



YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES BROCHURE

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United Way of
the Capital Region

GET CONNECTED...

by volunteering in a museum, visiting with senior citizens, or teaching younger children. How about helping others with special needs?

VOLUNTEERING...

will bring you a whole new world of experiences and make you feel good about yourself and helping others. Volunteer experience is also appealing to admission counselors on college applications and job resumes.

You will meet people and **DO THINGS** you may have never dreamed of!

FOLLOW THESE THREE EASY STEPS TO CONNECT:

- 1) Look** through this brochure and find an activity or organization that interests you.
- 2) Match** the location and requirements to your needs.
- 3) Call** the contact person listed for that agency and make an appointment to start your volunteer experience today!

QUESTIONS?

Call the Volunteer Center at 717.732.0700 or e-mail hneuhaus@uwcr.org.



PARENTS' GUIDE TO CHOOSING YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We know that volunteering early in life leads to an increased likelihood of continued participation in volunteer efforts throughout adulthood. Volunteering also provides the opportunity for pre-teens and teens to learn about responsibility, commitment and the importance of giving back to the community. Additionally, teens can enjoy meeting new people, learning new skills and gaining new perspectives through volunteer work. However, a negative volunteer experience can be discouraging to teens. For this reason, it is important to talk with your youth and the organization providing the volunteer opportunity to ensure that everyone has the same expectations and that all parties will find the volunteer experience to be beneficial and meaningful!

Questions to ask your youth:

1. Interests. What are your youth's interests? Think about hobbies and activities in which they are involved. Do they enjoy working in an office environment or do they prefer working outdoors? Do they like working independently or in groups? Volunteer opportunities should spark an interest in the youth and be meaningful, engaging and pleasurable. Youth should not feel like volunteering is a chore; it should be something they look forward to doing!
2. Abilities. What special skills or talents does your teen have, or what skills or talents would they like to develop? There is a multitude of volunteer opportunities available that utilize all kinds of talents, ranging from singing, to performing, to yard work, to office support, to creative art projects, to providing companionship, to taking care of animals, to almost anything one can imagine!
3. Time. Be sure to be clear with your teen about how much time they are willing to invest in volunteering. Are they interested in a one-time volunteering event, or do they want to volunteer an hour of their time each week for a year? Are they willing to give up a few hours of free time in the evenings or weekends? Be sure that they are prepared to make and follow through with a time commitment.
4. Why Volunteer? Ask your teen what they hope to get out of volunteering. Why are they volunteering? What do they hope to experience? Who do they want to work with? Who do they want to help out? What difference do they want to make? What do they want to learn? This can spark a great discussion of the benefits of volunteering and the youth's perception of giving back to society and solving community problems. It will also lead to a more informed choice in the eventual selection of a specific opportunity.

In addition to talking with your youth, there are several things that you may want to consider before a final decision is made.

Questions to ask the volunteer coordinator or agency:

1. Child Abuse and Criminal Clearances. Is the staff my teen will be working with required to have up-to-date child abuse and criminal history clearances? Commonly required clearances for organizations working with children include PA Act 151 Child Abuse History Clearance (Childline Clearance), Act 34 Criminal Record Check and FBI Federal Criminal History and Fingerprinting.
2. Dress Code. What are the dress code expectations at this volunteer opportunity? Is professional attire preferred, or is casual clothing acceptable? Are there any needs for special clothing such as hard-toe boots for safety in construction projects or clothing that can get dirty for outdoor or art-related projects?
3. Food and Drink. If my teen will be working over a meal, is there a meal provided or does he or she need to bring one? Will my teen have access to drinking water or should he or she bring a water bottle? Can my teen bring snacks to the site? Will my teen have access to a refrigerator?
4. Supervision. What level of supervision is provided? Will my teen be expected to work independently for long periods of time? For some teens, ample supervision may be helpful in providing structure. Teens may also feel more comfortable knowing that they always have immediate access to someone in charge to answer questions as they come up and provide guidance.
5. Cost. What hidden costs are there for participation? Think about the cost of transporting your teen to the site, parking, providing snacks and lunches, purchasing appropriate clothing and other incidental expenses.
6. Attitudes/Experiences with Youth. Does this organization have experience working with teen volunteers? Do they find working with young people to be fun and exciting, or do they feel that young people are taxing because of their need for additional support and supervision? Most organizations will tell you directly if they accept youth volunteers, but others may have to be specifically asked.

Now that you have spoken with your youth and the organization about volunteering, you are ready to find the perfect match! Best of luck and happy volunteering!

**“How wonderful that no one need wait
a single moment to improve the world.”**
Anne Frank

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So you want to volunteer? Awesome! Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community, meet new people, learn new skills, build your resume and just have fun! There are tons of opportunities out there; the trick is finding the right one for you!

With so many volunteer opportunities, where should I begin? Before you get your feet wet (or dive right in!), there are several questions you should ask yourself:

1. What do YOU like to do? Often the best volunteer experiences involve doing what you already love! Do you sing, dance, or perform? Do you like to build things? Do you love working with kids or animals? Do you have lots of friends and quickly make new ones? Chances are, whatever you like, you can find a way to use that to make a difference in your community. Remember, volunteering should be fun, not a chore!
2. What difference do you want to make? Do you want to help end homelessness? Support our troops? Inspire younger kids? Spend time with the elderly? Everybody needs some kind of help at some point in their lives. What problem are you passionate about fixing and who are you passionate about helping?
3. When and for how long? Life is busy. You might be wondering how you are going to volunteer when you already have school, homework, sports, music lessons, extra-curricular activities, clubs, chores and other responsibilities. It is important for you to be realistic about how much time you can commit to a volunteer opportunity. Is it one Saturday? An hour per month? A few hours each week? Knowing this going in will help you avoid a situation where you feel pressured to do more than you have time for.
4. What do you want to get out of volunteering? Just because you are helping others doesn't mean you can't get something out of your efforts as well! Do you want to learn a new skill, boost your resume, create relationships that could lead to a job opportunity, or just have fun? Being clear about *why* you are volunteering can give you a goal and help you make a final decision about what you want to do.

Good luck and have fun!

**“Never believe that a few caring people
can't change the world. For, indeed,
that's all who ever have.”**

Margaret Mead

The Arc of Cumberland and Perry Counties (CPARC)

717.249.2611

Website: www.cparc.org

Contact: Lauren Cappuccio

E-mail: lcappuccio@cparc.org

Location: 71 Ashland Avenue, Carlisle, PA 17013

Minimum Age: 16. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Volunteer Opportunities: Yard work at residential homes.

Angels of Faith Youth Transitional Facility, Inc.

717.554.9689

Contact: Twanna George

E-mail: georgetwanna@yahoo.com

Location: Fountain Gate Church and Ministries, 1419 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104

Minimum Age: 15. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Volunteer Opportunities: Assist with crafts. Help set-up and clean-up at fundraising events. Tutors are also needed to help students in the program with math, English, Spanish and science homework. Volunteers are also needed to serve as youth advocates on the board of directors.

Bethesda Mission

717.257.4442

Website: www.bethesdamission.org

Contact: Rebecca Clymer, ext. 229

E-mail: rclymer@bethesdamission.org

Location: 611 Reily Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102

Minimum Age: 12 (parent or guardian needs to be present). *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Availability: Soupline 4:15-6:15 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Helping serve meals in the agency soup kitchen (Soupline).

Bountiful Blessings

717.802.1222

Website: www.bountifulblessings.org

Contact: Terry Orendi

E-mail: torendi@comcast.net

Location: 3 Keystone Drive, Suite B, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Minimum Age: 14. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Volunteer Opportunities: In addition to office work, there is warehouse work including loading and unloading trucks and stocking shelves. Potential opportunities with fundraising events and drives throughout the year.

Boy Scouts of America, New Birth of Freedom Council 717.502.4192

Website: www.newbirthoffreedom.org

Contact: Todd Weidner

E-mail: tweidner@scouting.org

Location: Camp Tuckahoe (Dillsburg) and Hidden Valley Scout Reservation (Loysville)

Minimum Age: 14. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Volunteer Opportunities: Trail maintenance, inside cleaning (washing windows, mopping floors, wiping counters, etc.) and painting (interior or exterior, woodworking, brush clearing).

Caitlin's Smiles

717.412.4759

Website: www.caitlins-smiles.org

Contact: Cheryl Hornung or Kim Mumper

E-mail: office.caitlinssmiles@comcast.net

Location: 3303 N. 6th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Minimum Age: 13 (or elementary school age if accompanied by parent)

Volunteer Opportunities: Organize a craft drive or small fundraising event (yard sale, lemonade sale, etc.). At our office - faxing, making coping kits, restocking supplies, straighten shelves. Please fill out the volunteer application on our website and include days of the week and times you are available to volunteer.

Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association (CATRA) 717.298.7035

Website: www.catra.net

Contact: Mike Babbit

E-mail: mike@catra.net

Location: 168 Station Road, Grantville, PA 17028

Minimum Age: Ages 13-18 require permission of parent or guardian; under age 13 must be accompanied by parent or guardian who will supervise their volunteer activities. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Volunteer Opportunities: CATRA is a therapeutic riding facility. All activities will be completed outdoors or in one of the facility's barns. Volunteers will get dirty and should dress accordingly. Activities could include assisting with therapeutic riding lessons; grooming horses; painting fences; cleaning animal enclosures and other structures; maintenance of stalls, barns, and other facility buildings; maintenance of paddocks; lawn and garden care; hay storage and distribution; fence clearing; cleaning of equipment used for animal care and riding lessons; and other typical farm activities.

Catholic Charities Interfaith Shelter

717.652.8740

Website: www.cchbg.org

Contact: Lisa Peck

E-mail: lpeck@cchbg.org

Location: 1101 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103

Minimum Age: 12. Must be accompanied by adult

Availability: Weekdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. with occasional evening events

Volunteer Opportunities: Activities include, but are not limited to light cleaning, yard work, craft or game nights with families, and preparing and serving meals followed by clean-up.

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank

717.564.1700

Website: www.centralpafoodbank.org

Contact: Chris Gray, ext. 2342

E-mail: cgray@centralpafoodbank.org

Location: 3908 Corey Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109

Minimum Age: 12 (if accompanied by an adult) or 16 (without an adult). *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Availability: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Monday - Thursday, 6-8 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - noon

Volunteer Opportunities: Projects in the warehouse vary from day to day and could include repackaging bulk food items such as bread, fresh fruits and vegetables, rice and pasta; sorting donated product; assembling boxes; packing assorted product in boxes; or stocking shelves in the agency shopping area. While not available consistently, administrative projects may be available during normal business hours.

Claremont Nursing and Rehab Center

717.386.6284

Website: www.ccpa.net/109/Claremont-Nursing-Rehabilitation-Center

Contact: Nancy Hahn

Email: nhahn@ccpa.net

Location: 1000 Claremont Road, Carlisle, PA 17013

Minimum Age: 13. *Youth with court-mandated community service requirements are considered on a case by case basis.*

Availability: 7 days a week. Hours vary from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Assist activities department with offering a variety of recreational programs to our elderly residents. Some of the activities are bingo, socials, entertainment, trips off grounds, magazine cart visits, room to room reading activities, arts and crafts programming, and transporting to and from locations within the building. A volunteer application with references is required and a background check will be completed, following which a brief orientation is offered.

Dauphin County Library System

717.234.4961

Website: www.dcls.org

Contact: Wendy McClure, CVA, ext. 1113

E-mail: wmcclore@dcls.org or volunteer@DCLS.org

Location: 101 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Minimum Age: 14. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Availability: Year-round. Commit to two hours each week. Day and time depends on the library location.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed for a wide variety of tasks including shelving materials, book cleaning, adopt-a-shelf and special events.

East Shore Branch YMCA

717.232.9622

Website: www.ymcaharrisburg.org

Contact: Tom Gifford or Chip Hitz

E-mail: tom.gifford@ymcaharrisburg.org or chip.hitz@ymcaharrisburg.org

Location: 701 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103

Minimum Age: No minimum age if accompanied by a parent. 16 without parental accompaniment

Volunteer Opportunities: Youth are needed to assist with event set-up, tear down/clean up, water station, handing out items at finish line, course direction and support, and other functions associated with the agency's race events. Indoor and outdoor cleaning projects available at the facility.

Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area

717.545.7299

Website: www.harrisburghabitat.org

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator

E-mail: volunteer@harrisburghabitat.org

Location: 900 S. Arlington Avenue, Suite 131A, Harrisburg PA 17109

Minimum Age: 16. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers can assist with office work, loading/unloading donations, organizing merchandise, customer service, cleaning and pricing at the ReStore facility. To read a full listing of the agency's volunteer opportunities, visit <http://harrisburghabitat.org/home/volunteer>.

Healthy Steps Diaper Bank

717.526.8143

Website: www.healthystepsdiaperbank.com

Contact: Erin Griffiths

E-mail: egriffithes@healthystepsdiaperbank.com

Location: Mission Central, 5 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Minimum Age: 8

Volunteer Opportunities: The agency is grateful for volunteers and relies on them for wrapping and packing diapers for distribution. Wrapping days focus on wrapping diapers in bundles of 25. Packing days use those wrapped diapers to fill orders. Volunteer opportunities are offered during the week as well as Saturdays. View dates and register to help for an upcoming volunteer opportunity at: <http://signup.come/go/vOefyiA>

Homeland Hospice

717.221.7890

Website: www.homelandhospice.org

Contact: Laurie Murray, ext. 114

E-mail: lmurray@homelandhospice.org

Location: 2300 Vartan Way, Suite 270, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Minimum Age: 16. Parental consent is required for all youth volunteers. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Availability: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (administrative support); 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Assist with the Music and Memory program by wiping used iPods, downloading music onto a computer and developing patient-specific playlists on the iPods. Volunteers would also have the opportunity to visit with the patients and share the music. Administrative support is also needed and available. Volunteers must complete application requirements, attend orientation prior to volunteering and be committed to a minimum of 40 volunteer hours.

Hope Within Ministries

717.367.9797

Website: www.hopewithin.org

Contact: Anne Marie McAlester

E-mail: annemarie.mcalester@hopewithin.org

Location: 4748 Harrisburg Pike, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Minimum Age: 16. *This opportunity is available only to youth that have community service requirement to fulfill.*

Volunteer Opportunities: Youth volunteers can help with property needs such as weeding, planting flowers, pruning or exterior cleaning. Occasionally youth can help with events.

International Service Center

717.236.9401

Website: www.isc76.org

Contact: Tuan Bui

E-mail: tuan@isc76.org

Location: 21 South River Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Minimum Age: 16. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Availability: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Help distribute emergency food to the needy.

Jewish Family Service

717.233.1681

Website: www.jfsofhbg.org

Contact: Chudney Lewis

Email: clewis@jfsofhbg.org

Location: 3333 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Minimum Age: 14 with parental support

Volunteer Opportunities:

- AdoptionLinks Program: Opportunity for youth 16-18 who have experience with young children. Volunteer to provide childcare during 1.5 to 2 hour monthly support group meetings for adoptive parents. Must have background check to ensure no probation involvement. This job is not available to individuals with court-mandated community service.
- Finkelstein-Cohen Kosher Meals on Wheels Program: Join our team of volunteers who pack kosher meals on Sunday afternoons for delivery to homebound seniors in the Harrisburg area. Requirements include: reliable transportation to/from the packing location on Linglestown Road, adherence to food safety and kitchen sanitation protocols, and attention to detail.
- Jewish Family Service Food Pantry: The program is seeking a teenager with good organizational skills and a passion for helping individuals and families put food on their tables. Primary responsibility would include stocking the shelves, taking inventory and checking for expiration dates.

Joseph T. Simpson Public Library

717.766.0171

Website: www.simpsonlibrary.org

Contact: Cheryl Hobbs

E-mail: chobbs@ccpa.net

Location: 16 North Walnut Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Minimum Age: 13. *Background checks mandatory for all volunteers 18 and older.*

Availability: Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Help shelve books and other materials in their proper location.

Kidney Foundation of Central Pennsylvania

717.652.8123

Website: www.kfcp.org

Contact: Phyllis Hicks

E-mail: phyllis@kfcp.org

Location: 900 S. Arlington Avenue, Suite 134A, Harrisburg, PA 17109

Minimum Age: 15 with permission of parent or guardian (volunteer application required)

Volunteer Opportunities: Assist with set-up and tear-down of fundraising events; help staff tables at health fairs and community events; assist with clerical and administrative projects in the office.

Lisburn Community Fire Company

717.766.3994

Website: www.Lisburnfire.org

Contact: Steve Trimmer

E-mail: lisburnfire24@gmail.com

Location: 1800 Main Street, Lisburn, PA 17055 (Mechanicsburg is mailing address)

Minimum Age: 12. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Availability: Varies

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers needed to assist with grounds work, cleaning and help with fundraisers. Help is also needed at the festival, which is in August.

Lykens Valley Children's Museum

570.809.6379

Website: www.lvcm.org

Contact: Lisa Ditty

E-mail: lykensvalleychildrensmuseum@gmail.com

Location: 33 S. Market Street, Elizabethville, PA 17023

Minimum Age: 12 with permission of parent or guardian. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to assist with events, deep cleaning projects at the museum and building exhibits. Opportunities also exist to assist with marketing projects such as website development/maintenance and brochures.

Messiah Lifeways

717.697.4666

Website: www.messiahlifeways.org

Contact: Kelly Haag

E-mail: khaag@messiahlifeways.org

Location: 100 Mt. Allen Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Minimum Age: 14

Volunteer Opportunities: Messiah Lifeways offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities that provide personal enrichment and help enhance the quality of life for residents and clients. If you are willing to share your time and talents as a volunteer, we will work with you to establish a schedule. Volunteers receive an orientation, as well as specific training for their volunteer assignment. Some opportunities include distributing fresh water to residents, escorting residents to the salon and physical therapy appointments, visiting with residents, sharing musical talents, grounds assistance and so much more!

Mission Central

717.766.1533

Website: www.missioncentral.org

Contact: Laurie Whitmyer

E-mail: whitmyer@susumc.org

Location: 5 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Minimum Age: 15 with adult accompaniment. 16 with waiver form and permission slips completed by parent or guardian. Student groups require one adult for every five youth under 18 years of age. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Volunteer Opportunities: Youth are welcome for warehouse work, sorting items, making kits, outside yard work and cleaning projects. We also offer hours for community service and school service.

National MS Society

717.509.0989

Web: <https://www.natinoalmssociety.org/get-involved/volunteer>

Contact: Harmeet Bath

E-mail: harmeet.bath@nmss.org

Location: Central PA

Minimum Age: Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Youth under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Volunteer Opportunities: With the help of volunteers, the agency can stretch donor dollars and build a stronger organization. Volunteers are needed for fundraising events like the Walk for MS or Bike for MS. Office volunteers are also needed.

Ned Smith Center for Nature and Arts

717.692.3699

Website: www.nedsmithcenter.org

Contact: Emily Rosmus

E-mail: erosmus@nedsmithcenter.org

Location: 176 Water Company Road, Millersburg, PA 17061

Minimum Age: 16. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Availability: Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Improve hiking trails, assist with preparing education resource materials and props, flower garden maintenance, sort recycling, maintain wildlife feeding stations, clean and fill seed and nectar feeders for the birds and squirrels, and assist with a variety of administrative tasks.

New Hope Ministries

717.432.2087

Contact: Alicia Roth, ext. 209

E-mail: aroth@nhm-pa.net

Location: 5228 E. Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 **OR**

West Shore Center, 701 Bosler Avenue, Lemoyne, PA 17043

Minimum Age: 16

Volunteer Opportunities: Sort, package and stock food pantry shelves.

Northern Dauphin County Branch YMCA

717.362.9494

Website: www.ymcaharrisburg.org

Contact: Carol Bostdorf

E-mail: carol.bostdorf@ymcaharrisburg.org

Location: 500 N. Church Street, Elizabethville, PA 17023

Minimum Age: 16. (Any age accepted with court-mandated community service). *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Volunteer Opportunities: Cleaning, weeding, folding brochures, babysitting, helping with community events and serving as tour guides.

Northern Dauphin Human Services Center

717.905.2700

Contact: Bonnie Kent

E-mail: bkent@dauphinc.org

Location: 295 State Drive, Elizabethville, PA 17023

Minimum Age: 14, younger if accompanied by an adult. *Willing to accept court mandated community service.*

Volunteer Opportunities: In the garden: weeding, watering and harvesting. For community events: creating posters, setting up vendor tables, manning information and activity areas, handing out materials and playing games. Clean up after events.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA

717.533.4001

Website: www.rmhc-centralpa.org

Contact: Alyssa Noel, ext. 158

E-mail: anoel@rmhc-centralpa.org

Location: 745 West Governor Road, Hershey, PA 17033

Minimum Age: 12 with parent

Volunteer Opportunities: Collect glossy paper/magazines, collect aluminum tabs, collect “wish list” items. Sign up to bake or make meals for our House guests at www.rmhc-centralpa.org/get-involved/meal-providers/

Shalom House

717.920.4906

Website: www.shalomhouse.net

Contact: Denise Britton

Email: dbritton@shalomhouse.net

Location: 9 S. 15th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104

Minimum Age: 17 (will consider younger if right skills). *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Volunteer Opportunities: Mentoring; fundraising; reading tutors for adults (women and single moms); gardening assistance (seasonal); Summer Learning Series Assistant (youth activities); and communications and marketing, including social networking sites.

Tri County Community Action

717.232.9757

Website: www.cactricounty.org

Contact: Lynette Hassinger, ext. 106

E-mail: lhassinger@cactricounty.org

Location: 1514 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104

Minimum Age: None. Parental consent is required for all youth volunteers. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Volunteer Opportunities: Outdoor community/neighborhood clean-up, event planning/coordination, general program support, administrative support and assistance with maintaining community gardens.

Tri-County OIC Adult Learning Center

717.238.7318

Website: www.tricountyoic.org

Contact: Jeffrey Woodyard

E-mail: jwoodyard@tricountyoic.org

Location: 500 Maclay Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

Minimum Age: 15

Availability: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to help maintain the agency's large urban garden.

UPMC Pinnacle Volunteer Services

717.657.7397 or 717.782.3353

Website: www.pinnaclehealth.org/volunteer

Contact: Linda Glessner (Community Campus) or Faye George-Harvey (Harrisburg Campus)

E-mail: lglessner@pinnaclehealth.org or Fahima.George-Harvey@pinnaclehealth.org

Location: P.O. Box 8700, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Minimum Age: 15

Availability: June - August, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: A variety of opportunities are available based upon the student's interest. Volunteers must complete application requirements, attend student orientation prior to volunteering and be committed to a minimum of 30 volunteer hours during the program period. Applications become available on the website on February 1 at www.pinnaclehealth.org/studentvolunteers.

Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts

717.724.3857

Website: www.whitakercenter.org

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator

E-mail: volunteers@whitakercenter.org

Location: 222 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Minimum Age: 16

Volunteer Opportunities: Discoveries are made every day at the Whitaker Center. We rely on the enthusiasm, talent and creativity of our volunteers. If you are interested in discovering what you can do, we invite you to join us as a volunteer. Whether answering questions about an exhibit, helping guests to their seats in one of our theaters, or answering phones, volunteers are involved! The Whitaker Center welcomes diverse people of all ages, abilities, educational levels and backgrounds. The volunteer manager will help you select a role that matches your interests and abilities. A contribution of your time and talent is one of the most generous gifts you can make.

Wildheart

405.234.0866

Website: www.wildheartministries.net

Contact: Joanna Yoder

E-mail: joanna@wildheartministries.net

Location: 333 South 13th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104

Minimum Age: 12. *Willing to consider youth with court-mandated community service requirements.*

Volunteer Opportunities: Wildheart offers several different types of volunteer experiences. Volunteers are needed for set-up, tear down and facilitation of quarterly block parties attended by 300-400 Allison Hill neighbors. During the summer, volunteers are needed for the annual Love the Hill summer project, an eight-week beautification project through all of South Allison Hill where volunteers remove illegal dumpsites, board up abandoned houses, install flower boxes, paint and much more. Year-round volunteers are needed for biweekly Community Clean-up Days held every other Saturday where maintenance is done in the community gardens.

YWCA of Carlisle

717.243.3812

Website: www.ywccarlisle.org

Contact: Ashley Burkett

E-mail: aburkett@ywccarlisle.org

Location: 301 G Street, Carlisle, PA 17103

Minimum Age: 16

Availability: Weekdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. with occasional evening events

Volunteer Opportunities: Assist elementary-aged children with reading and writing of STEM-related experiments and activities through the agency's after school programs.

YWCA of Greater Harrisburg

717.234.7931

Website: www.ywcahbg.org

Contact: Tiffanie Keck

E-mail: tkeck@ywcahbg.org

Location: 1101 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103

Minimum Age: 16

Availability: Weekdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. with occasional evening events

Volunteer Opportunities: Duties would vary depending on operational needs. The tasks could include: administrative functions such as filing, copying, mailing, etc.; organizing storage areas; inventory toys, games and daycare supplies and donations; attending and providing support at event functions; and monitoring social media accounts during events. The YWCA is a well-respected non-profit organization that is proud of the services offered to the community. Volunteer your time to learn about us and how we enhance the Harrisburg community.