

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
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

- 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
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
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
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
- 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
- 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
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
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
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
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 |
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| 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	