

MAY PROJECTS

Calendar Key:
Del County: E1, H2
Montgomery County: D1
Chester County: C1
Bucks County: F5
WA=Wheelchair Accessible
FF=Family Friendly

A. STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

Our goal is to bring people together in ways that help each of us to live the lives we desire.

A1. Play Night at Help Philadelphia WA

Mondays, May 5, 12 & 19, 5:45pm-8:00pm
(4-6 volunteers needed: West Philadelphia/Mondays)
Play games with the adorable children of this transitional housing facility while their parents learn life and job skills.
Project Leader:
5/5: Brooke Allen, 215-704-7466 (c), brookevolunteer@hotmail.com
5/12: Connie Kreischer-Slingbaum, 610-292-3777 (w), ckreisch@patumpike.com
5/19: Dean Walter, bluehen3@comcast.net

A2. Books through Bars

Tuesday, May 20, 7:30pm-9:30pm
(5-6 volunteers needed: Southwest Philadelphia/3rd Tuesdays)
Books through Bars, an agency that provides reading materials to inmates, could use your help reading letters from prisoners, looking for books they requested and packing the books for shipment.
Project Leader:
Denise Gant, 215-769-1492 (h)

A3. Valuing Sports and Arts & Crafts

Saturdays, May 3 & 17, 10:45am-2:00pm
(4-10 volunteers needed: Nicetown/Two Saturdays)
Support New Creation Community Center's program to help at-risk, inner city children and youth develop self-esteem, creativity, values, and life skills through structured activities. Volunteers age 16 and over, please.

5/3: Kerry O'Brien, 617-780-6577 (c), obrienker2003@aol.com
5/17: Rachel Odessky, 215.564.4544, racheljune@gpcares.com

A4. Play Day at the Northern Home for Children

Sunday, May 11, 4:00pm-6:00pm
Mondays, May 5 & 19, 7:00pm-8:30pm
Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27, 7:00pm-8:30pm
Thursdays, May 1 & 15, 7:00pm-8:30pm
(5 volunteers needed: Roxborough)

Play one-on-one with infants and toddlers of young single mothers at the Northern Home for Children while their mothers attend classes to develop their independent living skills.

Project Leader:
Sunday, Mondays & Thursdays: Danielle Gross-Eskin, 215-564-4544, danielle@gpcares.com
Tuesdays: Cara Trainer, 610-896-0176, cara832@gmail.com

A5. Recipes for Success at Northern Home for Children

Sundays, May 4 & 18, 5:00pm-7:00pm
(4 volunteers needed: Roxborough/1st & 3rd Sundays)
Cook with teenage moms as you share healthy recipes and good nutrition practices with them. One volunteer is needed to watch children while their mothers are cooking. No special experience needed - all recipes and activities will be provided.

Project Leader:
Ashley Earley, 610-704-9364 cell, Ashley.Earley@gmail.com

A6. Career Wardrobe - East Falls

Wednesday, May 14, 6:00pm-8:00pm
(6-11 volunteers needed: East Falls/2nd Wednesdays)
Help transitioning women make a good first impression with employers by sizing and sorting donated professional clothes for women returning to the workforce.

Project Leader:
Jeneen N. Lane, 267-474-1449, jenenelane@yahoo.com

A7. Cradles to Crayons FF

Tuesdays, May 6 & 20, 6:15-7:30pm
(2-20 volunteers needed: Horsham/2nd & 4th Tuesdays)
Give every child what they deserve - help sort and organize donated toys and clothes that will be available to homeless and low income children around the Philadelphia area.

Project Leader:
Maggie Norrett, 215-836-0958 (w), maggie@cradlestocrayons.org

A8. Shape Up the Shop at Neighborhood Bike Works

Saturday, May 17, 12:00pm-2:00pm
(2-4 volunteers needed, West Philadelphia/3rd Saturdays)
Work with children from the community to 'shape up the shop' at this educational organization that seeks to increase opportunities for urban youth through bicycling.

Project Leader:
Danielle Gross-Eskin, 215-564-4544, danielle@gpcares.com

A9. Ronald McDonald House

Sunday, May 25, 5:00pm-7:30pm
(3-5 volunteers needed: North Philadelphia/4th Sundays)
Call early to get a spot at one of our most popular projects. You'll

help prepare and serve a special dinner to families whose children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

Project Leader:
Susan Wallack, 215-885-7164 (d)

A10. Career Wardrobe—Center City

Tuesday, May 20, 5:30pm-7:30pm
(3-5 volunteers needed: Center City/3rd Tuesdays)
Help transitioning women to make a good first impression with employers by sizing and sorting donated professional clothes for women returning to the workforce.

Project Leader:
Erin Hannan, 856.816.4722(c), erin.hannan@hotmail.com

A11. Project Welcome at Nationalities Service Center

Wednesday, May 8, 7:00pm-8:00pm
(10-25 volunteers needed: Center City/One Wednesday & Thursday)
Meet new, interesting people and help them improve conversational English skills! This programming will be an integral and very enjoyable part of regularly scheduled ESL classes for newly arrived immigrants and refugees.

Project Leader:
Katerina Montaniel, 267-968-7987(c); kmontaniel@gmail.com

A12. Get Moving! at Trevor's Place

Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 5:45pm-7:30pm
(6-8 volunteers needed: Fairmount South/Thursdays)
Volunteers will read, talk, and play with the children to get them active and be encouraged to create their own games to be played indoors or outdoors.

Project Leader:
Barbara McCoy, 267-235-2964, Barbara.McCoy@wachovia.com

B. CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Our goal is to provide every child in our region with the tools they need to learn and achieve full educational competence, including grade level reading, math proficiency, and the ability to master any subject.

B1. Writing For Life

Saturdays, May 3 & 10, 11:00am-12:00pm
(4-5 volunteers needed: North Philadelphia/Saturdays)
5th grade students at the KIPP Charter School in North Philadelphia are introduced to various forms of writing through weekly workshops that present writing in an approachable manner. Volunteers will aid the project leader with the workshop based on prepared lesson plans, assisting small groups or individual students with their writing.

Project Leader:
Trina Averett, trina_028@hotmail.com

B2. Tutoring at Northern Home for Children

Mondays, May 5, 12 & 19, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21 & 28, 6:00pm-7:00pm
(6 volunteers needed: Roxborough/Mondays & Wednesdays)
Volunteers will create an enjoyable environment to help with homework or work on reading comprehension and math exercises during the after-school program.

Project Leader:
Mondays: Melissa Stefanovich, 610-999-1991cm (c), melissab888@yahoo.com
Wednesdays: Susan Fritsch, 267-566-0235 (c), S.Fritsch@comcast.net

B3. Discovery

Saturdays, May 10 & 31, 9:00am-12:00pm
(10 volunteers needed: North Philadelphia/Saturdays)
Discovery is a fun academic enrichment program that offers hands-on science learning to 3rd and 4th graders of Sheppard Elementary School. Volunteers assist the students with the pre-determined projects and discussions.

Project Leader:
Linda Watson-Patterson, 215-635-5590, watsonpatterson@aol.com

C. PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

Our goal is to provide social and educational opportunities that increase self-sufficiency for those living with disabilities, breaking down barriers and thereby strengthening our society.

C1. Camphill Village Kimberton Hills

Saturday, May 10, 10:00am-1:00pm
(4-6 volunteers needed: Chester County/One Saturday)
Get to know the residents of this sustainable farming community for the developmentally disabled. Volunteers will spend quality time and enjoy a healthy lunch with the residents.

Project Leader:
Andrea Johnson-Hammond, 267-408-1087 (c); girulcandotti@aol.com

C2. Inglis House Pizza Party WA, FF

Saturday, May 10, 1:00pm-3:00pm
(5-10 volunteers needed: City Line/2nd Saturdays)
Have fun with the residents of Inglis House as you talk and play games with residents during their pizza party.

Project Leader:
Kristen Insalaco, 570-954-0185 (c), kristen.insalaco@gmail.com

C3. Pegasus Riding Academy

Saturdays, May 3 & 17, 9:00am-12:00am
(3-6 volunteers needed: Northeast/Two Saturdays)
Pegasus needs your help in providing disabled individuals with therapeutic riding lessons. Volunteers help lead the horse, spot the rider, groom and feed the animals and clean the stables.

Project Leader:
Rachel Ham, 267-795-8137(c); rachelham@gmail.com

D. SENIORS

Our goal is to improve the quality of life for our elderly residents.

D1. Party Time at Mary Drexel Senior Home WA, FF

Thursday, May 1, 6:00pm-7:30pm
(4-6 volunteers needed: City Line/1st Thursdays)
It's party time! Join the residents at the Mary Drexel Senior Home for a fun-filled evening of activities, mingling and enjoyment! Eat, drink and be merry!

Project Leader:
Norman Green, 215-236-5777(w)

D2. Senior Social Club at Logan Square East WA

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:45pm-8:00pm
(2-4 volunteers needed: Center City/Tuesdays)
Socialize and lead activities with the eager senior citizens in this residential care facility. Volunteers will read aloud, play games, enjoy music or just chat with a lovely group of seniors.

Project Leader:
May 6, 20: Christine Manturuk, 215-851-0723 (c), christinemanturuk@yahoo.com
May 13, 27: Rebecca Blough, 310-562-7813 (c), rebccablough@yahoo.com

D3. Casino Night at Maple Wood Manor WA

Mondays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26, 6:45pm-8:00pm
(4-6 volunteers needed: Germantown/Mondays)
You'll bring cheer to someone's heart by helping out with casino games and awarding prizes to the winners. This will be an exciting evening that will bring joy to the seniors and the volunteers involved.

Project Leader:
Ruth El, 215-365-3284 (h), 215-982-8662 (c)

D4. BINGO! at Kearsley Retirement Community Center WA

Wednesdays, May 7 & 21, 6:30pm-7:30pm
(2-4 volunteers needed: West Philadelphia/Every Other Wednesday)
Come join the game by calling numbers and distributing prizes to the winners. Have an exciting evening that will bring joy to the seniors!

Project Leader:
Ruth El, 215-365-3284 (h); 215-982-8662 (c)

D5. Book Club at Hayes Manor Retirement Home WA

Thursdays, May 8 & 22, 6:00pm-7:15pm
(1-2 volunteers needed: City Line/2nd & 4th Thursdays)
Come read to seniors at this fun senior book club in West Philadelphia. Bring your favorite book and you'll get right to reading as eager seniors who are no longer able to read themselves listen on.

Project Leader:
Joslyn Danfio, 215-262-3094 (c), jozdanio@gmail.com

D6. Hayes Manor Spa Party WA, FF

Saturday, May 24, 1:00pm-2:15pm
(3-5 volunteers needed: City Line/4th Saturdays)
Give the seniors at Hayes Manor a fun day of beauty! Volunteers will brighten the day of the lovely ladies at Hayes Manor by painting their nails and giving them other spa delights.

Project Leader:
Karen Bates, 610-272-4912 (h); 215-444-8278(w)

D7. Game Night at Penn Center for Rehabilitation and Care WA, FF

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27, 6:45pm-8:00pm
(1-2 volunteers needed: West Philadelphia/Tuesdays)
Have fun with the senior residents at the center by calling numbers for Bingo and playing other games. It is sure to be an enjoyable evening!

Project Leader:
Danielle Gross-Eskin, 215-564-4544, danielle@gpcares.com

D8. Bingo Time at Andorra Woods WA, FF

Tuesdays, May 6 & 20, 5:45pm-6:30pm
(2-4 volunteers needed: Roxborough/Two Tuesdays)

Volunteers are needed to play Bingo with residents of all ages and all walks of life at one of the finest skilled nursing and rehabilitation facilities in the area.

Project Leader:
Jackie Owdji, 908-500-3949 (c), jackie.owdji@yahoo.com

E. HUNGER RELIEFS

Our goal is to provide nourishing meals to residents of our region.

E1. City Team Ministries

Sunday, May 11, 4:30pm-6:00pm
(3-4 volunteers needed: Chester/2nd Sundays)
Pitch in to help serve dinner to homeless men and families in the city of Chester. After dinner is served, feel free to sit, visit, and brighten someone's evening.

Project Leader:
David Benton, 267-975-2119 (c), 215-937-1126 (h), pdavtarn@aol.com

E2. Philabundance Food Bank

Tuesday, May 15, 6:00pm-8:00pm
(10-18 volunteers needed: North Philadelphia/3rd Tuesdays)
Join us at the Food Bank to sort and repackage food for local pantries. If you're concerned about our hungry neighbors, here's your chance to help!

Project Leader:
Bob Quint, 215-231-1444(w); bob.quint@radian.biz

E3. SHARE FF

Saturday, May 10, 9:00am-12:00pm
(10 volunteers needed: East Falls/One Saturday)
SHARE (Self Help and Resource Exchange) is a program in which people can purchase a package of food at a significantly reduced rate in exchange for two hours of community service. SHARE is for anyone who wants to participate: 'If you eat, you qualify.' Come out, package and bag food, and help your neighbors!

Project Leader:
Angela Stokes, 215-424-1755 (h), jetta17602@yahoo.com

E4. Jewish Relief Agency

Sunday, May 4, 10:00am-11:30am
(5-15 volunteers needed: Northeast Philadelphia/One Sunday)
Join Jewish Relief Agency's mission to relieve hunger for low-income and elderly families by packing non-perishable kosher food for delivery. A busy hour-and-a-half of packing will serve 1,600 families in the Northeast and beyond. Your help in delivering the food boxes afterwards would be most appreciated!

Project Leader:
Joanne Webb, 215-787-0495(h); joanne.webb@temple.edu

E5. Project H.O.M.E.:

St. Columba's Lunch & Conversation
Saturday, May 10, 11:00am-1:00pm
Saturday, May 17, 11:00am-1:00pm
(2-4 volunteers needed: West Philadelphia/2nd & 3rd Saturdays)
Help serve a nice sit-down lunch to the men of this West Philadelphia safe haven and then spend time talking and keeping them company.

Project Leader:
5/10: LyVette Byrd, 215-489-2904 (w), Lyvette.Byrd@delval.edu
5/17: Tabitha Mays-Wilson, 267-307-9930, tantalizing@blackbutters.org

E6. Food Tasting Prep Urban Nutrition Initiative

Saturday, May 12, 11:00am-2:00pm
(5-10 volunteers needed: University City/One Saturday)
The Urban Nutrition Initiative (UNI) is a university-community partnership that strives to increase food and nutrition knowledge in K-12 grade students. Volunteers are needed to wash, cut, package and prepare food samples and help organize nutritional information inserts for monthly food tastings at 20 partnering schools.

Project Leader:
Karen Bates, 610-272-4912 (h); 215-444-8278(w)

E7. Old First United Food Cupboard

Saturdays, May 3 & 10, 9am-12pm
(3-6 volunteers needed: Center City/3rd & 4th Saturdays)
The Cupboard program at Old First United Church of Christ serves members of the homeless community every Saturday morning. Volunteers will assist with organizing and sorting donated items.

Project Leader:
Sarah Searight, 215-574-8276, volunteer@oldfirstucc.org

F. ENVIRONMENT

Our goal is to create cleaner, greener, safer neighborhoods, while increasing responsibility for our environment in those who serve.

F1. Gardening at Royal Gardens FF

Sunday, May 17, 9:00am-2:00pm
(5-10 volunteers needed: Overbrook/4th Sundays)
Get out your gardening gloves! Help with trail work and other envi-

ronmental projects as this community garden pursues its mission to promote positive, constructive outdoor activities for all to enjoy.
Project Leader:
Terry Baxter, 215-564-4544, terry@gpcares.com and Nicole Chandler

F2. Chamounix Stables Barn Helpers

Saturday, May 10, 10:00am-12:00pm
(8-12 volunteers needed: West Philadelphia/One Saturday)
Come help prepare the stables for the Work to Ride program available to at-risk urban youths. Activities for the barn-lower in all of us include clearing trails, cleaning and painting hay lofts, repairing fences and gardening.

Project Leader:
Jeannette Bennicelli, jbenicce@mail.med.upenn.edu

F3. Wissahickon Restoration Volunteers

Saturday, May 3, 10:00am-12:00pm
Sunday, May 18, 10:00am-12:00pm
(5-10 volunteers needed: Roxborough—Mount Airy/Twice Monthly)
A few good volunteers are needed to assist with removing invasive plants, planting trees and shrubs, rescuing trees from vines, and performing trail maintenance in Wissahickon Park. All tools, gloves, etc. are provided.

Project Leader:
Ron Ayres, 215-653-0421 (h), 215-483-4348 (c), wrvinfo@rth.org

F4. New Jersey Tree Foundation

Saturdays, May 3, 24 & 31, 9:00am-12:00pm
(10-50 volunteers needed: Camden, NJ/Saturdays)
Volunteers are needed to help community members plant trees and clean up Camden neighborhoods.

Project Leader:
Elise Schadler, 856-430-7077, elise.schadler@newjerseytreefoundation.org

F5. Cobbs Creek Community Environmental Education Center FF

Saturday, May 3, 10:00am-12:00pm
(10-30 volunteers needed: West Philadelphia/1st Saturdays)
You will restore trails, remove invasive plant species and plant trees while also learning about the importance of preserving the Cobbs Creek watershed to the Greater Philadelphia ecosystem.

Project Leader:
Danielle Gross-Eskin, 215-564-4544, danielle@gpcares.com

F6. Wyck Historic House & Garden FF

Saturday, May 10, 10:00am-12:00pm
(5-15 volunteers needed: Germantown/2nd Saturdays)
Volunteers are needed for garden maintenance and clean up at this historic landmark in Germantown. All are welcome to stay for a tour of the house and noon.

Project Leader:
Lisa DiMeo, 215-336-7288 (h); ldimeo@comcast.net

F7. Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

Wednesday, May 14, 5:30pm-7:00pm (Gas Station Gardens)
Wednesday, May 28, 5:30pm-7:00pm (Triangle Garden)
(3-4 volunteers needed: Logan Square Area/2nd and 4th Wednesdays)
Come out to help the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society keep Philadelphia Green by tending one of our neighborhood gardens. This is a great low-stress after-work activity. Reminder: You do not need to be a green thumb to be a volunteer.

Project Leader:
Erica Solberger, esolberger@Pennhort.org

F8. The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education

Saturday, May 17, 10:00am-12:00pm
(5-10 volunteers needed; Roxborough/3rd Saturdays)
Volunteers are needed to repair an important habitat for wildlife in the Roxborough area. If you want to plant native species, remove invasive plants and repair trails and fences, give us a buzz!

Project Leader:
Jessica Gracs, 215-895-2516(w), 267-441-8287(c); jlg66@drexel.edu

F9. Public Event Recycling Comes to Philadelphia!

Friday May 16th and Saturday, May 17th, 10am-2pm
(20 volunteers needed: per shift each day: Fairmount/Special)
Fairmount Park, Keep Philadelphia Beautiful and the Streets Department are looking for a few more volunteers to help us man the recycling receptacles and message to event attendees about what can be recycled. Time adjustments can be made based on volunteer availability.

Project Leader: Terry Baxter, terry@gpcares.com , 215.564.4544

G. DIGITAL INCLUSION

Our goal is to increase accessibility and training offered to people across the digital divide by engaging skilled volunteers in projects that strengthen resources, increase knowledge and build skills.

G1. American Postal Workers House Computer Session WA, FF

Wednesday, May 16, 6:00pm-8:00pm
(1-2 volunteers needed: Center City/3rd Wednesday)
Help seniors and special-needs residents at this apartment complex keep in touch with their loved ones and brush up on their computer skills. Volunteers will teach e-mail, letter writing, and Internet skills.

Project Leader:
Pamela Elchert Thurmond, 215.629.1051(h), pelchert@hotmail.com

G2. Casa Farnese Computer Session WA

Mondays, May 5 & 19, 6:00pm-7:00pm
(2-4 volunteers needed: Center City/Two Mondays)
Go online! Help seniors improve their computer skills by teaching them the basics of email, typing and Internet usage.

Project Leader:
Robert Starrett, 215-913-2369, starrett.robert@gmail.com

G3. The NTR Computer Thrift Store FF

Saturdays, May 17 & 31, 10:00am-12:00pm
(3-15 volunteers needed: Fairmount Area/2 Saturdays)
Nonprofit Technology Resources serves low-income Philadelphia residents by recycling used computers, providing hands-on training and assisting community-based service organizations to use computers in their work. Join in the fun by sorting and organizing donated equipment.

Project Leader:
Pamela Elchert Thurmond, 215.629.1051(h); pelchert@hotmail.com

G4. Computers For Youth

Saturday, May 3, 17 & 31, 8:30am-12:30pm & 12:30pm-4:30pm
(4-6 volunteers needed for each shift; several locations/Special)
Help to improve educational prospects for low-income students by assisting them and their families in a computer training session. Volunteers will help families assemble their computer hardware, teach them about basic software operations and internet tools, and show parents how to use software programs that will help their children in school. After the session, the student gets to take the computer home. Volunteers do not need prior computer training experience to participate!

Project Leader:
Danielle Gross-Eskin, 215-564-4544, danielle@gpcares.com

H. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION

Our goal is to assist communities by building relationships between community members and making our neighborhoods more beautiful places to live.

H1. Back On My Feet Running Club-NEW

Mondays, 5, 12, 19, 26 5:45-6:30am
Wednesdays, 7, 14, 21, 28, 5:45-6:30am
Fridays, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 5:45-6:30am
Saturdays, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 29 6:30-9am
(3-6 volunteers needed, Center City/Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays)
Volunteer with Back On My Feet to work with Philadelphia's homeless population by engaging them in running as a means to build confidence, strength and self-esteem. Volunteers and staff run with BOMF members in Center City.

Project Leader:
Andrew Marr, 610-306-5439, andrew@backonmyfeet.org

H2. Delaware County Housing Coalition Community Project

Saturday, May 17, 9:00am-1:00pm
(3-5 volunteers needed, Chester/One Saturday)
Get out your paintbrush and help fight urban blight in Delaware County. Assist with cleaning, painting and other projects throughout the community.

Project Leader:
Danielle Gross-Eskin, 215-564-4544 (w), Danielle@gpcares.com

H3. Neighbors In Action

Saturdays, May 3, 10, 24, 31, 9:00am-12:00pm
(10-30 volunteers needed: City-wide/Saturdays)
Join a group of conscientious community members to fight urban blight! Greater Philadelphia Cares volunteers work alongside residents to beautify the neighborhood and do gardening projects across the city. This is a great opportunity to volunteer with others as well as a good chance to come on your own and make new friends! Call 215-564-454