

Bucks County Area Agency on Aging “Positively Aging” Volunteer Program

“Opportunities for Senior Volunteers
to Strengthen Our Community”

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Bucks County Area Agency on Aging

Bucks County Area Agency on Aging (BCAAA) “Positively Aging” Volunteer Program provides opportunities for those 18+ with a focus on those age 55+ to engage in volunteer service and contribute time, experience and knowledge to others in their communities.

Our Mission

To promote the engagement of mature adults in planning for community improvement and in the delivery of volunteer services within Bucks County.

What We Do

BCAAA helps organizations identify their needs and also helps volunteers who have a desire to provide services and support in the County find matches to aid in supporting seniors in our community.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead



The Benefits of Volunteering

BCAAA has more than 450 volunteers working in 46 non-profit organizations throughout Bucks County. Each year, these valued volunteers contribute more than 100,000 hours of service to the Bucks community!

According to the *Corporation for National and Community Service* states, “A growing body of research indicates that volunteering provides individual health benefits in addition to social benefits. This research has established a strong relationship between volunteering and health: those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer. Older volunteers are the most likely to receive greater benefits from volunteering, whether they are more likely to face higher incidence of illness or because volunteering provides them with physical and social activity and a sense of purpose at a time when their social roles are changing. Some of these findings also indicate that volunteers who devote a ‘considerable’ amount of time to volunteer activities (approximately 100 hours per year) are most likely to exhibit positive health outcomes.”

As a volunteer you will receive:

- Assisted volunteer placement
- The opportunity to use your experience and skills
- The chance to learn something new every day
- The satisfaction of knowing you are making a difference in your community

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation’s compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another.”

Erma Bombeck

Getting Started

There are many volunteer opportunities throughout Bucks County, and your Volunteer Coordinator will make every effort to match you with a volunteer assignment that best meets your interests and skills. If you have a specific service to offer, we will make every effort to identify an organization that can best accommodate your needs. Please contact BCAA at 267-880-5700

We invite you to review the following pages to learn more about the many interesting and varied volunteer opportunities BCAA offers. Then please give us a call to get started. Your time and talents are a valuable resource!

**“Everyone can be great because anyone can serve.
You don’t have to have a college degree to serve.
You don’t even have to make your subject and
your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart
full of grace, a soul generated by love.”**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

BCAAA Volunteer Program Sites

BCAAA Senior Advocacy and Supports

Area Agency on Aging –APPRISE

Trained counselors assist older persons and their families with questions regarding Medicare, Advantage Plans and related insurance matters. Provide easy to understand information about benefits. Three day training and on line webinars are necessary for volunteers to work with consumer on a one to one basis.

Volunteer Opportunities: Insurance Counseling

Area Agency on Aging – Long Term Care Unit

Provide assistance to selected Area on Aging consumers in completing applications for program(s). Prior to volunteer's visit, Care Manager will have visited consumer and completed a comprehensive assessment . Volunteer's role is to assist consumer to complete and provide required application materials. and to gather copies of verification needed. Consumer may require assistance to sort through their papers to locate needed items.

Volunteer Opportunities: Benefits Assistance

Area Agency on Aging –Ombudsman

The Ombudsman program investigates and help resolve complaints about the care of older persons as residents in long term care and personal care facilities. Training is necessary to meet the state program requirements.

Volunteer opportunities: Ombudsman

BCAAA Senior Advocacy and Supports

Area Agency on Aging –Project Games

Preventive gambling programs for seniors. Volunteers receive training and will present informational sessions to talk about gambling and addiction.

Volunteer Opportunities: Consumer Education

Area Agency on Aging –Project Meds

Project Meds is a free half hour educational presentation given by trained senior volunteers. Information focuses on issues of medication and alcohol use and misuse by older adults. Audience members will receive a bag of resources at the conclusion of each session.

Volunteer opportunities: Project Meds Presenter, Senior Health Expo Volunteers.

Community Nutrition Programs

Bux-Mont Meals on Wheels

Provides meals for the home bound in the community.

Volunteer Opportunities: Food Pantry Assistant, Drivers for Donations

Emergency Relief Association of Lower Bucks

Provides emergency food relief.

Volunteer Opportunities: Food Pantry Assistant, Drivers for Donations

Meals on Wheels of Central Bucks

Provides meals for the home bound in the community.

Volunteer Opportunities: Food Pantry Assistant, Drivers for Donations

Education and Intergenerational Supports

K-12 Education Sites

Bedminster Elementary School
Volunteer Opportunities: Tutor

Buckingham Elementary School
Volunteer Opportunities: Lunch Bunch Mentor

Durham Nockamixon Elementary School
Volunteer Opportunities: Lunch Bunch Mentor

Emerson Elementary School
Volunteer Opportunities: Tutor

Grasse Elementary School
Volunteer Opportunities: Tutor

Groveland Elementary School
Volunteer Opportunities: Tutor

Holicong Middle School
Volunteer Opportunities: Tutor

Neidig Elementary School
Volunteer Opportunities: Tutor, Lunch Bunch Mentor

John Fitch Elementary School
Volunteer Opportunities: Tutor

Plaff Elementary School
Volunteer Opportunities: Tutor, Lunch Bunch Mentor

Snyder-Girotti Elementary School
Volunteer Opportunities: Tutor

West Rockhill Elementary School
Volunteer Opportunities: Lunch Bunch Mentor

Education and Intergenerational Supports

Other Education & Intergenerational Supports

Christ's Home for Children

The mission is to serve needy or neglected children and youth by providing a stable, caring home built upon biblical principles while meeting their educational, medical, emotional and social needs.

Volunteer Opportunities: After School Homework Tutor, Tutors for Teen Boys Program, Infant Care

Family Friends—Intermediate Unit of Bucks County

Serves children with special needs such as autism, developmental delays, and multiple disabilities. Dedicated to using older adults to provide caring, supportive relationships for children and families.

Volunteer Opportunities: Mentor, Kids in Care

The Ivins Outreach Center

The center supports and helps to coordinate existing services offered to agencies in Morrisville, PA and surrounding communities. FAITH IN ACTION: Is a major program at the Ivins Outreach Center. This program matches the frail, and elderly, home-bound and others needing assistance with volunteers that will assist them with their needs as they Age In Place in their homes.

Volunteer Opportunities: Transportation to Medical Appointments, Well-being Calls

VITA Education Services

Provides education programs for Bucks County residents to help them gain skills that enhance their ability to deal with real-life situations, meet personal goals, and become more self-determining and self-sufficient. It serves diverse populations with cultural sensitivity, encouraging personal growth and life-long learning. College Degree required.

Volunteer Opportunities: Tutor, English as a Second Language, Personal Decision-making Mentor

Welcoming the Stranger

A non-profit educational program that offers free classes in English as a Second Language (ESL), computer skills, and United States citizenship exam preparation to adult immigrants and refugees. Morning and evening classes are offered in the following locations: Langhorne, Morrisville, Warminster, Levittown, Bensalem, Newtown, and Philadelphia. Helping students gain confidence so they can better function in social and work situations. Volunteers receive training and a flexible adjustment period. Teaching experience is not necessary.

Volunteer Opportunities: Tutor

Senior Community Centers

Ben Wilson Senior Center

Volunteer Opportunities: Congregate Meals, Home-Delivered Meals, Computer Learning Center Instructor

Bensalem Senior Center

Volunteer Opportunities: Computer Learning Instructor, Congregate Meals, Home-Delivered Meals

Bristol Borough Area Adult Activity Center

Volunteer Opportunities: Congregate Meals, Home-Delivered Meals

Bristol Township Senior Center

Volunteer Opportunities: Congregate Meals, Home-Delivered Meals, Disaster Preparedness, Gardening, Computer Learning Center Instructor

Central Bucks Senior Center

Volunteer Opportunities: Congregate Meals, Receptionist

Eastern Upper Bucks Senior Center

Volunteer Opportunities: Receptionist, Special Projects

Senior Community Centers

Falls Township Senior Center

Volunteer Opportunities: Congregate Meals, Home-Delivered Meals, Special Projects

James E. Kinney Senior Center

Volunteer Opportunities: Receptionist, Knitting Project

Middletown Community Center

Volunteer Opportunities: Disaster Preparedness, Congregate Meals, Home-Delivered Meals

Morrisville Senior Center

Volunteer Opportunities: Computer Learning Center Instructor, Disaster Team, Exercise Program, , Head Start Program, Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals, Toys for Tots

Neshaminy Senior Activity Center

Volunteer Opportunities: Home-Delivered Meals, Congregate Meals, Fund Raising, Home-Delivered Meals

Pennridge Senior Center

Volunteer Opportunities: Congregate Meals, Home-Delivered Meals, Computer Learning Center Instructor

Upper Bucks Senior Center

Volunteer Opportunities: Congregate Meals, Home-Delivered Meals

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

American Red Cross

Provides service and assistance for bloodmobiles. The American Red Cross was founded on the simple idea of neighbors helping neighbors in time of need. The Red Cross brings more than 50 years of blood collection and transfusion experience. Half the nation's blood supply, six million pints annually, is collected by more than 155,000 Red Cross volunteers.

Volunteer Opportunities: Registration, Greeters, Delivering for Blood Supplies

Bucks County Association for the Blind

A non-profit, privately funded agency that serves people who are blind or visually impaired to live independent lives. Also dedicated to the prevention of vision loss in the general population.

Volunteer Opportunities: Client Aide, Music Appreciation, Book Club, Friendly Assistant

Bucks County Clerk of Courts

Provides a wide range of services to the public, judicial systems, county government and other agencies.

Volunteer Opportunities: Clerical, Data Entry

Bucks County Conference & Visitors Bureau

Increases visitation to Bucks County by effectively marketing its heritage, accommodations, dining and attractions.

Volunteer Opportunities: Visitor Information

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

Bucks County District Attorney

Protects law abiding citizens by aggressively prosecuting criminal activity in Bucks County while engaging in community-based crime prevention programs.

Volunteer Opportunities: Clerical, Data Entry

Bucks County Opportunity Council

Dedicated to helping low-income people of Bucks County achieve and maintain economic self-sufficiency.

Volunteer Opportunities: Community Gardens, Food Gleaning, Nutrition Services, Tax Preparer

Disabled American Veterans – DAV #117

Organization dedicated to improving the lives of veterans and non-veterans alike by giving support or advice to any veteran, disabled or elderly individual. This organization supplies books, clothes, pots and pans, beds, walkers, and wheelchairs to those in need in the lower Bucks area. DAV also supplies a building for veterans to meet. Volunteers are needed for benefits assistance, to talk with veterans and guide them through times of grieving periods (one veteran to another). Help to organize, develop and/or work with the store to sell used clothing, house wares, and furniture. Activities include receiving donations, sorting through items to display, maintain record of donations and receipts to support their mission.

Volunteer Opportunities: Thrift Shop Worker, Kitchen Help, Weekend Assistant for Large Items.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

Galilee Village

Subsidized, assisted senior apartment living for the frail elderly on a 12 acre campus in Lower Bucks County. Aide service, kosher meals, activities and social work supports are available.

Volunteer Opportunities: Home Security, Reading Program, Pavilion Assistant

Grundy Hall

In-house meal deliveries to residents.

Volunteer Opportunities: Home Delivered Meals

Grundy Tower

In-house meal deliveries to residents.

Volunteer Opportunities: Home Delivered Meals

Neshaminy Manor

A non-profit nursing home funded in part by Bucks County and the state and federal government, it provides skilled/intermediate care to its residents. It offers continuous physical, emotional and spiritual support while protecting the health, welfare and safety of each resident.

Volunteer Opportunities: Gift Shop, Activities, Meal Server, Transporters, Friendly Visitor, Travel Companion

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

PA CareerLink Bucks County

Job seekers receive personalized assistance with finding the right job in a convenient one-stop location. Volunteers stationed in the CareerLink office located in Bristol, PA are tasked with assisting customers with the use of computers, phones, and printer/fax.

Volunteer Opportunities: Basic Computer Skills, Web Navigation

Quakertown (Borough) Police Dept.

Police Station.

Volunteer Opportunities: Accreditation Assistant, Victim Services Volunteer

St. Mary Medical Center

A full service, non-profit hospital that offers a wide range of preventive, diagnostic, treatment, recovery and rehabilitation services, as well as support groups and health educational classes.

Volunteer Opportunities: Clerical, Gift Shop, Receptionist, Van Transportation Driver

United Way of Bucks County

Identifies and builds on community strengths and assets, helps individuals and groups find ways to contribute their time and talents, supports direct-service programs and community-change efforts and advocates for public policy changes.

Volunteer Opportunities: After School Program, Special Events

OTHER

Abington Memorial Health Center
Warminster Campus
225 Newtown Road
Warminster PA 18974
(215)441-6600

Advocates for the Homeless (AHTN)
c/o United Christian Church
8528 New Falls Rd
Levittown PA 19054

Aging in Place Lower Bucks County
3070 Bristol Pike
119 Neshaminy Plaza 1
Bensalem PA 19020
(215)633-0301

American Cancer Society
480 Norristown Rd
Suite 150
Blue Bell PA 19422-2329
(888)202-1487

Ann Silverman Community Health
Clinic
595 W. State Street
Doylestown PA 18901
(215)345-2260

Aria Health Bucks Campus
380 N. Oxford Valley Rd
Langhorne PA 19047
(215)612-4171

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
1635 River Road
P.O. Box 685
New Hope PA 18938
(215)862-2924
www.bhwp.org

Bristol Township Environmental
Council
2501 Bath Road
Bristol PA 19007
(215)788-0651

Bucks Co. Audubon Society @ Honey
Hollow
2877 Creamery Rd
New Hope PA 18938
(215)297-5880

Bucks Co. Historical Society
84 South Pine Street
Doylestown PA 18901
(215)345-0210
www.mercermuseum.org

Bucks County Housing Group
1069 Jacksonville Road
Ivylnd PA 18974
(215)394-8259

CARIE
2 Penn Center Plaza
1500 JFK Blvd., Suite 1500
Philadelphia PA 19102
(215)545-5728
www.carie.org

Chandler Hall Health Services
99 Barclay Street
Newtown PA 18940
(215)860-4000
volunteers@chandlerhall.org

Churchville Nature Center
501 Churchville Lane
Churchville PA 18966
(215)357-4005
www.Churchvillenaturecenter.org

Doylestown Historical Society
56 S. Main Street
Doylestown PA 18901
(215)345-9430

OTHER

Doylestown Hospital
595 West State Street
Doylestown PA 18901
(215)345-2204
www.dh.org

Family Services Association
4 Cornerstone Drive
Langhorne PA 19047-1314
(215)757-6916
www.fsabc.org

Free Library of Northampton
Township
25 Upper Holland Rd.
Richboro PA 18954
(215)357-3050

Gilda's Club
200 Kirk Rd.
Warminster PA 18974
(215)441-3290

Grandview Hospital
700 Lawn Ave.
Sellersville PA 18960
(215)453-4606
www.gvh.org

Greenbelt Overhaul Alliance
Of Levittown
6 Freedom Lane
Levittown PA 19055
(267)566-0961
www.ltowngoal.com

Habitat for Humanity of Bucks Cty
31 Oak Ave
Suite 100
Chalfont, PA 18914
215-822-2812

Impact Thrift Store
91 E. Street Road
Feasterville PA 19053
(267)699-2000

Levittown Regional Library
7311 New Falls Rd.
Levittown PA 19055
(215)949-2324
www.buckslib.org

Libertae
5245 Bensalem Blvd.
Bensalem PA 19020
(215)639-8681

Lower Bucks Hospital
501 Bath Rd
Bristol PA 19007
(215)785-9256
www.lowerbuckshospital.org

Network of Victims Assistance
2370 York Road
Suite B-1
Jamison PA 18929
(215)343-6543

Operation Hope
401 W. Tabor Rd
Philadelphia PA 19120
(215)276-7119

Peace Valley Nature Center
170 North Chapman Rd.
Doylestown PA 18901
(215)345-7860
www.peacevalleynaturecenter.org

OTHER

Pearl S. Buck International
520 Dublin Rd.
PO Box 181
Perkasie PA 18944
(215)249-0100
www.pearl-s-buck.org

Pennsbury Manor
400 Pennsbury Memorial Rd.
Morrisville PA 19067
(215)946-0400
www.pennsburymanor.org

Quakertown Center Nursing Home
1020 S. Main Street
Quakertown PA 18951
(215)536-9300

Rockhill Menonnite Community
3250 State Rd.
Sellersville PA 18960-1699
(215)257-2751

SCORE Chapter 570
409 Hood Blvd
Fairless Hills PA 19030
(215)943-8850
www.scorebuckscounty.org

Silver Lake Nature Center
1306 Bath Road
Bristol PA 19007
(215)785-1177
www.silverlakenaturecenter.org

Southern Bucks Recovery Center
1286 Veterans Hwy D-6
Bristol PA 19007
(215)788-3738

Special Equestrians
2800 Street Rd
P.O. Box 1001
Warrington PA 1897
(215)918-1001

St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital
1021 Park Ave
Quakertown PA 18951
(215)538-4846
www.mystlukesonline.org

Sunshine Foundation
1041 Mill Creek Drive
Feasterville PA 19053
(215)396-4770
www.thesunshinefoundation.org

Twilight Wish Foundation
11 Duane Rd
Doylestown PA 18901
(215)230-8777
www.twilightwish.org

VOSH of PA
51 Cloverly Drive
Richboro, PA 18954
(215) 357-3096

YWCA of Bucks County
2425 Trevoise Rd
Trevoise PA 19053
(215)953-7793
www.ywcabucks.org

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“If you ever need a helping hand, it is at the end of your arm. As you get older you must remember you have a second hand. The first one is the help yourself. The second hand is to help others.”

Audrey Hepburn



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