

## **Local Volunteer Opportunities**

by Linda Blume



I attended a Volunteer Fair hosted by Prospect Bay Country Club on July 23, 2012. Sixteen local organizations were on hand to discuss their volunteer opportunities. The organizations were varied, and the volunteers that are needed cover a wide spectrum of talents.

- **Adkins Arboretum, Ridgely:**  
Volunteer opportunities include the Visitor's Center receptionist, children's programs and summer camp, special events, community outreach, nursery work crew, grounds work crew, docent naturalists, and help with the goat herd.  
More information: 410-643-2847, extension 27,  
[Adkins Arboretum Volunteer Program  
gtiernan@adkinsarboretum.org](mailto:gtiernan@adkinsarboretum.org)
- **American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery:**  
This program provides free rides to treatment centers for people with cancer who have no way to get to their appointments. Volunteer drivers are paired with patients as close to the volunteer's home as possible. The local program is run out of Salisbury.  
More information: 1-800-227-2345, [American Cancer Society](http://www.americancancersociety.org)
- **Animal Resource Foundation (ARF), Chester:**  
Volunteers are needed for foster care, staffing for events, dog walkers, cat caretakers, fundraising, animal transporting, and a lot more.  
More information: 410-643-8700, [ARF](http://www.arfusa.org), [info@ARFusa.org](mailto:info@ARFusa.org)  
ARF is a non-profit organization.  
See the end of this article for ARF's Wish List.
- **Anne Arundel Medical Center Auxiliary, Stevensville and Annapolis:**  
There are 43 areas of volunteer service including administrative support, clinical services, emergency department, flower service, hospital gift shop, information desks, joint and spine center, The Clothes Box, and women's and children's services.  
More information: 443-481-5050, [Volunteering at AMCC](http://www.volunteeringatamcc.org)
- **Character Counts!, Centreville:**  
Character Counts! is a national coalition of partners with the common goal of teaching youth, and sometimes adults, about the importance of living a life of character. In Queen Anne's County, volunteers are trained to be Character Coaches who visit schools and teach lessons about the Six Pillars: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.  
More information: 410-758-66-77, [Character Counts](http://www.charactercounts.org), [jcarter@qac.org](mailto:jcarter@qac.org)

- Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC), Grasonville:  
Volunteers are needed to fill these roles: education classes and day camp; public relations/marketing/newsletter; conservation; restoration; administration; Visitor's Center; and Legacy Institute For the Environment (LIFE).  
More information: 410-827-6694, [CBEC](http://CBEC.org), [jwink@bayrestoration.org](mailto:jwink@bayrestoration.org)  
CBEC is a non-profit organization.
- Chesterwye Center, Inc., Stevensville:  
Chesterwye enhances the lives of adults with developmental disabilities toward personal independence and choice. Contact Chesterwye to see what volunteer opportunities are available.  
More information: 410-827-7048, [Chesterwye](http://Chesterwye.com), [danb@chesterwye.com](mailto:danb@chesterwye.com)  
Chesterwye is a non-profit organization.
- Community Mediation Mid Shore (CMUS), Chestertown:  
CMUS needs volunteer mediators trained in conflict resolution.  
More information: 410-810-9188, [CMUS](http://CMUS.org), [info@CMUSmediation.org](mailto:info@CMUSmediation.org)  
CMUS is a non-profit organization.
- Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC), Queenstown:  
Volunteers are needed to become Land Stewards and Town Stewards ([Center for Towns](http://CenterforTowns.org)) as well as to perform outdoor management, community outreach, and event support.  
More information: 410-827-9756, extension 171, [ESLC](http://ESLC.org), [cstarr@elsc.org](mailto:cstarr@elsc.org)
- Hospice of Queen Anne's County, Centreville:  
Hospice values all their volunteers and always welcomes new ones. Volunteers are needed to help with patient care, office, lobby greeters, bereavement, kitchen, community outreach, Estate Treasures, patient support, Camp New Dawn, maintenance team, gardening team, special talent volunteers, birthday club, and professionals (e.g., hair stylists, pet therapy).  
More information: 443-262-4112, [Hospice of Queen Anne's](http://HospiceofQueenAnne's.com),  
[cwilliams@hospiceofqueenannes.com](mailto:cwilliams@hospiceofqueenannes.com)
- Our Haven Shelter, Chester:  
Our Haven is a cold-weather-only shelter, so they are not looking for shelter volunteers yet. But their major fundraiser, **Run 4 Shelter**, will take place on Saturday, September 8, and they need volunteers during the event to help at the various races and along race routes. They also need volunteers before the event to help stuff bags that will be given to runners – that will take place on Wednesday, August 29.  
More information: 410-739-4363, [QAC Christian Assistance](http://QACChristianAssistance.org), [Run 4 Shelter](http://Run4Shelter.org)  
[kristapettit@gmail.com](mailto:kristapettit@gmail.com)  
Our Haven is a non-profit organization.

- Queen Anne’s County Animal Services, Queenstown:  
Volunteers needed: Dog Socializer, Cat Cuddler, animal care, office support, media specialist, adoption follow-up, foster care, fundraising and events, facility maintenance, radio dispatcher, and education.  
More information: 410-758-2393, [QAC Animal Services](#)  
[QACASvolunteers@qac.org](mailto:QACASvolunteers@qac.org)  
See the end of this article for Animal Service’s Wish List.
- Queen Anne’s County Arts Council, Inc., Centerville:  
Volunteers are needed for office work, mailings, and help at specific events.  
More information: 410-758-2520, [QAC Arts Council](#), [questions@arts4u.info](mailto:questions@arts4u.info)  
The Arts Council is a non-profit organization.
- Queen Anne’s County Free Library, Centerville:  
Volunteers are needed for Storytime on Wheels (outreach to area licensed day care homes) and Project Read (teaching adults to read).  
More information: 410-758-0980, [QAC Free Library Volunteers](#)
- Rebuilding Together Queen Anne’s County, Centerville:  
Every year on the last Saturday in April, Rebuilding Together organizes and assigns teams of workers to renovate homes for the low-income elderly and disabled homeowners in the county. Workers of every expertise level are needed – from highly skilled to “not skilled, but willing to help.”  
More information: 410-758-1040.  
Rebuilding Together is a non-profit organization.
- Talisman Therapeutic Riding, Grasonville:  
Volunteers are needed to work in the office, help at events, work with the horses, and work in the horse barn.  
More information: 443-239-9400, [Talisman Therapeutic Riding](#),  
[scarlett@talismantherapeuticriding.org](mailto:scarlett@talismantherapeuticriding.org)  
Talisman Therapeutic Riding is a non-profit organization.  
See the end of this article for Talisman’s Wish List.

## ORGANIZATION WISH LISTS

### Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF):

paper towels	cream cheese (used in Kongs)
powder laundry detergent	training treats for dogs
bleach	dog and cat toys
13 gallon tall kitchen trash bags	wet canned dog food (any brand)
Mr. Clean floor cleaner	Friskies wet cat and kitten food
8 ½" x 11" paper (white and colored)	Purina One dry cat food
#10 white envelopes	Purina kitten show dry food
first class postage stamps	canned chicken
cat litter – clumping style	uncooked instant rice
Gift Certificates: Pet Smart	
	Bev's Grooming and Pet Supplies, Stevensville
	The Pet Shop, Chester

### Queen Anne's County Animal Services (in numerical order by need):

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Canned dog food                 | 11. Cat litter           |
| 2. Canned cat food                 | 12. Cat carriers         |
| 3. Slip leashes                    | 13. Pine/cedar shavings  |
| 4. Peanut butter                   | 14. Straw (for winter)   |
| 5. Kitten food (Purina preferred)  | 15. Cat scratching posts |
| 6. Dry cat food (Purina preferred) | 16. Kong toys            |
| 7. Puppy food (Purina preferred)   | 17. Korunda beds         |
| 8. Dry dog food (Purina preferred) | 18. Rabbit food          |
| 9. Training treats                 | 19. Hamster food         |
| 10. Blankets                       | 20. Caged bird food      |

### Talisman Therapeutic Riding

2 wheelbarrows	desk lamps
2 pitchforks	light bulbs, 100 watt
small refrigerator	3 battery-operated wall clocks
saddle pads	outdoor co-co mats
helmets (ANSI Approved)	saddles
4 rocking chairs	lunge line
large awning to cover mounting ramp	scissors
tile for barn office floor	42" round table for meetings
white trip paint and paintbrushes	Lowes Gift Cards
ink cartridges HP 8600	large outdoor plastic garbage cans
address labels 5162 Avery or similar	3 kitchen garbage cans w/ swinging lids
bottled gatorade	

## **More Volunteer Opportunities for SV Residents** (September 2012)

### **Volunteer for the American Red Cross of Delmarva**

by George Drake

The Red Cross is on call 24-hours a day to help local families when disaster strikes and to help local military families communicate during emergencies. The Red Cross teaches our neighbors lifesaving skills such as first aid, CPR, water safety, and to prepare for local disasters.

The local chapter can work with you to provide rewarding experiences that fit most schedules. If training is needed, it is provided. The Red Cross provides opportunities for those who want to work in the spotlight as well as those who prefer working behind the scenes. Consider sharing your time and talent as a volunteer: [American Red Cross Volunteer Opportunities](#).

For more info or to volunteer, email: [volunteer@redcrossdelmarva.org](mailto:volunteer@redcrossdelmarva.org) or call 302-472-6240 (toll free 800-777-6620 ext. 6240). You can also talk to SV volunteers, George and Mary Drake and Bob Hardy.

### **Volunteer at Corsica Hills Center**

by Mary Drake

Are you searching for a volunteer opportunity that will provide as much pleasure for you as it does to the people you help? I have just the place for you. Corsica Hills Nursing Home and Rehab Center is looking for volunteers to provide various types of assistance and support in preparing and overseeing special events and projects. One-to-one volunteers are needed to share your love of scrapbooking, computer programs, music, reading, Bible study, history/current events, cards/games, photography, knitting, crocheting, art projects, seasonal crafts, or other projects. If you have a pet that loves people, you will be welcomed with open arms by the residents. Many of them miss their pets and love visits with animals. If you would like to put joy into the lives of others, call Shelby Ruff, Recreation Director.

Corsica Hills Center  
205 Armstrong Avenue  
Centreville, Maryland 21617  
410-758-2323

### **Volunteer at Crossroads Community**

by Mary Drake

The Crossroads Community, located on Banjo Road in Centreville, provides psychosocial rehabilitation services to adults with serious and persistent mental illness who reside in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties. The mission of Crossroads is to teach skills and access resources that will empower individuals with mental health needs to live satisfying and productive lives. When members of the local community get involved with Crossroads' consumers (clients), consumers feel more accepted by the community they live in and gain dignity, respect, and a sense of equality.

**I know what you are thinking.** What can I do for the consumers at Crossroads? I don't have any education in the area of mental health. That is what I thought before I started volunteering there about two years ago. You could present a class on a subject that will increase the consumers' chances of being successful when they are on their own in the future. A few ideas are: preparing for employment, managing finances, organization, nutrition, cooking, social skills, handyman skills, gardening, exercise, bicycle riding, communication skills, etc. At the present time, I am presenting a class on civility using a book by a Hopkins professor. Another SV

resident discusses the space program and outer space with the residents. You don't need expertise in a field - just a good reference book and they have many such books in the Crossroads library. You could also be a friend to a Crossroads consumer. This interaction has no skill requirement—just being there for each other.

For more information contact Suzanne Moore at [moores@ccinonline.com](mailto:moores@ccinonline.com) or 410-758-3050, extension 126.

### **Volunteer at Estate Treasures**

by Karin Anne Larsen

Estate Treasures is an upscale resale shop whose proceeds benefit Hospice of Queen Anne's, Inc. The shop is staffed entirely by volunteers. There are two shifts a day, six days a week. Most of the volunteers work weekly and others work alternate weeks. Some volunteers are substitutes and some are on-call. The shop's proceeds provide Queen Anne's individuals and families living in this and surrounding counties with end-of-life care and grief services and support if needed. Estate Treasure's volunteers also host several annual fundraising events in addition to the store sales. If you are interested in joining shop staff, call the shop and leave your name. An application can be sent to you, or stop by and pick one up. Shop hours are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The store is located at 17-18 Kent Towne Market in Chester. The website is: [Hospice of Queen Anne's](http://Hospice of Queen Anne's) for more information.

### **Volunteer at Pickering Creek Audubon Center**

by Linda Blume

The [Pickering Creek Audubon Center](http://Pickering Creek Audubon Center) in Easton is looking for [Volunteers](http://Volunteers) to help in a variety of capacities:

- Wing Watch Citizen Scientists: Help with Project Feeder Watch over the winter;
- Nest Box Monitors: Monitor Bluebird and Wood Duck nest boxes to ensure safe, productive, and native wildlife use of the boxes;
- Gardeners: Assist in the Children's Imagination Garden;
- Weed Warriors: Have some frustrations to work out? Want a work out? Pulling invasive plants can be just the thing for you!
- Groundskeepers: Mowing, trimming, weeding, painting, fixing, and removal of exotic plants are just a few tasks that need doing constantly;
- Buildings Maintenance: Some of Pickering's buildings were built to last, over 90 years ago, but buildings still need to be maintained;
- Writers: Put your creative and factual skills to work by helping Pickering with press releases, newsletter articles, content for the website, and/or trail guides;
- Photographers: There is so much to photograph at Pickering Creek and so little staff to do it. If you fancy yourself a gifted photographer and have some time to spare in the outdoors, Pickering will give you an idea of the shots they need for use in printed materials, grant reports, press releases, and more.

If you don't see something above that catches your fancy and matches your talents, there may be other volunteer jobs for you. Call Volunteer Coordinator Samantha at 410-822-4903, extension 26 or email [spitts@audubon.org](mailto:spitts@audubon.org) for more information or to volunteer.