before a show, and the days of a show for backstage and sound (evening hours and sometimes a weekend day). Short term commitment is necessary to learn a new skill like programming a lighting board or a sound system. Short term commitment is needed for the days of the show for ushering. Flexible, short term commitment needed for mailing assistance. Set building begins about 14 weeks from the opening of a play and is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Age Requirements:

16 years of age without a parent and 12-16 with a parent.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Bldg. 6, Room 3
VA Medical Center
Perry Point, MD 21902
Phone: 800-949-1003, ext. 5385
Fax: 410-642-1873

Contact: George W. Mitchell, HSC/DSO

Disabled American Veterans is a nation-wide Veterans Service Organization. Disabled American Veterans operates 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.

Age Requirements:

Adults only

ECLIPSE BASE BALL CLUB OF ELKTON

P.O. Box 277

Elkton, MD 21922

Contact: Bruce Leith
General Manager

Email: elktonbase_ball@yahoo.com

Website: <http://elktoneclipse.tripod.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. We are currently a sub committee of the Historic Elk Landing Foundation's events and programming committee.

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 as of April 1, 2007.

Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteers must have an appreciation for baseball's history and/or 19th century life.

Time Commitment:

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

Age Requirements:

To play on the club you have to be at least 18 years old. We are looking for characters to help of any age!

ELKTON CHAMBER AND ALLIANCE

101 East Main Street

Elkton, MD 21921

Phone: 410-398-5076

Fax: 410-398-4971

Contact: Mary Jo Jablonski

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 -- September)

Age Requirements:

None

ELKTON COMMUNITY KITCHEN

**209 E. Main Street
Elkton Presbyterian Church
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-398-6483
Contact:** Margaret Holland, Coordinator

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.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers will assist in providing food and consumer goods and senior services. We also recommend agencies where individuals might find assistance.

Volunteer Requirements:

We are looking for organizations to become part of our program—providing, preparing, and presenting food for 120-150 persons.

Time Commitment:

Contact the Elkton Community Kitchen.

Age Requirements:

Contact the Elkton Community Kitchen.

ELKTON TOWN BAND

**58 McCleary Road
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-398-8816
Contact:** Jacob Schneider, President
Board of Directors
Email: tbones7@comcast.net
Website: <http://elktonband.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. 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.

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.

Age Requirements:

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.

FAIR HILL INTERNATIONAL

**378 Fair Hill Drive
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-398-2111
Fax: 410-398-5020**

Contact: Charles T. Colgan,
Executive Director

Email: office@fairhillinternational.com

Website: www.fairhillinternational.com

Fair Hill International is a 501@ (3) corporation that conducts a series of equestrian events (three-day-evening, 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.

Time Commitment:

Long term – periodically from April through October, especially at the “Festival in the Country” on the third weekend in October.

Age Requirements:

16 years of age and older

FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER

**200 Road B. Hollingsworth Manor
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-287-1100
Fax: 410-392-9548**

Contact: Barbara Istvan, Director

Email: bistvan@cecilcc.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 will have to agree to a criminal background check.

Time Commitment:

Please contact the Center for more information.

Age Requirements:

16 years of age and older

FAMILY SERVICES ASSOCIATION, INC.

**718 N. Bridge Street
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-398-4060
Fax: 410-398-8893**

Contact: Howard Isenberg
Executive Director

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 hardworking, committed to making a difference, possess a strong ethical background, and strive to help others.

Time Commitment:

Will discuss with volunteer.

Age Requirements:

18 years of age and older

**FREEDOM HILLS THERAPEUTIC
RIDING PROGRAM**

P. O. Box 222
Port Deposit, MD 21904
Phone: 410-378-3817
866-431-6874
Fax: 410-378-3817

Contact: Renee Sherrard-Luther
Email: fhtp@freedomhills.org
Website: www.freedomhills.org

Offering therapeutic horseback riding to the physically, mentally, and emotionally disabled or challenged. 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:

Training provided

Time Commitment:

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

Age Requirements:

None

FRIENDS OF MOUNT HARMON, INC.

P. O. Box 65
Earleville, MD 21919
Phone: 410-275-8819

Contact: Kim Righi
Tour Coordinator &
Administrator

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- September, Thursday – Sunday, 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:

The ability to interact well with the public (knowledge of colonial history, antiques and/or nature are a plus)

Time Commitment:

A long term commitment is preferred. Mount Harmon is open May- September, Thursday – Sunday, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Please contact us for more information.

Age Requirements:

21 years of age and older

THE GENERATION STATION

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

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).

Time Commitment:

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

Age Requirements:

High school seniors and older

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY COUNCIL

501 South College Avenue
Newark, DE 19713
Phone: 302-456-7155
Fax: 302-456-7188
Contact: Judy Taggart, CEO
Email: jtaggart@cbgsc.org
Website: www.cbgsc.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:

Volunteers will assist in the following areas: arts/culture, children/youth, education and literacy, environmental, animals, wildlife, recreation, travel and tourism. 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.

Time Commitment:

Varies

Age Requirements:

Leaders need to be 18; high school girls can assist with and run troops but they must have two adults present at all times.

HISTORIC ELK LANDING FOUNDATION

P. O. Box 277

Elkton, MD 21922

Phone: 410-620-6400

Contact: Bruce Leith, Director
Programming and Events

Email: elklanding@comcast.net

Website: www.elklanding.org

We are an historic organization responsible for interpreting and maintaining historically significant sites in Cecil County. The chief interpretive era is 1760 – 1815, but we are a living history museum that can interpret from 10,000 BC to 1920.

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, and many other positions.

Volunteer Requirements:

Contact organization for more information.

Time Commitment:

Contact organization for more information

Age Requirements:

Contact organization for information.

HOMEFRONT CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

P.O. Box 2431 (mailing)

Elkton, MD 21921

120 F Elk Parkway

Triumph Industrial Park

Phone: 484-368-1812

Contacts: Larry and Mandy Wyatt

Email: mwyatt@homefrontoutreach.org

Website: www.homefrontoutreach.org

Homefront Christian Outreach is devoted to helping meet the needs of individuals within the community by providing food, clothing, furniture and whatever else God provides.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Contact organization for specific needs.

Volunteer Requirements:

The desire to help those in need, through God's love.

Time Commitment:

Varies

Age Requirements:

12 years old and older

JAYCEES OF CECIL COUNTY

P.O. Box 918
Elkton MD 21922

Phone:

Contact: Eric Marshall, President

Email: marshaea@hotmail.com

Websites: www.mdjaycees.org; www.usjaycees.org
www.jci.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, 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!

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.

Age Requirements: 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.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ELKTON

P.O. Box 684

Elkton, MD 21921

Phone: 302-559-9756

Contact: John Jodlbauer, President

Email: elkonkiwanis@yahoo.com

Website: www.elktonkiwanis.com

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

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).

Age Requirements:

18 years old and older

MEETING GROUND AFTER CARE PROGRAM

107 Delaware Avenue
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-398-4381
Fax: 410-398-4381

Contact : Donna Hitchner
Program Developer

Email: donna@meetingground.org

Website: www.meetingground.org

We provide follow-up services to families exiting homelessness, such as providing children/youth with experiences that will help them develop interests and life skills. We utilize the skills of volunteer mentors, tutors, and small group instructors toward the goal of helping children become successful and responsible citizens. The intention of this program is to help break the generational cycle of homelessness.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers will assist with life-skills education, mentoring, fellowship, and recreation. Major help is needed for an abundance of summer activities.

Volunteer Requirements:

Must possess a willingness and ability to relate well to tutor children and/or youth. We also welcome the participation of anyone having a useful skill that can be demonstrated or taught to children and youth. We also seek those having a willingness and ability to lead recreational/sports activities.

Time Commitment:

Hours are flexible and depend on volunteer's schedules.

Age Requirements:

18 years of age and older

MEETING GROUND WAYFARER'S HOUSE

107 Delaware Ave.
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-398-4381
Fax: 410-398-4381

Contact: Marsha Mazza
Program Manager

Email: wayfarer@meetingground.org

Website: www.meetingground.org

Meeting Ground/Wayfarer's House is an emergency and transitional shelter for homeless women and children.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Group volunteer opportunities are available (one-day project to week-long work camps). Please contact us for more information.

Volunteer Requirements:

Please contact the organization.

Time Commitment:

Flexible

Age Requirements:

18 years of age and older

NAMI (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS) OF CECIL COUNTY

**6 Rene Carr Street
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 443-326-1485**

Contact: Fay Wood, President
Email: faywood@udel.edu

NAMI is a national grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals (and their families) living with mental illness. Currently in Cecil County we hold monthly educational meetings and run educational offerings as interest is shown. We hope to expand our offerings to the community. We are working on a newsletter and hope to develop a website.

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.

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.

Age Requirements:

None

NORTH EAST WATER FESTIVAL

**P.O. Box 620
North East, MD 21901**

Contact:
Email: info@northeastwf.com
Website: www.northeastwf.com

Current Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers for all positions are desperately needed to plan and execute the 2007 North East Festival. A family tradition since 1967, the festival celebrates the traditions of the watermen who used to work the bay and river for a living and honors the culture of the area. It is also a vehicle for local and regional non-profits to raise funds for their own individual causes. Without volunteer help, dozens of organizations will not be able to use the Water Festival to help fund its programs.

Volunteer Requirements:

Contact organization for more information.

Time Commitment:

Contact organization for more information.

Age Requirements:

Contact organization for more information.

PAWS FOR PEOPLE

14 South Parkway
Elkton, MD 21921
Phone: 410-398-1711

Fax: same

Contact: Lynne Robinson
Executive Director

Email: PAWSforPeople@comcast.net

Website: www.PAWSforPeople.org

PAWS for People is a small organization made up entirely of volunteers who share their gentle affectionate pets with elders, children, and folks with disabilities. Our main focus is visiting the elderly in a variety of settings. We also offer a number of programs that involve children, people in rehabilitation situations, and Easter Seals folks.

Current Volunteer Needs:

The therapy team: The pet (cat or dog) must be exceptionally gentle, people-focused and enjoy being petted. The pet must pass a pet 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 training and a team evaluation two weeks later. An assisted first visit to the facility/program of their choice completes the training.

Time Commitment:

We require each team to commit to visit at least twice a month. Please contact the organization for more information.

Age Requirements:

18 years of age and older. Call organization for more information for younger children.

PERRYVILLE LIONS CLUB

P.O. Box 640
Perryville, MD 21903
Phone: 410-642-2163

Contact: Lynne Tate, Past President

Email: lynnedel@aol.com

Website: www.perryvillelionsclub.org

Lions Club members donate their time, skills, and resources to raise funds for charity, giving both in their immediate community and internationally.

Current Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers are needed to support our community projects.

Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteers should be caring individuals. Please contact the organization for more information.

Time Commitment:

Time commitment varies, but it is usually in one hour segments. Please contact the organization for more information.

Age Requirements:

All ages

RAY OF HOPE MISSION CENTER

**960 Craigtown Rd.
Port Deposit, MD 21904
Phone: 410-378-9800
Fax: 410-378-5400**

Contact: Frank Rinaldi, Director
Vickie Jones, Asst. Director
Kathy Heim, Intake

Email: rayofhope@zoominternet.net

Website: www.rayofhopemissioncenter.org

Ray of Hope is a Christian-based mission whose 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.

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)

Age Requirements: 16 years of age and older

RIVERFEST IN HISTORIC CHARLESTOWN

**29 Salvation Circle
North East, MD 21901-3223
Phone: 443-303-4088
Fax: 443-303-4088**

Contact: Donna Sheets

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: September of every year

Age Requirements: None

SANDY COVE MINISTRIES

**60 Sandy Cove Road
North East, MD 21901
Phone: 443-674-9403
Fax: 410-287-3196**

Contact: Carol Lynch

Email: c.lynych@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, flowers, shrubs, etc; carpentry, electrical, plumbing, automotive.

Marketing: Mailings, photography, database, data-entry.

Volunteer Requirements:

Servant heart; willing to make a difference with the gifts and skills that God has entrusted to each person.

Time Commitment: Open and flexible

Age Requirements: 21 years of age and older

SEASONS HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE

133 North Bridge St.

Elkton, MD 21921

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Contact: Lisa Bowman,
Volunteer Director

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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:

Hospice Services: Patient care and office tasks.

Hospitals and Health Centers:

Visit patients at various area nursing homes and in-patient hospital care.

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:

All that we require is a caring heart and the willingness to make a difference in someone's life. Potential volunteers are identified for patient care and/or office activities based on their personal choices, interests, and talents.

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.

Age Requirements: For office work—any age and for patient care 18 years of age or older.

UNION HOSPITAL OF CECIL COUNTY

106 Bow St.

ELKTON, MD 21921

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Volunteer Coordinator

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www.uhcc.com/ProgramsnService/volunteer.shtml

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.

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.

Age Requirements:

14 years of age and older

**UNITED WAY
OF CECIL COUNTY**

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The United Way of Cecil County conducts an annual fundraising campaign to support 32 local health and human service agencies.

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

Age Requirements:

None

**UPPER CHESAPEAKE
COMMUNITY BAND**

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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 flutes, clarinets, tenor sax, tuba, and percussion. 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. We also can always use extra librarian help to sort and file music.

Volunteer Requirements:

No audition required but members need to be able to handle Grade 3 music for playing an instrument. Other areas: no requirements.

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.

Age Requirements:

We have members from 11 years old to senior citizens (and all ages between).