

VOLUNTEER CENTER FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, INC.

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

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

The Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region

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

Annapolis Summer Garden Theatre

Numerous volunteer opportunities are available in Production Support, Concierge and General Volunteering, Management & Business Support, including Officers and Board of Directors, and Artistic Involvement, including performers, directors, and more. For more details and to volunteer, visit the Volunteering section of the website and fill out and submit a Participation Form or call 410-268-9212. See web site at www.summergarden.com.

• **Call for Directors:** ASGT is now accepting applications for Directors for our 2011 season which opens May 26, 2011 with "Chicago: The Musical". The season continues with "The Marvelous Wonderettes" on June 30, and finishes up with "Hairspray" from Aug. 4, Sept. 4, 2011. Please download the 2011 Director's Questionnaire from the Artistic Involvement page of our website and submit it by the **Oct. 1, 2010 Deadline**, along with a resume, to Sharon Cimaglia at vicepres@summergarden.com. Please call 410-266-6872 if you have any questions.

23rd Annual Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival, September 25, 2010

Volunteer opportunities are available now, the day before, and on the event date for the 23rd Annual Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival. The Festival raises an awareness of the African-American heritage and the common challenges encountered by all ethnic groups striving to preserve their culture. The festival will be held at the Annapolis City Dock, **Sat., Sept. 25, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Volunteer opportunities are available in the following areas: set up, refreshments, clean up, and more. Volunteers may download a volunteer application from the website: http://www.kuntakinte.org/applications/Volunteer_Application_2010.pdf or contact the festival office for more information at 443.623.2856 or kuntakintecelebrations@gmail.com.

State's Attorney's Office

Volunteers are needed to work on projects in the Annapolis offices with office support staff, advocates and attorneys. Computer literacy is a must and background checks are required. Internships are available. Call Jane Strong at 410-222-1740, Xtn 3895 or sastro88@aacounty.org.

• **7:00 am, Sun., Sept. 19, 2010, 13th Annual Victims' Fund Run, a 5K Run and 2 Mile Walk:**

Patrons and participants, and volunteers are needed to support this worthy event sponsored by the States Attorney's Office & Anne Arundel Bar Association which supports victims of crime. Volunteers are needed to help before and on the day of this fundraiser. The race is on the B&A Trail beginning at 8:15 a.m.; there is a new gathering place for registration, etc. at Severna Park Senior High School, 60 Robinson Rd. The Post-Race Party includes great food, awards and prizes. Contact Mary-Ann Burkhart at 410.222.1740 EXT. 3827.

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International Day of Peace Vigil, September 21, 2010

Join in a worldwide vigil, part of the United Nations' International Day of Peace on September 21 from 7:00 until 9:00 PM at the Annapolis Friends Meeting House, 351 Dubois Road, 21401. Light refreshments at 6:30 PM. The gathering is of all who are concerned about and work to reduce violence in our community and in the world—religious and spiritually-based groups, and men, women and children (see www.internationaldayofpeace.org). The evening, hosted by the Annapolis Peace and Justice Center, will ask participants to share their spiritual journeys toward peace, and to identify peacemaking organizations worthy of prayer and other means of support. For more information and volunteer opportunities contact Phil Favero at pgfavero@gmail.com or 410-279-7598.

Light House Shelter Ride for Shelter, Sun., Sept. 26, 2010

Participants, volunteers, and sponsors are needed for the Sixth Annual Ride for Shelter fundraiser on Sun., Sept. 26, 2010 at the Severna Park Park-N-Ride (Jones Station Rd. & Ritchie Hwy., Arnold). Registration is at 12 noon and the ride starts at 1 pm; riders will enjoy scenic 5, 10, or 20 mile rides along the B&A Trail, and there will be free kids' activities, free refreshments and snacks, and exciting prizes for participation and fundraising achievement levels. **Volunteers are needed on the day of the ride between 11:00 am–5:00 pm** to assist with registration, set up, kids' activities and clean up and to help on the bike routes to direct people and serve water, etc. For more information visit web site: www.RideforShelter.com, and contact Melanie Quinn at 410-268-4251 or events@annapolislighthouse.org.

Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland

Individuals and groups can assist the homebound. Volunteer as little as an hour a month to make a world of difference. Drivers needed to deliver meals Monday through Friday (**holidays included**) between 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. Volunteers also needed to accompany drivers, pack meals, or make birthday or other greeting cards to be delivered with the meals. Many opportunities are flexible, and training is provided. Locations are in Glen Burnie (Pascal Senior Center), Annapolis (St. Martin's Lutheran on Forest Dr.), and Severna Park (Woods Church). Routes in Cape St. Claire/St. Margaret, Crofton, Glen Burnie, Annapolis, Odenton and Old Mill communities are in urgent need. MOW can also use volunteers to man displays and assist at fund raising activities. Call Terry Lehr at 1-866-558-0827, 410-431-5257, or e-mail lehr@mowcm.org. See www.mealsonwheelsmd.org

Sarah's House Volunteer Orientations –Every Friday

Sarah's House is a supportive housing program for homeless women, children, and men in Anne Arundel County providing case management, childcare, transportation and employment services at Ft. Meade. Volunteer orientations are offered most Friday evenings 7:00pm-8:30pm at Sarah's House. Volunteers can work directly with guests or behind the scenes. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals, families, businesses and groups of all faiths and ages. There is an ongoing need for donation of items such as large diapers, baby wipes, general cleaning supplies, bathroom tissue and more. Volunteers 14 and under must have adult supervision. Please RSVP to Bruce Clopein at 410-519-5085, or bclopein@catholiccharities-md.org.

- **6:00-11:00 pm, Fri., Oct. 15, 2010, Oktoberfest Fundraiser:** Sarah's house will benefit from proceeds of the event. There will be live music by the Rhinelanders, dancing, and a buffet and drinks will be available for purchase. There will also be a dance performance by The Polka Kids. Contact Juanita Patke at 410-672-1909 or jpatke@verizon.net.

SPCA of Anne Arundel County

Volunteers, age 18 and up (or 13-17 with parental accompaniment), are needed to walk dogs, socialize cats, provide foster care for "in-need" animals, help with adoption shows, bathe and brush dogs or help with any other available opportunities. Regular volunteers walk dogs, play with cats, provide foster care for "in-need" animals, help with adoption shows, bathe and brush dogs, assist potential adopters, and help with events. Training sessions are held once each month. The SPCA does not offer opportunities to fulfill court-ordered community service. Call 410-268-4388 or E-mail info@aacspca.org. www.aacspca.org.

- **1pm – 3pm, Sun., Sept. 19, 2010, SPCA 90th Birthday Party:** Every September we celebrate the SPCA's birthday with a party at the shelter. We invite all our friends, young and old, to join us for cake, a pet parade, working dog demonstrations, and other fun activities. Contact (410) 268-4388 or info@aacspca.org for more information.
- **10.00 am, Mon., Sept. 27, 2010, Putts for Mutts Golf Tournament:** Sponsors and participants are being sought for this fun event being held at Queenstown Harbor Golf Club to benefit the SPCA. Registration is at 10 and shotgun start is at 11 am. Contact (410) 268-4388 or info@aacspca.org for more information.