

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.

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Whether it's a one-time commitment or ongoing service project, Connections is the key local source for matching volunteers to meaningful opportunities throughout the Delaware County community. With the goal of bringing people together to meet the needs of community programs, Connections is a catalyst for social change and community asset building. Contact Connections at 740.363.5000.

CONTACT

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@helpinedelmor.org or Margie West at mwest@helpinedelmor.org.



CONNECTIONS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

JANUARY 2009

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters is seeking adult volunteers to be a friend and role model to deserving youth in Delaware County. There is currently a critical need for male mentors. One year commitment. Enrollment process includes an in person interview, background check and references.

Canine Companions

Canine Companions will have a volunteer meeting on January 20th, 6:15-8:30pm. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this organization can attend the meeting to learn more. Volunteers assist with special events, educational outreach, graduation ceremonies, office support and as puppy raisers.

Community Action—VITA

Volunteers are still needed to participate in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program through the Delaware County Department of Job & Family Services. Interested volunteers will prepare taxes for low income families. Training will be held on January 24th from 9:30am-3:00pm.

Connections—Pen Pal Program

Adult pen pals are urgently needed for a 4th grade reading/writing program in Delaware County which begins mid-January 2009. 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.

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

CASA volunteers are appointed by a judge to recommend the best possible outcome for an abused or neglected child's future. CASA volunteers assist in the courtroom, are a child's voice, and ensure court orders are honored throughout the duration of the case. The ultimate goal of the CASA volunteer is to help ensure that every child can live in a safe, permanent home.

Drug Free Delaware

Drug Free Delaware is looking for parents who would like to volunteer on their task force. This coalition helps address underage drinking in our community. They will begin to implement goals that have been set to target youth access to alcohol and community awareness about the harm of youth alcohol use.

HelpLine of Delaware & Morrow Counties, Inc.

HelpLine provides a variety of volunteer opportunities that help make a difference in our community. They are currently recruiting volunteers to provide advocacy services to sexual assault survivors, leaders for boys and girls groups conducted in local schools, and facilitators for the Stewards of Children program. Volunteers must be 18 or older. Training begins January 31st and is a total of 40 hours. For more information go to www.helpinedelmor.org/volunteer.php.