

VOLUNTEER CENTER FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, INC.

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
THIS INCLUDES YOUR AREA AND OTHERS
PLEASE DELETE WHAT YOU DO NOT NEED**

Many Volunteer positions are available through the Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County. If you do not see an opportunity below that fits your needs, contact the Volunteer Center at info@volunteerannearundel.org or 410-897-9207. Check our Website: www.VolunteerAnneArundel.org. A few current volunteer opportunities are listed below.

American Red Cross (Central Maryland Chapter)

The mission of the American Red Cross is to provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. The American Red Cross Central Maryland Chapter has a variety of volunteer opportunities for motivated individuals who are willing to participate in the success of the American Red Cross in the community. Click on VOLUNTEER/Volunteer Opportunities at www.redcross-cmd.org for a current listing of volunteer opportunities and other information about how to volunteer. Also, contact Red Cross Office of Volunteers, 410-624-2023, or E-mail: volunteers@arc-cmc.org.

American Red Cross Blood Drives

Volunteers, age 14 and older (some positions - 18 and older), are needed to help with blood drives. Volunteers greet donors, provide customer service, and serve refreshments. Must complete an application and attend an orientation/training session. Volunteers over 18 years of age require a background check. For more information, contact Terry Karloff at 410-764-4602 Ext.1 or 1-800-272-0094 Ext. 1 or e-mail: karlofft@usa.redcross.org. See web site: www.my-redcross.org/.

AA County Office of Emergency Management

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) helps communities prepare for emergencies by promoting Network Neighborhood programs. Neighborhood Network helps communities to be self-sufficient during an emergency or disaster situation. Communities learn to gather contact information, develop a resource list, identify people who might need assistance during an emergency and create an action plan to organize neighborhood assistance when it is needed. Also, free Community Emergency Preparedness presentations are given by OEM to groups, organizations and businesses that want to learn more about preparing for large emergencies and disasters. Participants learn what hazards the county faces, how the county plans for emergencies and disasters and--most important-- what citizens should do to prepare. For more information about how to start a Neighborhood Network in your neighborhood or to schedule a free presentation call the Office of Emergency Management at 410-222-0600.

Anne Arundel Women's Golf Organization (AAWGO)

AAWGO is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, charitable organization founded in 2007 that promotes the game of golf to women and youth from many socioeconomic backgrounds. Through the game of golf, youth will become actively engaged in the social fabric of their community, and derive direct health benefits that improve their quality of life, and most importantly, have their lives enhanced by learning a different method of facing their demanding and challenging circumstances with enthusiasm and strength. Contact Jeanette Ortegon at 443-852-2336 or info@aawgo.org for information.. See web site at www.aawgo.org.

8:00 am, Mon., Sept. 20, 2010, Play 18 for a Cure Golf Tournament: AAWGO needs sponsors to support and volunteers to assist with its inaugural charity golf tournament being held at the South River Golf Course in Edgewater; the event is in support of breast cancer awareness in Maryland. Volunteers, including children age 7 and up, families, and groups are needed to assist with promotional events leading up to the event including passing out flyers, fundraising, and overseeing youth activities up to the day of the event as well as during the event. For more information contact Jeanette Ortegon at 443-852-2336 or info@aawgo.org. See web site: www.play18foracure.org.

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Annapolis Human Relations Commission

The Annapolis Human Relations Commission is a City board that seeks to ensure equal opportunity in Annapolis. The major responsibilities of the Commission are to handle complaints of citizens relating to discrimination and to conduct programs and outreach in human relations areas. The Commission consists of 15 Annapolis residents appointed by the Mayor with the approval of City Council. Commissioners are volunteers. If you are an Annapolis resident and are interested in serving on the Commission, please contact the Commission at 410-263-7998 or HRCommission@annapolis.gov. Prospective Commissioners should be able to attend evening meetings in Annapolis on the first Monday of each month and be willing to take 40 hours of mediation training for which the City pays.

The Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region

8:30 am, Sun., Sept. 19, 2010, "Be a Superhero - Run for a Reason", 5K Run/1KWalk/Wheel: Volunteers, sponsors and participants are being sought for the third annual run to support children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Registration starts at 7:30 am. This year, we are thrilled to be co-hosting with The Bowen Foundation for Autism! Log on to www.active.com to register as a participant. Call 410-268-8085 or 410-269-1883 or e-mail: ADemoreland@thearccc.org for sponsorship and volunteer opportunities.

Bridges Community Development Center

Bridges is a community-based nonprofit that provides after-school and summer programs for underprivileged, marginalized, and at-risk youth, recognizing that such a preventative investment can help children stay out of trouble, stay in school, and prevent family difficulties and social trauma. Volunteers, age 18 and up, are needed as program assistants daily between 4:30– 7 pm to attend field trips, supervise students during activities, and help program managers with planning and operating programs. In addition, volunteer tutors with expertise in high school math, science, English, and social studies are also needed on an ongoing basis between 2:30–5:30 pm. Also, a volunteer administrative assistant is needed for general office duties including those of a receptionist, managing files, and preparing documents. For more information, contact Bridges at 410-695-5216 or info@bridgescdc.org. See web site at: www.bridgescdc.org

Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS)

CoCoRaHS is a non-profit community-based network of volunteers of all ages and backgrounds in several states that works together to measure and map precipitation using inexpensive measurement tools, stressing training and education, and utilizing an interactive web site. Data is provided for natural resource, education, and research applications. Volunteers of all ages are needed (those under 18 need a guardian) to collect and report data about precipitation with measurement tools at their homes which is reported daily to an interactive web site. For more information and to sign up visit the web site at: www.cocorahs.org. The local Anne Arundel County Coordinator may also be reached at greg.gallina@noaa.gov.

Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, Sept. 25, 2010

9 am to 1 pm, Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010 (Pouring rain date Sept. 26th), International Coastal Cleanup: Hundreds of thousands of volunteers will participate in the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, the world's largest volunteer event of its kind. Last year over 400,000 volunteers from 102 countries and 42 states cleared almost 7 million pounds of trash from oceans and waterways and recorded every piece of trash collected. Come help and bring your friends! There are cleanup sites in many MD counties and Baltimore City. Volunteer online at www.oceanconservancy.org. For info contact state coordinator at icc.baltimore@gmail.com or visit our local website: icc-baltimore.angelfire.com.

Second Annual Back to School Celebration, August 14, 2010

St. Mark United Methodist Church, 1440 Dorsey Rd., Hanover, MD 21076, will be hosting its "2nd Annual Back to School Celebration" on Sat., Aug. 14, 2010 from 12 Noon –5:00 p.m. There will be community vendors, food, fellowship, gospel performances, and school supply giveaways to students in grades K-12 and college. Community organizations/businesses will be able to have a table display in order to share resources. We are expecting about 200-300 people to be in attendance at this event. This will be a great opportunity for agencies to showcase their services and for the community to learn about them. We look forward to hearing from you with your confirmation by August 1, 2010. For questions or concerns, please contact Chaundra Scott at either 443-740-0268 or stmarkhec@gmail.com.