



Connections Volunteer Center is the central clearinghouse for volunteering in Delaware County. Connections provides the leadership, training, education and resources that support volunteers as they improve the quality of life in the Delaware community.

If you are interested in any of the listed opportunities, please call 740.363.5000 between 9 am and 4 pm or e-mail Suzanne Pingry at [spingry@helplinedelmor.org](mailto:spingry@helplinedelmor.org) or Margie West at [mwest@helplinedelmor.org](mailto:mwest@helplinedelmor.org).

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

DECEMBER 2009

DECEMBER 13, 2009 | **People In Need (PIN)**

PIN's annual Holiday Clearinghouse distribution will be held on Sunday, December 13th from 8:30am—4:00pm at the Delaware County Fairgrounds Coliseum. Volunteers ages 15 and older are needed to help pack and sort gifts for families. Anyone interested in helping must call to schedule volunteer times.

DECEMBER 25, 2009 | **Seventh Day Adventist Church**

The Seventh Day Adventist Church in Delaware will be hosting a Christmas meal on Christmas Day from 12noon—1:00pm. Volunteers will be needed from 11am—2pm to help with set up, serving the meal, and tear down. Volunteers with transportation will also be needed to deliver meals for those in need who are unable to get to the church. Volunteers can work all or part of the time needed.

## **ONGOING SERVICE OPPORUNITIES**

DECEMBER 2009 | **Common Ground Free Store**

The Common Ground Free Store, located in Delaware, provides free clothing and household items to people in need. If you are interested in helping with the store operation, there are openings that can be filled each month with volunteers who greet, register, assist with shopping, and sort donations. Store hours are Mondays 10-1, Thursdays 3-6, and Saturdays 10-1.

## **MORE ONGOING SERVICE OPPORUNITIES**

DECEMBER 2009 | **Connections Volunteer Center—Pen Pal Program**

Adult pen pals, age 55 and older, are needed for a 4th—5th grade reading/writing program in Delaware County which begins mid-January 2010. Pen pals will read a book and discuss it with a student through letter writing for an 8-week period. Pen pals should have flexibility to meet their student during one school day at the close of the program.

DECEMBER 2009 | **Council for Older Adults**

Just like our cars need gas to run, our seniors can't live on an empty stomach. The Council for Older Adults of Delaware County provides meals on wheels for seniors. Now—when the hunger need is even greater—is when we need more volunteer drivers. Any amount of time you can help would be a big help. Volunteers get a mileage reimbursement and a free lunch for the time and day you volunteer.

DECEMBER 2009 | **HelpLine of Delaware & Morrow Counties, Inc.**

- Be an advocate for sexual assault survivors. Advocates provide empathy, compassion, information, and referrals to survivors during the reporting process. Advocates are on-call evenings and weekends and work closely with hospital staff and law enforcement agencies. Transportation, a criminal background check, and training are required.
- MOST (Men of Strength) is looking for college males to volunteer as facilitators and members of this powerful, new initiative. This organization is committed to ending violence against women and promoting healthy masculinity. MOST Club is a nationally recognized program established by Men Can Stop Rape, a progressive organization out of Washington DC. Here in Delaware, we will be working with local adolescent males serving probation in order to provide positive guidance that encourages leadership, responsibility, social action, and violence prevention. As a facilitator and group member, you will be helping these young men successfully fulfill their probation.

DECEMBER 2009 | **People In Need (PIN)**

A warehouse assistant is needed to help receive, sort, stock, and inventory goods that are donated to PIN. The volunteer will maintain organization in the warehouse on an ongoing basis. Anyone interested in helping can choose the shift and number of hours between 9am—12noon, and 1pm—4:30pm Monday thru Friday.

DECEMBER 2009 | **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)**

VITA is a free income tax program available to families who earn \$50,000 or less. In 2009, there were 433 tax returns filed through VITA bringing almost \$825,000 back to our community. This year the goal is to bring back over 1 million dollars. Interested volunteers must be age 16 or older and have basic knowledge of the computer. Training will be held on Saturday, January 9th from 8:00am—4:00pm. Volunteers will begin assisting families on January 23rd.

