



Big Brothers Big Sisters

## Ongoing Service Opportunities for Community-Based Bigs and Littles

### Animals -----

#### **Delco Dog Trotter Program**

555 Sandy Bank Road, Media, PA 19063

The Delco Dog Trotters is a group of runners who work with the higher energy dogs awaiting adoption at our Adoption Center. It's a great way to help our cause while getting a great workout.

If interested, contact Jamie Neborak at: [jneborak@delcospca.org](mailto:jneborak@delcospca.org)

#### **Philadelphia's City Animal Shelter**

111 W Hunting Park Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19140

<http://philadoptables.org/volunteering/>

ACCT Philly has a vibrant volunteer program, with volunteers working with every single department within the shelter. Opportunities include:

- Dog walking, socialization & enrichment
- Cat socialization & enrichment
- Bathing and grooming

Volunteer orientations are every month on the first Saturday at 10:00 a.m., second Thursday at 6:30 p.m., and third Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

To join the ACCT Philly Volunteer Team, download an application and e-mail it to [volunteer@acctphilly.org](mailto:volunteer@acctphilly.org).

#### **Smarty Paws Reading Program**

555 Sandy Bank Road, Media, PA 19063

Kids between ages of 5-13 are invited to take part in this enrichment program for children and shelter cats. The sound and interaction of children reading to cats is both soothing and stress-relieving for our homeless cats awaiting homes. Studies have shown that children reading to pets help them with their learning disabilities because it provides a relaxing, stress and judgment-free outlet in which to practice their reading.

If interested, contact: [bbenedetti@delcospca.org](mailto:bbenedetti@delcospca.org).

#### **Camden Country Animal Shelter**

125 County House Rd

Blackwood, NJ 08012

(856)401-1300

-Parent/ Volunteer- Child teams\*\* Must be 13 to Volunteer

- Call to verify legal guardian

#### **PetSmart Adoption Center (Cherry Hill, Moorestown, Lawnside and Sicklerville)**

Monday Thru Friday 6pm-8pm



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Saturdays 1-4 or 6pm-8pm

Sundays 4pm-6pm

Wonderful way to showcase cats outside of the shelter. The more volunteers they have the more cats and kittens they can send off to their forever homes. If you're interested in volunteering e-mail

[volunteer@ccasnj.org](mailto:volunteer@ccasnj.org)

### **Petco Adoption Center**

Turnersville Petco

141 Tuckahoe Rd

Sewell, NJ 08012

Monday Thur Friday 5:00 pm- 7pm

Saturday- Sunday 11am- 3pm

Interested in volunteering, email [deb4183@yahoo.com](mailto:deb4183@yahoo.com). Volunteers are expected to aid in cleaning cages, giving kittens some exercise and speak to potential adopters.

*Most animal shelters have strict age requirements for their volunteers. If you and your Little are passionate about animals, but don't quite meet the age requirement, PBSkids.org has tips on how you can still make a difference. According to the website, kids across the country are raising money for local animal shelters by running lemonade stands and hosting bake sales in their neighborhoods. One creative idea is to have an animal themed" bake sale with treats like Bunny Cake, Cinnamon Snails, and Butterfly Bites. The recipes can be found at this link: <http://pbskids.org/zoom/activities/action/way01.html>*

### **Fighting Hunger** -----

#### **Arch Street UMC**

55 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19107

Grace Café is a program of Arch Street UMC on Sunday evenings (September - June) a simple meal and shared stories. All of the congregation's neighbors, especially center city's most vulnerable citizens, those currently experiencing homelessness, are welcome to attend.

Volunteer opportunities are available to partner with Arch St. UMC to support the ministry of Grace Café on Sunday evenings beginning September 13, 2015.

Responsibilities for Grace Café volunteer groups include:

- Providing, preparing and serving a hot meal (entrée, vegetable and dessert) for 200-220 guests. Coffee, tea and other beverages as well as dishes, silverware, serve ware and paper products are provided by ASUMC.
- Meeting, greeting and sharing with Grace Café guests during the Sunday Evening program and meal.

Volunteers arrive at 5:00 p.m. to set up the room; prep and set out the food and the evening typically concludes with clean up following the meal about 7:30 p.m.

Contact the church office at [secretary@archstreetumc.org](mailto:secretary@archstreetumc.org) for more information or to schedule your group to volunteer.



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### **Chester County Food Bank**

650 Pennsylvania Dr., Exton, PA 19341  
Phone Number: 610.873.6000

Volunteer opportunities are available year round; however, need does vary based on season, weather, inventory and program schedules.

You must create an account to register for a volunteer opportunity.

For more information about dates and times visit: <http://chestercountyfoodbank.volunteerhub.com/events/index>

### **The Coalition Against Hunger: Volunteer at a Local Food Pantry or Soup Kitchen**

The Coalition Against Hunger partners with many different food pantries and soup kitchens throughout the Philadelphia area.

Volunteer days and hours are flexible, including evenings. Short- and long-term volunteers are welcome. No experience necessary.

Visit this site for a list of places where help is needed: <http://www.hungercoalition.org/volunteer-opportunities>

### **MANNA (Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance)**

2323 Ranstead Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

MANNA is an organization that provides healthy meals to Philadelphians living with cancer, HIV/AIDS, and other life-threatening illnesses. For someone who is sick, nutrition is important, and meals from MANNA provide 100% of the daily nutrients we need.

Volunteers age 14 and up are needed to help out in the kitchen.

Volunteers must fill out an application (found at the website) and attend one training session.

For more information about volunteering, contact Glenda in the Volunteer Services Department at 215.496.2662 x100 or visit <http://www.mannapa.org/volunteeratmanna>.

### **Philabundance**

Main Site: Hunger Relief Center  
3616 South Galloway Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148

Volunteers needed to sort non-perishable food items, fill boxes of food for senior citizens, and stock shelves at main locations. Volunteers must be 14 years or older.

Calendar available here: <http://www.philabundance.org/take-action/volunteer/>

To register to volunteer visit: <http://philabundance.volunteerhub.com/Events/Index> or call 215.339.0900.



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### **Safe Harbor: Chester County**

20 North Matlack Street, West Chester, PA 19380

From preparing and serving meals, to working with our residents in the shelter, volunteers account for over half the time dedicated to helping people who come to us seeking shelter and rehabilitation.

Contact Karen Manzone, volunteer coordinator, at 610.692.6550 to set up an appointment to learn more about our volunteer opportunities.

### **St. Francis Inn Ministries**

2441 Kensington Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125

<http://www.stfrancisinn.org/>

A variety of volunteer opportunities offered for both individuals and groups.

For more information, contact:

Sr. Leslie – 215.423.5845

E-mail: [Leslieosf@aol.com](mailto:Leslieosf@aol.com)

### **Sunday Suppers**

2950 Memphis Street, Philadelphia, PA 19134

Help prepare (and enjoy!) meals for families in need one time or more often. Teach and learn about healthy cooking, serving, and setting a table.

Sign up and more information here: <http://sundaysuppersphilly.org/volunteer/>

### **The Neighborhood Center**

278 Kaighns Avenue

Camden, NJ 08103

(856)365-5295

Volunteers run the center from the community kitchen, daycare and gardens. Interested in volunteering? Contact the Volunteer Coordinator Christa Gavin (856)365-5295 or [christa@ncicamden.com](mailto:christa@ncicamden.com)

### **Help Other Kids -----**

#### **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia**

34<sup>th</sup> Street and Civic Center Blvd., Philadelphia

Telephone: 215.590.1000

Volunteers AGE 16 AND UP are wanted to provide companionship for sick patients at CHOP. Volunteers are expected to talk to, play games with, and simply spend time with patients.

Call or visit their website for more information: <http://www.chop.edu/about-us/volunteer-opportunities>



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### **Cradles to Crayons**

30 Clipper Road, W. Conshohocken, PA 19428  
Telephone: 215.836.0958

Cradles to Crayons offers families the opportunity to teach their children, age 6 & older, the values of service and philanthropy while volunteering together to help children and families in need.

For more information about opportunities, visit:  
<https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/philadelphia/volunteer/families-individuals>

### **Gift of Life Family House**

401 Callowhill Street Philadelphia, PA 19123

For the many ways to get involved, please visit the Gift of Life Family House at  
<http://www.giftoflifefamilyhouse.org/volunteer/>.

### **Youth Service, Inc.**

410 N. 34<sup>th</sup> St., Philadelphia  
Telephone: 215.222.2352  
<http://ysiphilly.org/give/volunteer/>

Youth Service, Inc. provides shelter and support services for Philadelphia teens and families. They operate the largest shelter for homeless and runaway youth in the city as well as the only crisis nursery in Philadelphia.

Volunteers are needed in many ways: donate canned food, organize a clothing drive at your school or church, or contact Youth Services about organizing a Service Project at the crisis nursery.

To get involved or for more information, visit their website, call the main number, or email  
[volunteer@ysiphila.org](mailto:volunteer@ysiphila.org).

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### **Hospice Volunteers** -----

### **Madlyn and Leonard Abramson Center for Jewish Life**

1425 Horsham Road, North Wales, PA 19454



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Several opportunities exist for volunteering with and for the elderly at the Abramson Center for Jewish Life. Positions include: friendly visitors, hospice volunteers, transport, sewers and menders, librarians, football lovers, artists and more.

To participate in any of these volunteering opportunities with the elderly, call 215.371.1816 or email [info@abramsoncenter.org](mailto:info@abramsoncenter.org).

### **St. John's Hospice**

1221 Race St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Volunteers needed to serve lunch daily, wrap gifts during the holidays, and put together donation boxes of toiletries and clothes. Volunteer time must be scheduled in advance.

Visit <http://www.saintjohnshospice.org> for more information.

### **The Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Greater Philadelphia**

Falls Center: 3300 Henry Avenue: 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19129

<http://www.vnaphilly.org/visiting-nurse-volunteer.aspx>

Various opportunities such as:

- **Crafting Volunteer:** Create heart pillows made from a loved one's article of clothing, knit, crochet or sew lap robes to provide to our Inpatient Unit.
- **Patient Care Volunteer:** Visit patients in their home, a skilled nursing facility or our Inpatient Unit to provide companionship, emotional support, conversation, entertainment, or simply demonstrate listening skills.

For more information, contact: Volunteer Coordinator Office – 215.581.2360 or 215.581.2181 or e-mail: [tscott@vnaphilly.org](mailto:tscott@vnaphilly.org).

### **Neighborhood Clean-Up** -----

#### **Friends of the Wissahickon Saturday Volunteer Days**

Wissahickon Valley Park

<http://www.fow.org/volunteering/ongoing-projects#sthash.Lcwks9wd.dpuf>

Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Unless holiday or inclement weather)

Projects include trail maintenance, invasive weed removal, planting and clean-ups.

Contact John Holback for information on specific dates: 215.247.0417 x107 or at [holback@fow.org](mailto:holback@fow.org)



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### **John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge**

8601 Lindbergh Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19153

[www.fws.gov/refuge/John\\_Heinz/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/John_Heinz/)

Help out with Natural Resource Management, as a Weed Warrior, or in some other capacity. All volunteers are welcome and encouraged to call for more information.

All prospective volunteers must contact the Refuge volunteer coordinator and complete some volunteer agreement paperwork. Training is provided for some positions.

Volunteer coordinator, Suzanne Kelley, may be reached at 215.365.3118 x102 or at [suzanne\\_kelley@fws.gov](mailto:suzanne_kelley@fws.gov).

### **Norristown Farm Park**

2500 Upper Farm Road Norristown, PA 19403

The Farm Park is always in need of help to do the following:

- Minor painting projects
- Garden weeding and mulching, weed whacking
- Trash collection around the park and general clean-up
- Trail maintenance
- Assorted other projects

For more information, please call 610.270.0215.

### **Philadelphia Urban Creators**

The Urban Creators is a youth and community driven organization that inspires inner-city neighborhoods to transform neglected landscapes into food hubs, social enterprises, and models of urban sustainability.

PUC is always in need of volunteers to help with all projects. There are multiple sites, including 15th & Diamond Street and 11th & Dauphin Street.

Open volunteer hours at the farm are usually Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. but this may occasionally vary, so please do contact the organization first.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact: [admin@phillyurbancreators.org](mailto:admin@phillyurbancreators.org)

### **PHS Tree Tenders**

Various locations.

The PHS Tree Tenders® program offers hands-on tree care training in the five-county Philadelphia region. The training covers tree biology, identification, planting, proper care and working within your community.

Given the nature of the training and the evening hours, the course is not appropriate for children under 16.



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Pre-registration is required.

To get involved, visit <http://phsonline.org/greening/tree-tenders>.

### **Waste Watchers**

Ben Franklin Parkway (as needed during Philadelphia Marathon and other race events)

Waste Watchers Volunteers help event-goers sort their trash, recycling, and compost into the correct bins. Volunteers receive a free Waste Watchers sweatshirt at the start of their shift.

If you would like to be a Waste Watcher, sign up at <http://keepphiladelphiabeautiful.org/become-a-waste-watcher/>. If you have questions or need help, e-mail [wastewatchersPHL@gmail.com](mailto:wastewatchersPHL@gmail.com) or call Waste Watchers Volunteer Coordinator Rachel Passman at 215.686.3495.

### **Habitat for Humanity Burlington County**

Ages 15-17 are welcomed but must be accompanied by adult

Saturdays 9am-6pm

Sundays- Fridays 10am-6pm

- Volunteers are needed to help get warehouse ready for grand opening ( ex. Paint, merchandise, set up and much more)

*Don't see any events in your neighborhood? There is still plenty you can do to help the environment and keep the Independence Region clean! PBSkids.org suggests "adopting a piece of Earth", whether it is a nearby park, the sidewalk in front of your house, or your favorite place in your neighborhood. Spend some time removing litter from your piece of the Earth, and continue to keep it beautiful together throughout the year.*

### **Veterans** -----

#### **Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Community Medical Center**

3900 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Volunteers are needed to socialize with veterans. Suggested activities: bingo, card games, arts and crafts.

Contact Melissa Heinlein for more information at 215.823.5868. Center must be contacted 4-6 weeks prior to intended volunteer date.

#### **Soldiers' Angels "Adopt a Soldier" Program**

Soldiers' Angels is a nationally recognized and award-winning non-profit. Make and send care packages and letters to a soldier overseas.

Visit <http://soldiersangels.org> for more information.





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### **Philadelphia Veterans House**

4108 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Want to be a guest chef and make dinner for the troopers? Host a volunteer event or cook alone. For more information call 267.292.2052 or email [info@phillyvetshouse.org](mailto:info@phillyvetshouse.org).

### **General** -----

### **Volunteer center of Burlington County c/o Burlington County College**

601 Pemberton BrownsMills Rd

Pemberton, NJ 08068

Parker Center 4135

Call (609)894-9311 ext 1492 or email [volcenter@hotmail.com](mailto:volcenter@hotmail.com)

Tons of different volunteer experiences listed on the site