

OAKLAND CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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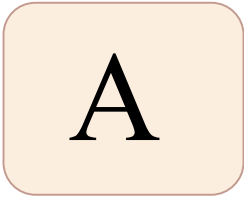
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INTRODUCTION

Please use this booklet as a resource for potential volunteer opportunities and a source of organizations able to extend help. As a Child of Christ, we are called to shine His light through our Christian Action.

Take a moment and pray over the content of this booklet to ask God to place it on your heart to find your gift, so you can let His light shine through you.

As always.....Share-His-Grace!



AARP - Darke County Ombudsman

Contact: Tamara James (Associate State Director)

Phone: (866) 389-5653

Web: www.aarp.org

Description

Are you concerned about the quality of services in a nursing home in your community? Wish you could do something to protect the rights of nursing home residents? Become an AARP Volunteer Ombudsman. AARP Ohio is working with the Ohio Department of Aging to help them achieve their goal of one Volunteer Ombudsman in each of the approximately 1000 nursing homes in Ohio.

Skills

Volunteer Ombudsmen spend 2-4 hours visiting their assigned nursing home each week, observing conditions, advocating for residents and resolving complaints. Volunteer Ombudsmen receive training provided by the regional program in preparation for their assignment. Each volunteer has a staff supervisor to provide assistance and answer questions

AARP - Ohio Advocacy Volunteer

Contact: Tamara James (Associate State Director)

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Web: www.aarp.org

Description

Join our team to perform grassroots lobbying and organizing activities that advance federal and state legislation and bring real value to AARP members and Ohioans. Grassroots lobbying duties include regular meetings with assigned state legislators and congresspersons to discuss and provide updates on AARP positions on priority legislative and regulatory issues. You'll maintain close constituent relationships with elected officials, political candidates, media outlets and key staff and keep informed and up-to-date on AARP positions on priority legislative and regulatory issues through staff generated correspondence, AARP advocacy meetings and monthly conference calls. Organizing activities with local activists, chapters and partner groups will support AARP's legislative program. You'll work in collaboration with other activists and groups in the legislative district or region to mobilize and implement tactics identified in strategy plans. You may also be asked to participate in local task forces or coalitions, maintain focus and knowledge on long-term care issues, recruit other advocacy volunteers to help AARP meet annual goals and act as a spokesperson for AARP on priority legislative and regulatory issues when requested by staff, especially within your legislative district.

Skills

Advocacy Volunteers have a strong interest in participatory democracy, commitment to AARP priority issues and ability to work easily with people from various backgrounds and political affiliations. Ability to work in non-partisan manner. Team members will also have the ability to communicate clearly and persuasively, lobby elected officials and other policy-makers, ability to work well independently and as part of a team and willingness and ability to travel within assigned district and occasionally to regional or statewide meetings. Membership age (50+).

AARP - Regional Convener

Contact: **Tamara James (Associate State Director)**

Phone: (866) 389-5653

Web: www.aarp.org

Description

As one of AARP Ohio's seven Regional Conveners, you will coordinate a small, dynamic team of volunteers in your area. Regional teams consist of community organizer, communications volunteer and advocacy leader. Your leadership will focus the team on member concerns, including choice of and access to high-quality long-term care services; adequate funding for health care programs for needy Ohioans; bringing down the cost of prescription drugs; and building economic security through fair employment issues and preserving Social Security. You will also work with your team to involve others in AARP's National Day of Service and other community service opportunities. You will have a dedicated staff partner to confer with, so you won't have to go it alone! Lead your volunteer team to get results--help older Ohioans remain independent and making choices for as long as possible.

Skills

Successful Regional Conveners will have experience leading small groups and keeping them focused on achieving specific goals. Strong organizational skills and the ability to stay focused on the charge at hand are critical, and project management experience is a plus. Access to electronic communication and the internet is required.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Contact us to become an ACS volunteer in Ohio.

Call **888-227-6446** or email OhioACS@cancer.org.

Volunteers have played a critical role in the success of the American Cancer Society from its very beginnings in 1913. More than two million volunteers nationwide carry the life-saving messages about cancer prevention and early detection into their local communities and provide services for cancer patients and their families.

Make a difference.

- Take an active role in the fight against cancer.
- Make a difference in the lives of local cancer patients, their families, and the community.
- Find great personal satisfaction.
- Receive up-to-date information about prevention, early detection, and the treatment of cancer.
- Develop new skills.
- Gain job experience. Meet and network with others who are dedicated to responding in a meaningful way to Americans' top health concern - cancer.

Become a volunteer.

Volunteers can help in many ways. Cancer survivors who are willing to talk with other patients about their experiences play a valuable role. Health professionals who can share cancer prevention and detection messages provide critical assistance. Volunteers who are willing to help organize community events and activities aimed at winning the fight against cancer make an important contribution to our efforts. Office assistants are always appreciated. The opportunities are countless.

American Red Cross

Contact: Lynn Gump

Phone: 937-548-1002

Mission Statement

The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

Description

Humanity-assistance without discrimination to the wounded on the battlefield endeavors in its International and National capacity, to prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found. Its purpose is to protect life and health and to ensure respect for the human being. It promotes mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation and lasting peace amongst all people. Impartiality-It makes no discrimination as to nationality, race, religious beliefs, class or political opinions. It endeavors to relieve the suffering of individuals being guided solely by their needs, and to give priority to the most urgent cases. Neutrality-In order to continue to enjoy the confidence of all, the Movement may not take sides in hostilities or engage in any time in controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature. Independence-The Movement is independent. The nation societies, while auxiliaries in the humanitarian services of their governments and subject to the laws of their respective countries, must always maintain their autonomy so that they may be able at all times to act in accordance with the principle of the Movement. Voluntary Service-It is a voluntary relief movement not prompted in any manner by desire for gain. Unity-There can only be one Red Cross society in any one country. It must be open to all. It must carry on its humanitarian work though-out its territory. Universality-The International Red Cross Movement, in which all societies have equal status and share equal responsibilities and duties in helping each other, is worldwide

The Artemis Center

310 West Monument Avenue, Dayton 45402

Contact: Joyce Gibbs

937-531-5709

jbishop@pcs1net.com

www.artemiscenter.org

"The mission of Artemis is to provide early intervention and education to victims of domestic violence and their children and to provide resources to the community to identify and remove the societal factors that promote and allow the occurrence of domestic violence... "Volunteers serve a wide variety of key functions at Artemis. Whether you can help with clerical support, fundraising events, data entry, bulk mailing, direct services, or on our Sustaining Board, your time and energy can make a valuable contribution."

If you are in immediate danger, call 911

If you are not in immediate danger, but need help now, call 937-222-7233

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Darke County

121 E North St
Sidney, OH 45365
937-492-7611

info@bigbrobigsis-shelbydarke.org
www.bigbrobigsis-shelbydarke.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby and Darke County is a volunteer non-profit, social service program that has been serving Shelby County since 1977 and Darke County since 1993.

Throughout our history, our mission has remained steadfast...

"To help boys and girls achieve their full potential through one-to-one mentoring relationships with carefully screened and caring adults."

Today, **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke County** is serving more children than ever with innovative programming that will impact our community on an even larger scale.

"In our own lives, each of us was touched by someone other than our parents who broadened our parents who broadened our horizons and brought a little magic to our lives.

By becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister, you can do the same for a child. **And you will both be forever changed by the experience."**

Church of the Brethren Disaster Response Emergency Response/Service Ministries

Contact: Ron Scammahorn
Phone: 937-448-2679
Web: <http://www.brethrendisasterresponse.org/>

The Mission

When disaster strikes, Church of the Brethren Disaster Response provides volunteers to clean up debris and to repair or rebuild homes for disaster survivors who lack sufficient resources to hire a contractor or other paid labor. The presence of these volunteer work teams helps to ease the trauma that is felt in the aftermath of a disaster.

Over the years, the Brethren have become known for providing capable, caring and hard-working volunteers on behalf of disaster survivors who are incapable of helping themselves. The existing records indicate that, from 1973 through 2001, Brethren Disaster Response initiated a total of 162 recovery projects following major disasters, mostly in the United States and US territories. And from 1978 through 2001, our gracious Lord has enabled 18,263 volunteers to answer the call by sharing their talents for a total of 90,876 workdays,

or 727,000 work hours, on disaster response projects. The total value of this donated labor in the present-day economy is \$11,188,530.

The redesign of the General Board in 1997 united the Disaster Response Program, [Disaster Child Care](#), [Refugee Resettlement](#), and [Service Ministries](#), into a single unit called Emergency Response/Service Ministries (ER/SM).

Brethren Retirement Community

Contact: Janet Ashworth
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janet.ashworth@bhrc.org

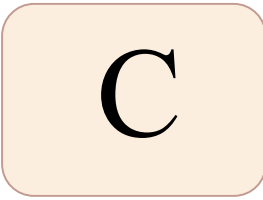
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How To Volunteer...

Our volunteers are made up of residents, staff, family members, and community members who enjoy giving help to those who need it.

If you are interested in volunteering at Brethren Retirement Community, we have many options, which include:

- Helping with meal times
- Folding Laundry
- Reading to residents
- Grounds care
- Driving to outings and special events
- Serving refreshments at programs and parties
- Writing letters
- Leading Bible study
- Teaching Sunday School
- Playing Piano or other instrument
- Gardening
- Working in the Gift Shop, or This-N-That shop
- Working at the reception desk or in the Library
- Working in the craft room or doing a craft demonstration
- Assisting Activities with outings and programs



CAP - Community Action Partnership

Contact: Janey Christman, Darke County Director

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Greenville, OH 45331
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(937) 890-7629 fax
janeyc@cap-darke.org

We are Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area. This year, we celebrate the 40th anniversary of our agency and the Community Action movement in America. The Economic Opportunity Act, providing for the creation of Community Action Agencies, was passed and signed in August, 1964.

We were established as a non-profit corporation in December, 1964 as The Supporting Council of Preventive Effort (SCOPE). The name was later changed to the Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area on April 16, 2003, to better reflect what this agency is and what it does. Community Action Partnership has as its mission **to** work with local communities to eliminate the causes and conditions of poverty and to promote individual independence and self-sufficiency.

We provide programs and services in Butler, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Warren Counties. Taken together, this seven county area encompasses over 3,000 square miles. We are the largest and most geographically diverse Community Action service area in the State of Ohio. The communities we serve range from rural farming communities, to suburbs, to the urban inner city. As an agency, we are constantly reminded of this great diversity as we develop and implement programs and services to achieve our mission. Poverty has no "one size fits all" solution. A wide range of programming is carefully designed to serve the specific community needs identified in each county within our area. The agency is able to provide programming to single persons, families, pre-school children, youth and older adults. Programs range from housing and utility assistance, to youth and elderly services.

CASA, Inc. – Darke County

Contact: Kay Robbins
Phone: (937) 547-9091
Web: <http://www.nationalcasa.org>

Mission Statement

The mission of CASA is to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the courts. We promote and support quality volunteer representation for children to provide each child a safe, permanent, nurturing home.

Description

Every year more than half a million abused and neglected children are in need of safe, permanent, nurturing homes. That's where CASA steps in. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) was created in 1977 to make sure the abuse and neglect these children originally suffered at home doesn't continue as abuse and neglect at the hands of the system. As trained advocates, CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to be a voice for these children in court. The result is that a child is placed into a safe, loving home where he/she can thrive. It is the CASA vision to provide a volunteer for each and every abused and neglected child who needs one.

Children's Medical Center

One Children's Plaza, Dayton

937-641-3333

dneely@cmc-dayton.org

www.cmc-dayton.org

The Children's Medical Center is a private, not-for-profit hospital serving children from birth to 19 years of age. Volunteer Opportunities: Greeters -greet and direct patients and families; Gift Shop - clerk, display, pricing;

R.O.A.R.- Reach Out And Read to children waiting for outpatient appointment;

Outpatient Surgery -Assist with families and paperwork; Clerical- a variety of opportunities

Minimum age for volunteering: 15

Time frame desired: Days, limited evenings Day(s) preferred for service:

Mon.-Fri.; limited weekends

One time service opportunities: No

Other Hospitals in Our Area

There are a variety of needs in all area hospitals, ranging from staffing the information desk, transporting patients to tests in other hospital departments, delivery of mail and flowers, etc. For further information, please contact any of our area hospitals.

Dayton Heart Hospital	224-3278
Good Samaritan Hospital	278-2512
Grandview Hospital	226-3200
Green Memorial Hospital	429-3200
Kettering Medical Center	298-4331
Miami Valley Hospital	208-2879
Southview Hospital	439-6000
Sycamore Hospital	866-0551
Wright-Patterson Medical Center	251-0837

Choices in Community Living, Inc

Contact: Tom Weaver

1651 Needmore Road, Dayton
937-898-2220

Choices in Community Living Inc. provide supported residential living services for people with developmental disabilities.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Friend By Choice provides friendship to clients on an individual basis.

Adopt- A-House volunteers adopt a home site for various projects monthly.

Special Projects includes seasonal projects such as yard work, planting flowers, and raking leaves

Minimum age for volunteering: 16

Time frame desired: Days, Evenings

Day(s) preferred for service: Fri., Sat. and Sun

One time service opportunities: Yes

Clothes That Work

The Job Center

1133 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd., Dayton

937-222-3778

www.clothesthatwork.org

"CTW provides business appropriate clothing to women transitioning from welfare to work. On her first visit our customer spends about an hour with a wardrobe consultant selecting an interview outfit, shoes, hoses and accessories. You can almost see the transition in the mirror as these ladies come out of the dressing room and see their new image in mirror. Their eyes brighten, their posture improves and often for the first time, they see themselves as a career woman ready to take on the world.

"Once a customer has gotten a job, she's invited back to get two more outfits to mix and match with her original interview suit. Customers are also encouraged to attend our series to learn skills to help them balance work/family life, learn about financial management and so many other skills necessary to attain self-sufficiency. Women are referred to CTW! by an array of partners including government agencies, homeless shelters, domestic violence centers, vocational schools and job training programs." Volunteer needs:

- Wardrobe consultant-- "Become a personal shopper, assisting customers select the perfect interview suits.
- 2nd Saturday Volunteer-- "help during our monthly intake day sorting and organizing clothing donations."

Council On Rural Service Programs, Inc

Contact: Irene Wirrig

Phone: (937) 548-8002

Web: <http://www.corsp.org>

Email: rsvpdk@rsvp.org

Would you like to welcome fitness walkers at Greenville High School? The Greenville Board of Education is looking for someone to sit at the check-in table at the high school on Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 to sign in people who walk the halls of the school. If you can do this at least once a month, we'd like to hear from you.

Would you like to help bring a little comfort to a shut-in? A local agency has a driver but needs someone who can ride along to deliver meals. Meals are delivered Monday - Friday from 12:00 – 2:30. You choose the day(s) you would like to help with this much needed service. You will be the highlight of someone's day by delivering a hot noon meal and a smile.

Would you like to help someone improve his or her English language skills? A Saturday morning English as a Second Language Program needs teacher aides to give one-on-one attention to some of the students. Foreign language skills are not required, just a desire to help.

Would you like to work with Mentally Retarded/ Develop-mentally Delayed (MRDD) adults? A local basic literacy education program needs teacher aides to work with students. This very rewarding opportunity is on Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00.

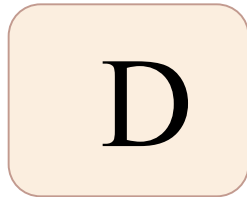
Do you like to work with numbers? You can help senior citizens, low-income, and disabled individuals by completing their income tax returns. The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will again be providing this free service January through April. Moderate computer skills are required and volunteers will be trained in income tax preparation. A background check is required.

Do you have an hour or two a week to bring a smile to a nursing home resident's face? We are looking for people to play the piano, sing, share a craft, read, or just sit and visit with residents of nursing homes and assisted living centers. Not only will you bring sunshine to their lives, but they will touch your life too.

Are you good at making people feel welcome? Do you like to talk on the phone? Many Darke County non-profit and government agencies need someone to welcome visitors at their reception and information desks and answer the phone. Positions are available at historical sites, health agencies, government agencies, and housing referral agencies. All that is required is your smiling face

Do you want to volunteer, but prefer something you can do at home? We have opportunities for you too! Warm Up America volunteers knit or crochet lap robes that are distributed to shelters, nursing homes, the hospital, and the V.A. Center. Home sewers make pillow covers for Head Start and other projects. Woodworkers can make replacement puzzle pieces for Head Start. Projects can be delivered to you so that you can help others without leaving your home.

Would you like to do volunteer work, but don't want to be committed to a particular place or time? We have the perfect opportunity for you! Join our *On Call List*. This is a list of people we call for special projects or one time events. Some recent activities include helping at the registration table for a charity 5K run, ushering at Memorial Hall, folding promotional pamphlets for Downtown Greenville, Inc., being a buddy to Head Start preschoolers while the dentist checked their teeth, and helping the Chamber of Commerce with a mailing. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with RSVP!



Darke County Parks

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4267 State Route 502
Greenville, OH 45331
phone: 937-548-0165
fax: 937-548-2935
info@darkecountyparks.org

Mission Statement

Darke County Parks relies on volunteer involvement in all aspects of our operations, from programs to maintenance. Descriptions of volunteer opportunities are listed on this page. Also, be sure to check the monthly Volunteer Tracks newsletter for the most current volunteer needs. After basic training, and the required paperwork, volunteers can set up a customized work schedule. Completed volunteer applications should be mailed to the Nature Center.

Children's Programs Volunteer to assist with the setup, supervision, and cleanup of Parent & Preschooler Adventures, Park P.A.L.S., and Junior Naturalists.

Day Camp Volunteer to assist with the setup, supervision, and cleanup of our day camp programs.

Special Events Volunteers to assist with the setup, organization, publicity, parking and cleanup of large special events at the Parks.

Historical Interpreters to assist in the development and presentation of pioneer Log House programs.

Front Desk Receptionist to answer phones, operate the gift shop, and register program participants during business hours.

Animal Care Assistant to feed live reptiles and amphibians and clean their display tanks.

Custodial Assistant to help with Nature Center cleaning and table and chair setups

Prairie Burn Crew Member to assist with managed prairie burns in the spring. Special training and equipment is required for this position.

Trail Monitor to report on trail conditions, report vandalism, and maintain bulletin board at one of our nine Parks.

Maintenance Assistant to help with maintenance of parks and trails including trail maintenance, invasive plant removal, and trash pickup.

Native Plant Nursery Committee Member to assist with propagation and sale of native prairie plants.

Gardening Volunteer to assist with maintenance of plantings around park signs and the butterfly/hummingbird gardens at Shawnee and Routzong.

Parks' Endowment Committee to assist with the continual growth of an endowment fund for the Park District.

Divorce Care

Contact: Ray Haag

Phone: 937-548-7142

Email: info@share-his-grace.com

DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone.

DivorceCare seminars and support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable DivorceCare resources to help you deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life.

If you are interested in helping facilitate a DivorceCare program, please contact Ray Haag.

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Epilepsy Foundation of Western Ohio

7523 Brandt Pk.

Huber Heights, OH 45424

937-233-2500 or 800-360-3296

Fax 937-233-5439

jpoppa@ohioepilepsy.org

The Epilepsy Foundation of Western Ohio serves residents of the following eleven counties in Western Ohio: Auglaize, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Logan, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby.

The Epilepsy Foundation will ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences; and will prevent, control and cure epilepsy through research, education, advocacy and services.

We are committed to helping create an environment where there is no stigma or fear associated with seizure disorders; where persons affected by epilepsy have the knowledge, self-esteem and support to participate in normal life experiences; and where the barriers that they face have been removed.

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Hazel Blanchard

271 Dogwood

Greenville, OH

937-548-2000

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Habitat for Humanity - Darke County

Contact: Volunteer Line 24/7

Phone: (937) 547-5315

Web: <http://www.darkecountyhabitat.org/>

Email: DarkeCountyHabitat@countystart.com

Darke County Habitat for Humanity is a people-to-people partnership drawing families and communities in need together with volunteers and resources to build decent, affordable housing for families in need. Habitat is committed to the development and uplifting of families and communities, not only to the construction of houses.

Darke County Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, Christian organization dedicated to building houses for families who may not otherwise be able to afford a decent place to live. Families pay back the cost of construction expenses through a no-interest mortgage.

Did you know that Habitat for Humanity has a resale store? They accept donations of furniture and appliances in good condition. They need a volunteer for three hours, one morning a week to serve as a clerk in the resale store and help out with some office tasks such as answering the phone and writing thank you notes.

House of Bread

9 Orth Ave, Dayton, Ohio 45406

937-226-1520

hob@dayton-online.net

The House of Bread provides a well-prepared and nutritious meal in a safe and quiet environment to anyone who shows up at our door. Volunteer Opportunities: Prepare and serve a meal for someone who is hungry.

Tutor children who are seen at the nutrition site.

Mentor "one-on-one" at Saturday morning program.

Office work. Pickup and/or delivery person to nutrition sites.

Minimum age for volunteering: 14

Time frame desired: Days, Day(s) preferred for service: Mon.-Fri.

One time service opportunities: Yes

[Hayward and Betsy Jones are experienced House of Bread volunteers and can provide you with further information.]

HOSPICE

Formerly Hospice of Darke & Mercer Counties
Offices in Greenville, Coldwater, and Portland
1-800-417-7535 or 937-548-2999

Hospice care is a unique form of care for terminally ill patients and their families. A team of physicians, nurses, home health aides, social workers, bereavement specialists, chaplains, and volunteers work to provide physical and emotional support to both patient and to their families. There is a focus on making the patient as comfortable and pain-free as possible with an emphasis on involving the patient and family members in decisions affecting the patient. Hospice care allows patients to retain dignity and respect and provide quality of life for the remainder of their lives.

Watchman Program

State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice has a unique relationship through area churches. The relationship is called “The Watchman Program.” The book of Isaiah says that being a watchman is a calling. A watchman is the “eyes and ears” in a congregation of people. Watchmen lift up their voices to build up and prepare the way for the people. A watchman is willing to have a vision and carry out a purpose. A watchman exhibits faithfulness and leads by example. A watchman has a spirit of compassion and concern.

The Watchman Program links with churches since area congregations play a vital role in our community providing spiritual care, social interaction, and various levels of support. State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice can be an important resource for a church or individual and recognizes religious congregations as the cornerstone for service delivery to the community. The Watchman Program is a further extension of the ministry provided by churches and the agency.

One person in each congregation is chosen by the church leaders to be the Watchman representative. The representative will then be trained by State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice as a volunteer with the focus on their specific role as a watchman. It is the watchman’s responsibility to ensure that the needs of the church family will be met by sharing with the church or individuals the opportunities that are available to them from the local program. The watchman representative, after training, will be very familiar with these opportunities that can assist the church or individual as appropriate. For example, they will know more about what makes a person appropriate for State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice, and about the various services offered patients.

For those interested in becoming a watchman in your congregation, the process is a simple one. State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice will provide you with training so that you will feel comfortable being a watchman representative. State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice staff will provide prospective watchmen with the information needed to meet a particular church families needs.

For additional information, phone any of the State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice offices. In Greenville, call 937-548-2999.

Bereavement Help

An important part of hospice services is bereavement support. A dictionary defines the word "bereaved" as having had something of value taken, to be deprived of something or to be left

alone. When a loved one dies, we have had someone of value and importance taken from us, and, very often we feel alone.

Our special team of bereavement specialists can help a person adjust and work through their grief and feelings of loss. Bereavement programs are offered by staff through our branch office programs. All Hospice bereavement programs are open to those in the community free of charge, as well as to family and friends of Hospice patients. Our programs serve Darke, Auglaize, Mercer and Preble counties in Ohio, and Jay and Randolph counties in Indiana. Boundaries are flexible with some services provided for residents of neighboring counties.

Bereavement Programs

Grief Support Group:

This is a six-week group to support and educate anyone in the community who has experienced the death of a loved one. The groups, led by trained and experienced facilitators, are scheduled at various times of the year.

Consider The Children:

This is a five-week support group designed to assist children, ages six to fourteen, to cope with grief and loss issues. There is a mix of activities, including discussion, videos, arts and crafts, storytelling, writing, games and music. The groups are held in the spring and fall of each year in both service areas.

Camp BEARable:

This is a weekend camp held in the summer for children who have experienced the death of a loved one. Unique to the weekend is the equine psycho-therapy provided by Harmony Reins of Minster. This psychotherapy has great emotional benefits such as improved self-esteem, development of self-discipline, increased concentration and patience, and helps develop self-responsibility for feelings, behaviors and thinking. There are other activities to allow the children to participate in games and interact with others to share their feelings and emotions. The camp is free and open to youth regardless of whether their loss was associated with hospice care. For more information, call Marlene Black, bereavement specialist in Greenville at 548-2999, and in Coldwater, call Patti Stahl, bereavement specialist, at 678-4808.

Annual Memorial Celebration:

The Memorial Service is a ceremony for families and staff members held to honor and remember loved ones who have been cared for by Hospice and who died within the last year. This service is held once a year in each program area.

Holiday Remembrance Gathering:

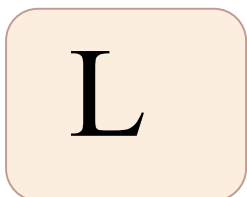
This remembrance gathering is an uplifting tribute to our loved ones who have died. It is hosted by State of the Heart Home Health & Hospice and several area funeral homes, and is held before the holiday season at one of our local churches. Included in the remembrance gathering is a video of our deceased loved ones; special music, and a candle lighting ceremony. A booklet on coping with grief during the holidays is given to those attending. This special remembrance gathering is open to anyone in our community who has lost a loved one.

Bereavement Support

Our bereavement services are offered for a full year to all Hospice families after the death of their loved one. A personal visit can be made by one of our Hospice staff members to assess individual needs and how they can best be met. Hospice bereavement volunteers are often

assigned to assist and support our families. In addition, Hospice families are sent invitations to all of our listed bereavement functions.

In addition to these groups and events, Hospice also offers supportive phone contacts, informational mailings on grief and loss issues, community education programs and workshops. In many instances, our bereavement specialists have provided valuable community services by helping school children deal with emotional trauma and/or the loss of loved ones within their schools.



Life Essentials, Inc.

123 Riverside Drive, Suite 100, Dayton 45405

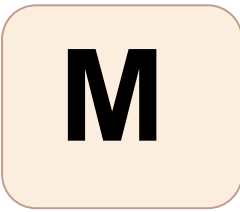
937-586-0545

www.lifessentials.org

Email: homeoffice@lifessentials.org

Life Essentials, Inc..."a network of caring volunteers dedicated to those who struggle to maintain a sense of health, companionship and dignity. Life Essentials provides opportunities for you to share in our volunteer efforts. Your gift of time will make a significant difference in the life of someone in need. Volunteer activities are available to fit your schedule, be it a few hours a month or several hours each week."

- Volunteer Caregivers: "Volunteers provide non-medical supportive services to frail, elderly and disabled adults who are trying to stay in their homes. Reading mail, providing relief to an in-house caregiver or sharing words of encouragement to someone alone are just a few examples of how our volunteers are making a difference."
- Guardianship: "Volunteers offer care and compassion, and improve the quality of life for those without family or friends to assist them with health decisions-and living arrangements. Volunteers develop a caring relationship by visiting on a regular basis. Acting as an advocate the volunteer is able to protect their rights and well-being. Staff provides complete training and on-going support."
- Chums: "Chums volunteers provide friendship, social support, and advocacy for those who are over 55 years of age and coping with mental health issues. Typical activities are going for walks, shopping, sharing a meal, or visiting over a cup of coffee. One hour each week can enrich someone's life by offering companionship and encouragement."



"Meals for Many"

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

101 Huffman Av, Dayton 45403 252-4467

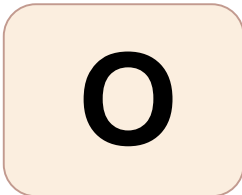
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"Meals for Many": Tuesday Community Lunch: preparation, serving, cleanup
Saturday breakfast: preparation, serving, cleanup
[Last year, 11,000 meals were shared.]

Volunteers are needed also for the Tot Time Program and the Young Peacemakers programs
Tot Time: "Preschoolers have for many years enjoyed the wonderful skill of our trained teachers. We have two groups of fifteen persons who meet three days a week. Meals are provided at each session."

Young Peacemakers: "Almost 30 first- to sixth-graders meet in age-level groups two or three times weekly. A number of staff are involved in providing after-school programming including tutoring, recreation, crafts, and stories. A number of college students from local institutions are also involved in this work with neighborhood children. Meals and snacks are provided at each session."



OhioReads Program

Today more than ever, education is the key that opens the door to a lifetime of opportunity. There is no single education challenge of greater urgency than to make sure every Ohio child learns to read, for reading is the foundation for all future learning. Children must be able to read if they are to succeed in school, in the workplace, or in life.

General Information

The OhioReads initiative is a partnership...among schools, community organizations, businesses, parents, individuals, and YOU! By volunteering as a reading tutor, you will be making a difference that will last a lifetime for Ohio's youngest students.

The mission of OhioReads is to ensure that all children in Ohio are reading at grade level by the end of elementary school. By getting involved with OhioReads, you can help make that happen. Take a look at the ways you can get involved:

Corporations and Businesses can become a part of OhioReads by partnering with a local elementary school. Community partners support OhioReads by offering time, space,

financial support, and leadership. This may be accomplished by having employees serve as volunteer reading tutors for one hour a week during the workday; by providing business space for evening, weekend, and summer tutoring; by purchasing programs, materials, and other resources for schools to use in connection with their literacy programs; or by becoming a role model as well as an advocate for partnering with local schools.

Community Service Organizations can help OhioReads by offering members' time as volunteer reading tutors and by using your voice in the community to educate others about literacy and encourage them to get involved.

Colleges and University can support OhioReads by offering students from a campus organization or class as volunteer reading tutors. You may also provide classroom space for tutoring on evenings, weekends, and during the summer. Colleges and Universities may choose to use their resources to help schools purchase reading programs, books, materials, and other resources for use in connection with their OhioReads initiatives.

Parent participation in the OhioReads initiative is critical. Parental involvement dramatically helps improve children's reading skills. Parents can participate in OhioReads by becoming volunteer reading tutors and encouraging others to get involved, too. Parents can also help their children learn to reading by participating in summer and other literacy programs and by reading with their child every day.

Senior Citizens support OhioReads becoming a volunteer reading tutors or volunteer coordinators at local elementary schools. Some of our greatest tutors are retirees who give their time to help future generations.

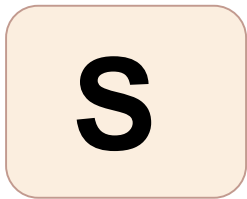
<u>District</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Ansonia Local SD	Ansonia Elem	(937) 337-5141
Franklin Monroe Local SD	Franklin Monroe Elem	(937) 548-5588
Greenville City SD	East Elem	(937) 548-2815
Greenville City SD	Gettysburg Elem	(937) 447-2801
Greenville City SD	South Elem	(937) 548-3525
Greenville City SD	Woodland Heights Elem	(937) 548-1013
Tri-Village Local SD	Tri-Village Elem	(937) 996-1511
Versailles Ex Vill SD	North Star Elem	(419) 336-7371
Versailles Ex Vill SD	Versailles Elem	(937) 526-4681

Oakland Church of the Brethren

Contact the Church Office 937-448-2287
Email: info@oaklandchurch.org

There are opportunities through Oakland to reach out to the local community through programs at Oakland.

- Dinner Theater
- Key Worker – BRC – Brethren Retirement Center
- Wellness Team
- Outreach Committee



The St. Vincent Hotel

212 West Fifth Street, Dayton
937-461-7837
SVDPDayton@aol.com

"Our food pantry is currently looking for volunteers to interview clients and to help aged and infirm clients carry groceries out to their cars on the third and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Volunteers are also needed to stock shelves on second Saturdays. Hours for all these activities are 9:30 am to noon. Call Dawna at 461-7837 for information."

"Volunteers are needed at the Thrift Store Monday thru Saturday to sort and hang clothing. Call Karen at 222-5555.

There is also a wide range of volunteer opportunities and times available at the St. Vincent Hotel. For more information call Dawna at 461-7857." Volunteer Opportunities: Cooking or serving breakfast or dinner, folding laundry, sort clothing work in clinic, Dorm assistant for men & women, filing, answering phones or light clerical

Minimum age to volunteer: 17

Time frame desired: Days, evenings, Days preferred:

All One time opportunities: Yes

U

United Rehabilitation Services of Dayton

4710 Old Troy Pike, Dayton
937-233-1230
www.unitedrehabservices.org

Work with adults and children with disabilities Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer in daycare-play and read to the children. Work in the Library. Clerical services-answer phones, data entry, filing. Work one-to-one in Adult Program. Latch Key-play games or work on homework.

Minimum age for volunteering: 13

Time frame desired: Days

Day(s) preferred for service: Mon. –Fri

One time service opportunities: Yes (Special Events)

United Way – Darke County

P.O. Box 716
207 E. Fourth St.
Greenville, OH 45331
547-1272

W

Workplace ReConnections

Dakota or Jan
937-220-9194
<http://www.co.montgomery.oh.us/Departments/JobCenter/index.html>

"This ministry serves unemployed, underemployed and distressed workers in an interfaith environment... Services - included: spiritual support, referrals for needed services, connections to employment and training opportunities... Volunteers are needed who are caring and compassionate listeners willing to share their time and talent to benefit workers experiencing spiritual, emotional, relational and financial challenges resulting from work transition.

Volunteers provide support, assist with goal clarification and make referrals for needed services. They may also assist with office work. (Assist with client intake, documentation and follow-up. Office Assistant-answer phone, make photocopies, assist with mailings. Special events. Fundraising.)

Minimum age for volunteering: 21

Time frame desired: Days

Day(s) preferred for service: Mon.-Fri.



YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Darke Co. Youth for Christ

Neal Crawford

P.O. Box 266

7603 Greenville-Celina Rd.

Greenville, OH 45331

www.dcyfc.org

office@dcyfc.org

937-548-2477

The Ministries of Youth for Christ - USA

Darke County Youth for Christ has many volunteer opportunities They include the following:

- Transportation Team
- Program Team
- Campus Pastor
- Small Group Leaders
- Countywide Volunteers
- Student Leader Volunteer
- I.A. ("Individual Appointments") Volunteer

Please help to make this directory as complete as possible. Add other outreach ministries not listed.

Organization: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

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Please give your additions to:

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Greenville, OH 45331
rayhaag@mac.com
937-548-7142