

2017 Holiday Season

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER GUIDE

VOLUNTEER CENTER FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY



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Holiday Volunteer Opportunities:

The below organizations marked with a “✓” are Premier (fee paying) Partners with whom the Volunteer Center works extra closely; such partners receive additional privileges such as web site listings of volunteer opportunities and radio spots featuring the agency and its events.

Admiral Cleaners - Supporting Maryland Communities

At Admiral Cleaners, we try hard to support the local Maryland communities who have supported us for over 84 years. Every **October and November** we sponsor a community wide “**Call for Coats**” that brings in thousands of coats each year. **Bring in your coats that no longer fit or that you rarely wear to any of our locations!** We’ll be sure to clean them and get the coats around the shoulders of someone in the community who will appreciate being warmer this winter. Over the last three decades we have donated over 100,000 coats **so please help continue the tradition of helping those in need!** For more information, or to coordinate a pickup, call **410-267-8381, 800-864-4429, email customerservice@admiralcleaners.com**, or visit the **Severna Park Admiral Cleaners locations at 40 W. McKinsey Road, 543 Benfield Road or 1460 Ritchie Highway**. See the website at: <http://admiralcleaners.com/community-and-awards/>.

Annapolis High School, December 11-13, 2017: Mock Interviews ✓

Volunteers are needed to conduct Mock Interviews and provide Career Guidance for all 11th-grade students at Annapolis High on **December 11-13, 2017 from 7:30 am to 2:15pm**. Help them cultivate real world experience, taking the topics introduced in 11th-grade English of résumé writing, interviewing, and networking and practicing them with YOU, our community partners. You can sign up for a few hours or volunteer all day. To register visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4ea9a929abfb6-annapolis/22901594>. Contact Becky Hogan, rhogan@aacps.org, with questions.

Annapolis Jaycees - Hanging of the Greens 2017

Volunteers are needed for **Hanging of the Greens** in downtown Annapolis from **7:00 am – 5pm on Saturday, December 2, 2017**. This Holiday event is sponsored by the **Annapolis Jaycees 20's & 30's Networking and Social Group**. Volunteers will work in teams of 5-10 on assigned sections of local downtown Annapolis businesses to wrap Christmas lights around greenery and hang the greens/lights along with wreaths and ribbons. For more details and to sign up for the event, please visit: <https://www.meetup.com/Annapolis-Jaycees/events/243442724/> or email jayceeshog@gmail.com with any questions.

Annapolis Santa Run – Annapolis Firefighters

The **Annual Annapolis Santa Run** is looking for **volunteer elves!** **Now in its 15th year**, some of the **longtime "elves" include several Annapolis residents**. Communities, schools and churches are designated to be Santa Run stops. Volunteers at those spots set up outdoor holiday parties and invite community residents to join the fun. Suddenly, there is a sound of fire engine sirens and air horns. Flashing lights, a caravan of fire and emergency vehicles squeal up to the community party site. From inside the fire truck, Santa emerges with a contingent of elves. Santa greets children and adults alike and distributes bits of wisdom, listens to requests and hands out candy canes. The elves open giant bags. **Instead of pulling gifts out, kids begin putting unwrapped gifts into the bags - they are giving gifts to Santa!** Later that evening, Santa and his elves will sort all the unwrapped presents and distribute them to needy area families. The Santa Run will be through the Broadneck Peninsula, City of Annapolis, Annapolis Neck and Crownsville on **December 10, 2017**. **Last year, over 1000 needy children in Anne Arundel County received gifts on Christmas morning!** For exact times and places, please visit the

website: www.annapolissantarun.com. **Are you interested in being a volunteer elf?** High school teens can earn community service hours by working aboard a fire truck during the Santa Run and, later, by helping to sort the gifts. **To volunteer, youths and adults alike, call 410-263-7975.**

Anne Arundel County Animal Control ✓

Animal control provides a variety of services to the community, including adoption and foster programs for the benefit of domestic animals and offers a variety of volunteer opportunities that are available to assist the agency in carrying out its mission. Volunteers may perform many helpful tasks including, but not limited to, hands on interaction with the animals, showing animals to prospective adopters, assisting customers, answering phones, filing, photography and multi-media tasks. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, be able to meet the 16 hour per month requirement of volunteer service hours and be prepared to comply with all volunteer policies at Animal Control. Please contact P93282@aacounty.org or call us at **410-222-8900** if you have questions about volunteering. For more information and a downloadable Volunteer Application Form see website at: www.aacounty.org/AnimalControl/VolunteerProgram.cfm
Donations of money and many items are accepted all year but are especially needed during the holiday season: Visit the web site at: <http://www.faacac.org/what-else-can-you-donate/>, for information about appropriate items to donate.

Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services ✓

Holiday Sharing matches donors to seniors and/or families in need during **Thanksgiving & Christmas**. Donors shop for food, clothing, and toys for the holiday and personally deliver to the household. Volunteers staff the office from the **end of September until January 1st**. This program has been in operation for **37 years at DSS**. For questions please contact us at **410-269-4462** or email HolidaySharing.aacodss@maryland.gov. Donors can express interest or sign up at <http://dhr.maryland.gov/local-offices/anne-arundel-county/>. (Click on Holiday Sharing Program)

Anne Arundel County Food and Resource Bank ✓

The Anne Arundel County Food and Resource Bank is looking for drivers to haul food, furniture, and other items between their facility in Crownsville and various locations within Anne Arundel County. There is no heavy lifting involved. With the exception of some food pickups, there will be resources at each end to load and unload the vehicle. The Food Bank is looking for volunteers who can drive the Food Bank's 16' box truck. You do not need a Commercial Driving License, just a good driving record. Support in the mornings is needed, and you do not need to volunteer for every morning. Multiple volunteers are being sought so that they can support all week days. Founded in 1986, the Food Bank is the only free, multi-purpose Agency in Maryland that provides food, nutritional supplements, medical equipment, furniture, vehicles, appliances, and more to those in need, free of charge. They support individuals and other non-profits. The food bank is also **seeking warehouse space (30-40,000 sq. ft.)** because their lease for space at the Crownsville Hospital location is up in May 2018. For more information, please visit their website at www.afoodbank.org. If you are interested, please contact **Susan Thomas at 410-923-4255** or susan@afoodbank.org.

Anne Arundel County Volunteer Center “Notes in Coats” Program

Join the *Anne Arundel County Volunteer Center* and *HOPE For All* by donating new or gently-used **CLEAN** winter coats for children in need! Winter coats must be washable and suitable for children from ages newborn to high school senior. Please do not donate dry-clean only coats! You should personalize your donation as part of *Notes in Coats*, by including a note of hope in your donated coat. Drop off coats: **Mon.-Fri, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm** at The Anne Arundel County Volunteer Center, 2666 Riva Road, Suite 130, Annapolis, MD 21401. Last dates for drop off: **December 15, 2017** for Christmas delivery; **January 12, 2018** for Martin Luther King Day of Service delivery. For more information, contact info@aacvc.org or call 410-897-9207.

Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region ✓

The Arc advocates for and supports County citizens with developmental disabilities/mental retardation.

During the holidays you could adopt a family! Oftentimes a child's diagnosis can mean huge medical bills for a family. Even those families who are fiscally sound may run into crisis situations. By adopting a family that is in crisis, a donor ensures that they keep their home, keep the heat, air conditioning, electric and water from being turned off, provides medication and therapies for the child with disabilities and helps keep the family unit together. Donations of food, clothing, gift and household items and gift cards makes **a huge difference in the life of the children and families the Arc supports!** For more information, please call the Arc at **410-268-8085** or **410-269-1883** or email ADemoreland@thearcccr.org. Also, see website: www.thearcccr.org.

Arundel House of Hope ✓

Arundel House of Hope's programs encompass a variety of services for individuals experiencing homelessness in Anne Arundel County. These include transitional housing through the **Fouse Center, Permanent and Community Housing, Supportive Housing through the Safe Haven Program, the Resource and Day Center,** and the **Winter Relief** rotating shelter program. General volunteer needs include administrative support, transportation to and from appointments, job counseling and life skills coaches, computer maintenance help, and persons to serve on the board of directors. Additional volunteer opportunities vary by location but include facilities maintenance and repair and grounds maintenance. Donations of food and clothing items, cleaning, office and kitchen supplies, paper products, toiletry items, landscaping tools, and more are also needed. E-mail: Mario at MBerninzoni@ArundelHOH.org or call: **410-863-4888**. Website: www.arundelhoh.org.

Arundel Lodge ✓

Arundel Lodge, Inc. partners with individuals and families to improve behavioral health through recovery-oriented services. **Arundel Lodge has a Residential Rehabilitation and Day Program** to provide specialized housing and behavioral health services. Arundel Lodge is seeking volunteers on **Thanksgiving Day** to prepare and serve a dinner to our individuals in the residential program. The food will be provided. In addition, we provide an array of opportunities for all volunteers to use their talents in work with our community. Cindy Garmoe, Volunteer Coordinator, at 443-433-5906 or cgarmoe@arundellodge.org. See web site at <http://www.arundellodge.org/volunteer/>.

Bello Machre ✓

All during the month of **November, 2017**, individual volunteers, or groups of volunteers, are needed to rake leaves and to decorate Bello Machre homes for Thanksgiving. Also, donations of Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets filled with non-perishable foods are needed for both the community homes and support services families in need. Donations of grocery store gift cards would also be appreciated. All during the month of **December, 2017**, individual volunteers, or groups of volunteers, are needed to sponsor one of the folks in Bello Machre homes by Providing Gifts from Their "Wish Lists" for Christmas. Donations of gift cards to Target, Walmart, JC Penny, etc. would also be appreciated, and Also, donations of Christmas Dinner Baskets filled with non-perishable foods are needed for both the community homes and support services families in need. Volunteer help with decorating homes for Christmas, planning a Christmas Party, and shoveling snow are also needed. There is a continuing need for volunteers to help adults with development disabilities improve their reading skills, time commitment of one hour per week minimum, as well as volunteers to help at our front desk, answering phones and helping with other light administrative duties, For more information, and to volunteer or make donations, contact **Michele Marshall, Manager of Outreach and Volunteer Services,** at michele.marshall@bellomachre.org or **443-702-3064**. Your caring heart will make a difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities. Lend your time and talents and open your heart to the individuals we serve; we have a variety of volunteer opportunities

available throughout the year. If you have a day or even a few hours – your support will bring a smile to someone’s face. Visit the web site at: <http://bellomachre.org/you-can-help/volunteer> for more information and to submit an online application.

The Blue Ribbon Project

The Blue Ribbon Project has an ongoing need for volunteers. Typically, volunteers come and join us for "Volunteer Days". During a Volunteer Day, we sort through incoming donations as well as build Backpacks of Love. We also have a variety of other areas in which your help is needed. This can include assisting with events and fundraisers, working within our offices, and helping with other activities. Backpacks of Love Volunteer Days are scheduled for Sun., Nov. 12, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Sat., Dec 2, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Sun., Dec. 10, 1:00-4:00 p.m., and Thurs., Dec. 28, 2017, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Volunteer Days are held at 45 Community Place Behind Child Advocacy Center Crownsville, MD 21032. For more information and to sign up online, visit: <https://blueribbonproject.org/how-to-help/volunteer.html>.

Calvary Food Bank

Calvary Food Bank is certified by **Anne Arundel County Food Link** to provide free food to area residents; on **Tuesday evenings** each week food is distributed to **75 - 100 needy persons**. Volunteers are needed to help pick up and store food from **Giant Food** and other area supermarkets for about two hours on **Monday and Tuesday mornings** using the **Calvary Food Bank truck**. The Calvary Food Bank will also have a program for Thanksgiving. There is also a new Community Center which can house many more community activities. For more information call **410-969-5100** or e-mail: Francur07@aol.com.

Chesapeake Children’s Museum (CCM) ✓

Sunday, December 31, 2017, 3:00-5:00 pm, New Year’s Eve Celebrations: Get a head start on saying good - bye to 2017 and heralding in the New Year. Chesapeake Children’s Museum will be open 10 am – 3 pm with crafts to help you celebrate: crowns, noisemakers, and Chinese yo - yo's! Free with admission. Then head over to Weems-Whalen Field off of Spa Road for the City of Annapolis’ Children's Celebration. CCM will be providing Crafts from 3:00-5:30 p.m, then there will be a Fireworks show! Volunteers are needed to help make this day a memorable experience for the kids, both at the Museum and at Weem’s-Whalen field. Volunteers are also needed on an ongoing basis throughout the year to help maintain museum exhibits, as a librarian, event coordinator, volunteer coordinator, handyman, museum docent, animal caretaker, and more. For more information contact Debbie Wood at debbie@theccm.org or 410-990-1993. See the CCM web site at- www.theccm.org.

Chrysalis House ✓

Chrysalis House, in Crownsville, provides addiction treatment services for women and women with children in a residential setting. Volunteer assistance is needed to help collect and wrap Christmas gifts for Chrysalis House residents. Donations of food, clothing, household items, bedding, gift cards, and more are also needed. If you would prefer to reach out directly, please contact **Loren Weisman** at lweisman@chrysalishouses.org or **410-974-6829**. See web site: www.chrysalishouses.org.

Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County ✓

HON Fund: The **Help Our Neighbors Fund** was created in 2008 by the **Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County** in response to significant increases in calls for urgent assistance for basic human needs. **Help Our Neighbors Grants** have been disbursed to a number of agencies including First Baptist Church, SCAN, SPAN, Annapolis Area Ministries and Arundel House of Hope. These agencies report being able to help dozens of clients with small but important grants that have enabled them to stay in their homes, keep the sick and elderly warm, pay fees for licenses and certification so that the recipients can work, pay for essential medication, and receive medical care. Learn how you can make contributions (in

any amount) to the **Help Our Neighbors Fund** by contacting the **Community Foundation**: email contact@cfaac.org or call **410-280-1102**.

Fouse Center

This Glen Burnie nonprofit provides transitional housing for homeless men in Northern Anne Arundel County. Its goal is to assist men with the transition from homelessness to independent and stable living.

Holiday donations are needed. For more information email info@arundelhoh.org or contact **Calvin Thomas**, at cthomas@arundelhoh.org or call **410-863-4888**.

Happy Helpers for the Homeless, Saturdays and Sundays ✓

This nonprofit organization provides food, toiletries, and clothing to the hungry and homeless. Volunteers, as young as 6, are needed **Saturdays (11:30 am - 2:30 pm) and Sundays (1:00 - 4:00 pm)** to assist in distributing items and bag lunches in **downtown Baltimore** and **Glen Burnie**. Ongoing donations are needed: men's socks, toiletry items, men's clothing, blankets, shoes in very good condition, sturdy napkins/paper towels, mustard, juice boxes, fold-over sandwich bags, lunch meat and fresh fruit. **Ongoing through** winter is coats, blankets, and gloves drive. Volunteers can meet in **Glen Burnie** to caravan up to **Baltimore**. There is also a critical need for cash donations to help pay rent for space used by Happy Helpers. **Contact Margie Englert at 443-433-2416** or email mjenglert95@gmail.com for more information about volunteering on all projects and events.

Holiday Donations: Clothing (all sizes and ages), **Food** (especially turkeys or hams and trimmings), **Christmas presents**: backpacks, hats, gloves, socks, McDonald's meal certificates, toys, books, thermal underwear, and sweatshirts, toiletries.

- **Sat., Dec. 9, 2017, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Christmas in Marydel:** We will be holding a Christmas Party on Maryland's Eastern shore. Clothing, groceries and presents will be given out. This is an all-day event! Please be sure to bring money for lunch or you can bring your own lunch. We will meet up at the 7-Eleven on Quarterfield Rd., Glen Burnie, next to WaWa at 9 am then caravan to Marydel.
- **10:00 am to 3:30 pm, Saturday, December 16 2017 - 24th Annual Christmas Party for Anne Arundel County's Homeless:** Our Christmas Party for Anne Arundel County homeless will be held at **Harundale Presbyterian Church in Glen Burnie**.
- **Sun., Dec. 24, 2017 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Christmas Eve in Baltimore:** We will be handing out over 2,000 Christmas presents to the homeless in Baltimore. Everything will be distributed from under the bridge at the corner of Guilford and East Madison at 12:30 pm. We need lots of volunteers for this event! We also will need volunteers with SUV's or big cars to help with bringing the presents to Baltimore.

HOPE For All ✓

HOPE For All is an all-volunteer, non-profit Christian ministry serving families in need in the north AA County, Baltimore City areas and also the Appalachian region by collecting and distributing donated school supplies, household goods and furniture, and clothing. If you would like to volunteer, bake, donate small gift cards in the amount of \$5.00 and \$10.00 for the teenagers that would be great. If you have good useable and working toys, dolls etc. that you would like to donate or have any questions about donating items please let us know. Hope For All continues to seek volunteers throughout the holiday season on **Tues., Wed., and Thursday** for either sorting clothes or assisting with pickups and deliveries in assisting families in Anne Arundel Co. Our times are between **9:30 and 3 p.m.** There are volunteer opportunities on **Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon**. These are pickup and delivery days only. Currently we have 30 plus families waiting for assistance. Groups are welcome. Please call **410-766-0372**. For more information about current donation needs and to inquire about volunteer opportunities, contact us by e mail:

hopeforall72@gmail.com. Visit our web site at www.hopeforall.us for more information about Hope For All and its volunteer opportunities and how to donate.

Giving Back, Linda's Legacy

Dec. 26-28, 2017 - Collection Days at Farmers Market Truman Parkway off Riva Rd. in Annapolis from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.: We will need lots of volunteers to sort, fold, and pack donations. This has been a great team-building exercise for schools, teams, groups and families in the past, and is encouraged this again for the coming drive. FREE lunch is provided for volunteers, as well as treats and holiday music and camaraderie. Most local schools are still in session till the 23rd, so send your college students and tell them to bring a friend!

Dec. 29, 2017- Delivery to all shelters: Meet: 8am at Annapolis Farmers Market: Again, volunteers are needed and we say this with the greatest confidence... this experience will change your whole outlook on Christmas. More details will come, but to participate in the Christmas Eve shelter deliveries, usually requires an 8am commitment for the morning run and a 3pm commitment for the evening run.

For many years **Giving Back (GBLL)** has provided backpacks filled with new sweatshirts, warm thermals, hats, gloves, and socks to the homeless on the streets of Anne Arundel County, Baltimore and Washington, DC.

For 2017 GBLL will be collecting coats, hats, gloves, sweaters, sleeping bags, blankets, thermals, sweats, new underwear and baby items such as diapers, baby seats, clothes and formula. Contact us to help at info@homelessdrive.org. Also, see website: www.homelessdrive.org/.

Living Classrooms Foundation

Looking for a way to give back this Thanksgiving season? Help Living Classrooms give back to our East Baltimore community! Last year, we provided over 320 families with a bag of food and a Thanksgiving turkey. We are hoping to reach even more families this year.

Ways to get involved:

- **Organize a food drive!** Setup a donation box at your office, gym, church, school, etc. We will be collecting food donations *until Friday, November 17th!*
- **Organize, sort, and bag donations!** We will be looking for volunteers (who have contributed to our food drive) to assist with this aspect of our giveaway.
- **Donate a turkey!** We are always looking to collect more turkeys as they are the most needed item among our families.

If you are interested in receiving a copy of our Thanksgiving 'toolkit' that provides more specific information about our food drive and related Thanksgiving volunteer opportunities, please email Erin, emyers@livingclassrooms.org.

Maryland Therapeutic Riding ✓

Located in Crownsville, MTR is a Premier Accredited Therapeutic Riding Center that offers therapeutic horseback riding lessons for children and adults with physical, mental and emotional disabilities.

Volunteers, ages 14 and up, assist with riding lessons and are needed throughout the week to assist with horse care, barn and facility maintenance year round. During the holiday season, volunteers are needed to provide loving care to the horses and assist with facility projects and barn maintenance while our riders are away. For more information about volunteering, please visit MTR's website www.horsethatheal.org or contact the Volunteer Manager, Nichole, at 410-923-6800 or email Nichole@mtrinc.org.

Meade High School, December 18-21, Mock Interviews ✓

Volunteers are needed to conduct Mock Interviews and provide Career Guidance for all 11th-grade students at Meade High on **Mon. – Thurs., Dec. 18-21 from 7:40 am to 2:20pm**. Help them cultivate real world experience, taking the topics introduced in 11th-grade English of résumé writing, interviewing, and networking and practicing them with YOU, our community partners. You can sign up for a few hours or volunteer all day. To register visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49abad29abf85-meade1/22901594>. Contact Jim Hopper, jhopper@aacps.org, with questions.

Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland ✓

Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland needs volunteers to provide a number of core programs and support systems for its home-delivered meal clients that can prevent premature institutionalization and increase quality of life. Such assistance includes delivery of meals to the homebound, grocery shopping and delivery, and delivery of freezer friendly meals to cancer patients. Support services include help with connecting clients who are isolated with outside services or organizations or providing in-house services such as volunteer companions, phone pals, delivery of pet food, and other support to enable clients to stay in their homes. **Training, including weekly orientations for new volunteers, is provided weekly on Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m.** at the main office at 515 S. Haven St., Baltimore, MD 21224 (RSVP at volunteer@mowcm.org); schedules are flexible. To learn more call 443-573-0925, email volunteer@mowcm.org or visit the website at www.mealsonwheelsmd.org.

Operation Welcome Home (MD) ✓

OWHMD provides a hero's welcome at BWI Airport to military personnel returning home from the War on Terror. Since March 2007, Operation Welcome Home Maryland has greeted over a half million Sailors, Soldiers, Marines and Airmen. **Volunteers are needed to help by cheering, clapping, shaking hands and saying thanks.** This is a volunteer activity for all ages! Community organizations, schools, scouts, church groups, and individuals are also needed to lead a collection drive of water or a snack drive for the snack bags. Assembly lines are set up and snack bags are made prior to the arrival of our service members. Volunteers also needed to help decorate the International terminal, the location for the events. With the Holidays approaching it is especially important to let our troops know that we care about them. Check our website: <http://www.operationwelcomehomemd.org/> or call **410-630-1555** any time after **9:00 am** for the most up to date information about arrivals. **Questions? Contact Kathy Thorp at navyfam6@comcast.net.**

Partners in Care ✓

Partners In Care, a private non-profit, needs volunteers to drive older members of the community to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and other necessary errands. Volunteers also provide help with our office work, light honey-do repairs in the home and neighborly assistance such as reading and writing, friendly visits, and help in our Upscale-Resale Boutique. We offer a unique culture of service exchange where neighbors help each other and in return ask for assistance when the need arises. These services are especially important during the holidays. Monthly orientation sessions are offered. Visit our website: www.partnersincare.org, call **410-544-4800** or email lindadennis@partnersincare.org.

P.A.W.S. (People & Animals Who Serve Anne Arundel County) ✓

Volunteers for this program **visit one-on-one or with their pets or children** during the holidays and throughout the year at homeless shelters, nursing homes, hospitals, assisted living facilities, adult day-care centers or other sites where lonely people need friends. Volunteers are asked to share at least one hour each week at the facility of your choice. With more than 76 facilities to choose from throughout the county, there are many opportunities to brighten someone's day close to your home. **Minimum age of 18 if visiting one-on-one with own pet**, under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Call **410-222-0738** or email pawsaac@yahoo.com for more information. Visit the website: www.pawsaac.org.

Reindeer 5K Run & Walk

Volunteers are needed to help with this event being sponsored by **Edgewater Fitness, just off Route 2 at 5 Mayo Rd. in Edgewater, MD on Saturday, December 2nd, 2017.** The course route loops through **Londontowne** and then back to Edgewater Fitness. All runners and fans are invited to warm up inside Edgewater Fitness for some refreshments, and holiday fun. The event is stroller and pet friendly. **All proceeds benefit Toys for Tots.** All race awards will be presented immediately following the race. Visit

the website at <http://edgewaterfit.com/news/join-us-for-8th-annual-reindeer-run/> to register. For more information and to volunteer call **410-956-9392**.

Rude Ranch Animal Rescue

Rude Ranch animal rescue is located just outside of Annapolis, Maryland. The mission of Rude Ranch is to find loving, permanent homes for any adoptable placed under their care; to provide a safe haven and rehabilitation to feral and neglected cats rescued from abusive situations and to put an end to needless euthanasia because of pet overpopulation.

Holiday Project: During the holidays volunteers are needed to help with fundraising, being Santa's helper and helping with photos with Santa at their Harwood location. They also need help with gift wrapping. They accept group and youth volunteers (minimum age 16) and family volunteers (as long as parent is present). They need donated canned cat food and dog food. For more info contact **Rude Ranch at info@ruderanch.org** or **410-798-9559**. See website: www.ruderanch.org.

Salvation Army

Food Pantry – Volunteers are needed to drop off food donations Monday through Friday for the Salvation Army's food pantries in Annapolis and Glen Burnie. Suggested food items include nonperishable canned goods and boxed food. Donations of toiletries are also welcome. Groups that hold food drives can make arrangements to have the food picked up.

Christmas Programs:

At no other time of the year are volunteers needed more than during the Christmas Holiday. Committed and dedicated helpers are needed to provide services in a vast array of areas. **These include, but are not limited to: Red Kettle Campaign, Angel Tree, Food Drive, Dress-A-Bear Program, Stocking Stuffers and Distribution Day Holiday Events.** For more information and to volunteer: Annapolis location, contact **Leon Ferraez at 410-263-4091** or leon.ferraez@uss.salvationarmy.org; Glen Burnie Service Center– **Lisa Lima at 443-749-0849** or Lisa.Lima@uss.salvationarmy.org Also, see website: <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/volunteer/>.

Sarah's House ✓

Sarah's House is a supportive housing program for homeless women, children, and men in **Anne Arundel County** providing case management, childcare, transportation and employment services at **Ft. Meade**. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals, families, businesses and groups of all faiths and ages. We work with volunteers to find opportunities that match your skills, talents and interests. Specifically, **volunteers are needed to prepare breakfast, lunch or dinner for shelter guests. Host a weekend family activity (ice cream social, movie night, etc.). Assist with front desk/clerical duties (weekday mornings, afternoons, and early evenings). Assist with FLASH after school homework program during the week from 5:30pm until 7pm (excellent opportunity for high school students). Organize a 'Wish List' drive for needed in kind donations.** There is an ongoing need for donation of items such as large diapers, baby wipes, general cleaning supplies, bathroom tissue and more. **For those wishing to donate holiday gifts, we encourage items for our teenagers. For more information about volunteering** email volunteersarahshouse@cc-md.org.

• **9:00 am, Saturday (after Thanksgiving) - November 25, 2017: Tom's 16th Annual 5K Reindeer Run:** Volunteers are needed to help with this run in memory of **Tom Linsenmeyer** which benefits **Sarah's House**. **Check-in is from 8:00 - 8:45 am** at **West Laurel Community Building** in **T.Howard Duckett Park, 16501 Supplee Lane Laurel, MD**. See our website to register online for the run, sponsorship and volunteer opportunities and directions at www.tomsreindeerrun.org/. Questions? Contact John Linsenmeyer at jlinse@hotmail.com.

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The Sharing Foundation

This local nonprofit assists the families of the working needy and special situation families in Anne Arundel County. Volunteers assist with programs such as **Santa's Share Your Christmas, Books for Kids, Children's Winter Coats, fundraising and special events**. Contact **443-603-1560** or e-mail thesharingfoundation@yahoo.com, Website: www.thesharingfoundation.org.

SPAN (Serving People Across Neighborhoods)

Sunday, November 12, 2017, 8:30 am – 6th Annual Stride for SPAN Turkey Trot: The 5K at Kinder Farm Park starts at 9:00am, followed by a one-mile fun-walk at 9:30am. T-Shirts will be given to all participants and prizes for 3 top 5K finishers in specified age groups. Also there are a variety of ways that you can support and receive acknowledgement as a sponsor or donor for this exciting event. Email us at strideforspan@yahoo.com to learn more or to confirm your interest as a participant or sponsor. Also, visit our website: www.spanhelps.org for more information and to register.

We are also in **need of people to sponsor families for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and Christmas gifts for kids**. If anyone wants to sponsor a family for Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner, and/or Christmas gifts for kids, please contact SPAN at spanhelps@yahoo.com.

SPAN in cooperation with area churches help persons in their community in need of crisis assistance because of evictions, utility turn-off notices, emergency medical or prescription needs, food pantry or other services. Span needs volunteers to staff the office, work in the food pantry Monday and Wednesday mornings and donate food and other items for the pantry. Get your group to sponsor a food drive or pick up a few extra items when you shop and drop them off at **SPAN Mon – Thurs, 10 am – 2 pm**. One-time projects such as painting, cleaning windows, moving pantry shelves are also available. SPAN is located behind Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 400 Benfield Road. Call 410-647-0889 or email SPANhelps@yahoo.com. Web Site: www.spanhelps.org.

South County Assistance Network (SoCan)

SoCan and area churches help persons in their community with emergency needs, food pantry or other services **SoCan** needs volunteers at their facility at **St. James' Church in Lothian on Thursdays and Saturdays, from 9 am to Noon**, to stock shelves, bag food and donate food and other items for the pantry. Extra help may be needed during the **Holiday Season**. Contact Trish Pumphrey at Scan.VolCord@gmail.com or **410) 867-2838** and see website at: <http://scanfoodpantry.org>.

Southern High School, December 12-14, 2017, Mock Interviews ✓

Volunteers are needed to conduct Mock Interviews and provide Career Guidance for all 11th-grade students at Southern High School, 4400 Solomons Island Road, Harwood, MD 20776, on **Tues. Dec. 12 (Two shifts are available: 7:30 am – 8:50 am or 9:35-10:55 am); Wed., Dec. 13 (Four shifts available between 7:30 am-2:15 pm), and ; Thurs., Dec. 14 (Three shifts available between 7:30 am – 12:20 pm)**. Help them cultivate real world experience, taking the topics introduced in 11th-grade English of résumé writing, interviewing, and networking and practicing them with YOU, our community partners. You can sign up for one or more shifts. To register visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4faeab2fa4f58-southern1>. Contact Jenn Osterfeld, jenn@mzumc.com, with questions.

Toys for Tots Campaign–U.S. Marine Corps Reserve

The local Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots is a toy drive for the underprivileged children in the local area. With many Marines serving on foreign shores, now more than ever, the Toys for Tots program needs

the assistance of members of the community to help make this year's campaign better than ever. For more information on the program and a list of sponsoring businesses across Anne Arundel County, go to <http://fortmeade-md.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx> . You can also email us at info@aattf.org for additional information or requests and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/aatoys4tots.

Walk the Walk Foundation

A large number of volunteers are needed for our Christmas Program to sort and otherwise prepare gifts for distribution. Please visit our Sign up Genius Page at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ca4a92ea7fe3-christmas> & select a **volunteer time** that works for you for one of the following dates: **Sat. Dec. 2nd, 9:00am-1:00pm; Sun. Dec. 3rd 1:00pm-5:00pm; Sun. Dec. 9th 9:00am-1:00pm; Mon. Dec. 11th 5:00pm-8:00pm; Tues. Dec. 12th 9:00am-1:00pm; and Sat., Dec. 16th, 9:00am-1:00pm.** The need continues to grow and we have set a goal of reaching *1,500 children this year* with gifts, books, clothing, and bicycles and of course the true message of the season. **Other Ways to help: Buy for a Child:** Contact us for personal information regarding a child's wishes & needs for Christmas. We have information on children and will share with you their names, sizes, interests and general needs. If you normally support *Christmas for Children* through your church, school or business you can wait until it is announced at your location and sign up then. **Give the Gift of a Bicycle and Helmet:** This can be done by contacting us for specific information on a child or you can make a donation of \$150.00 and we will purchase the bike and a helmet for a child. **Provide Gift Cards:** Gifts cards are a great way to allow each family to purchase everyday necessities. Please buy them in \$10 increments to Walmart or Target. These can be easily purchased online and sent directly to our address below. **Online Donations:** Donate at www.wtwf.org. **Deadline:** There is a deadline to turn in all gifts and bicycles. It is extremely important that we receive all items by **December 10, 2017**. When you receive child's information from us please note the deadline and return all items by this date. **Call or Email:** Contact us immediately and let us know that you want to sponsor a family with gifts and/or a bicycle. **Call us at 410-980-1908** or email us at walk@wtwf.org.

We Care and Friends

We Care and Friends is a grass-roots organization that depends on volunteers to help where needed. If you are interested in volunteering during one of our fundraisers, mentoring youth, at summer camp, in the office, during **Thanksgiving or the Christmas Toy Drive**, please contact us. We have a current need for adult volunteer, 3 days per week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday) from **1:00 – 5:00 pm** to help in the office. The volunteer needs to have familiarity with general bookkeeping, QuickBooks, and will also be expected to answer phones and keep an organizational calendar.

- **Annual Annapolis Thanksgiving Dinner:** For almost 20 years, on the **Monday before Thanksgiving**, We Care and Friends serves up to **3,000 Thanksgiving dinners** at the **Stanton Community Center in Annapolis** to people who are homeless or in need. Meals are also delivered to people in the community who cannot travel beyond their homes. The event offers the opportunity for people to enjoy dinner and entertainment with family, friends and members of the community. The Thanksgiving event involves hundreds of local volunteers and numerous donations by area restaurants and organizations. Contact **Larry Forrester** at **410-263-2874** or larry@wecareandfriends.org. See website at: www.wecareandfriends.org.

Winter Relief Program, late October through early April – Rotating Locations

About 70 Houses of Worship and a dozen partnering churches will provide sheltering sites together with Arundel House of Hope to support a shelter program from late **October until early April**. For one week at a time, participating churches host men and women in need of a hot meal and shelter for the night and breakfast the next morning. The Winter Relief Program needs volunteers to assist at the Intake Center at 514 N. Crain Hwy. in Glen Burnie and to be transportation escorts for showers for our guests. For more

information, please call **410-863-4888 ext. 112** or email **Pam Biddlecomb**, Winter Relief Program Director, at pbiddlecomb@arundelhoh.org.

Wreaths Across America, Annapolis National Cemetery, December 16, 2017

Wreaths Across America, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, was formed as an extension of the Arlington Wreath Project in 1992. Last year, Annapolis National Cemetery had a wreath on every single gravesite, it was breathtaking. This was possible through the hard work and generosity from individuals, organizations and businesses. There are approximately 3000 graves at Annapolis National Cemetery and the goal this year is to do it again - to have a wreath for each gravesite. The Annapolis community can make this happen. Wreath donations are being sought: Visit web site at: www.wreathscrossamerica.org to sponsor a wreath for \$15; designate the wreath to the Annapolis National Cemetery, Friends of Annapolis. Also, volunteers are needed the day of the ceremony to lay wreaths on the graves. Contact **Kristina Seidel** at seidelclan@verizon.net or 410-353-5551 or **Stuart Rice** at srice429@gmail.com for details and to volunteer.

Wreaths Across America, Crownsville Veteran's Cemetery, December 16, 2017

Wreaths Across America, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, lays wreaths on veteran's graves across the globe. Last year, they laid 1.2 million wreaths at over 1200 locations. Crownsville Veteran's Cemetery has 20,000+ interred and are carrying out over 1000 funerals a year. It is the only open **Veteran's cemetery in Anne Arundel County**. **Crownsville** has been laying between 200-300 wreaths on veteran's grave for 15 years. In 2016 we were able to honor 1200+ with wreaths and in 2017 we laid 6200+ wreaths. Our goal this year is to have 8000 wreaths. The Anne Arundel community can make this happen. Wreath donations and volunteers to help lay wreaths are being sought: Visit web site at: <https://wreaths.fastport.com/donateLocation.html?page=16144> to sponsor a wreath for \$15 or volunteer to lay wreaths on the day of the ceremony, **Sat., December 16, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.** Questions? Contact **Jill or Scott Harris**, Site Coordinators, at crownsvillewaa@outlook.com or 410-703-4123. See Facebook page— <https://www.facebook.com/WAACrownsvilleVeteransCemetery/#>.

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