

# Westmoreland Association of Volunteer Administrators



## 2016-2017 Volunteer Opportunity Guide

[www.volunteerwestmoreland.org](http://www.volunteerwestmoreland.org)

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WAVA is proud to present the Volunteer Opportunity Guide – the most comprehensive guide to volunteer opportunities published in our area. In the future we hope to continue to update and expand this guide to help people continue to serve the community.

In addition to the many agencies, there is also information for college students looking for internship opportunities. Yet another opportunity to help agencies and people who might wish to help.

Thank you for taking the time to look through the Volunteer Opportunity Guide. Your support provides solutions to many critical needs in the area. We hope that you can find a meaningful opportunity to share your time and talent.

# **WAVA Volunteer Opportunity Guide**

This booklet was prepared by Westmoreland Association of Volunteer Administrators for concerned citizens to determine where they can volunteer and make a difference in our community.

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***Our mission is to encourage quality volunteerism in Westmoreland County by assisting, supporting and networking with agencies and organizations that utilize volunteers.***

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If your organization does not appear in the Volunteer Opportunity Guide and you would like to be included in future editions, please contact WAVA.

## ***Using the Volunteer Opportunities Guide***

On the following pages, you will get an idea of how much good is being done in Westmoreland County, and how much still needs to be done. Every day the organizations listed in this guide struggle to make the area a better place to live. They are able to help their clients only because people like you, hardworking, thoughtful and caring, take the time to volunteer their energy, intelligence, compassion to lift one person at a time.

Please take a few minutes to look at the “Tips for the Volunteer” section before you select an organization. It contains very helpful information and may assist you in making the right choice.

You will find the organizations (listed in alphabetical order) and the needs they meet. A brief description and the listing of opportunities are included. Such things as location, minimum age of volunteers and other pertinent information are mentioned.

If you are a student who is interested in working directly with an organization, you may find one that fits your learning needs by checking out the Internship Available notations.

Thank you for taking the time to use the Volunteer Opportunities Guidebook. We hope that it leads to a rewarding, long term volunteer experience. And please mention to the organization that you found them in the ***WAVA Volunteer Opportunities Guide***.

# ***Volunteering Tips.....***

## **Before You Call....**

***Know what you want to do.*** Take some time to think about how you want to help. Start with the basics: What do you like to do? What are you good at? What issues concern you? Are there limits to where you want to volunteer? Write down your thoughts and use them to help you find the right volunteer opportunity. If the organization has a web site and you have online access, you may find it helpful to look at their website to learn more about the organization.

## **When You Call....**

***Ask questions.*** It's best to ask any questions you have when you first call an organization. You and the organization can then determine if you are a good match.

***Be understanding.*** Organizations cannot always take you on as a volunteer, even though you are willing to help. If an organization can't use you at this time, don't be discouraged. Just call back at a later date or find another organization that needs you now.

***Be honest.*** If the organization needs someone with skills you don't have, or they require a longer commitment than you are willing to give, be honest with them. They will try to find an activity that matches your abilities if at all possible.

***Be persistent.*** If someone doesn't call you back immediately, don't assume they don't need you. Most organizations have small budgets and staff to handle overwhelming demands and they usually are very busy. Simply call back.

## **When You Volunteer....**

***Be responsible.*** Make sure to dress and act appropriately. Show up on time. If you have to be late or absent, call the volunteer coordinator as soon as possible. Help them find someone to fill in for you.

***Be realistic.*** You may not always see the impact your efforts are making. Volunteering is hard work, the problems are often profound, and the victories usually small. Never doubt that you're making a significant difference.... YOU ARE!

**Be humble.** Most people will thank you for your efforts, but some may not. Remember that people appreciate your efforts even if they don't say it.

**Be creative.** Volunteer your skills and ideas will come with time. Think about all the ways you can use your special talents to make a difference. Talk about your ideas with everyone. Work to make your new ideas solve old problems.

## Group Volunteering...

**Be prepared.** Before you call, figure out what type of organization you'd like to volunteer for, how many people will be in your group and when you can help.

**Be understanding.** Some organizations do not need groups to help, and most only need them at certain times. Don't be discouraged if an organization cannot use your group. There are others that can.

**Be flexible.** Don't tell an organization when you will come to help. Instead, ask when they need you.

**Be reliable.** Show up on time with the number of people you promised. Be prepared to work hard. The harder you work the greater impact you will make.

**Finish what you start.** If your project runs longer than you expected, work until it is completed. You have volunteered to do a job so don't leave it unfinished.

**Think past one time.** Most organizations that use volunteer groups would love to have them return on a regular basis. Working regularly with an organization is rewarding for the volunteers and helps the organization meet the needs of their clients.

## Daytime Volunteering

**Try to be flexible with your time.** Because of work or school, you may only be able to volunteer in the evening or on weekends. If you have free time during weekdays, however, many organizations would be happy to have you help.

## Special Needs

**Talk with the organization.** Most organizations will make every effort to accommodate volunteers with special physical needs. If you have such needs, talk with the volunteer coordinator about them during your first call.

## In-Kind Help

**Help in other ways.** Organizations can always use help in the form of equipment, supplies or gifts. Look around your home or place of work for quality items you no longer use but an organization might need. Also consider donating new items to an organization.

**Give what is needed.** When determining where to make your donation, call the organization and ask for their “wish list.”

**Be helpful.** Because many organizations do not have the means to pick up your donation, be prepared to drop off the item yourself.

**Be creative.**

- Use your coupons for free items that you may not need for things that can be used by the organizations listed.
- Free items from rebate coupons are also greatly appreciated.
- Ask birthday or anniversary party guests to bring a donation for your favorite charity.
- Include a charity in your will or call them about planned giving programs.
- Request donations to an organization instead of flowers for a loved one’s funeral.

## Fundraising

**Call first.** Although most organizations welcome office, group or family fundraisers on their behalf, contact the organization you wish to fundraise for in advance. That way you will be sure that what you plan to do does not conflict with something that is already planned and is conducive with their policies.

## **Internships**

Each of the colleges in Westmoreland County offer internship programs. Internship programs place students with an agency or business for a set amount of time to learn about the business, get hands-on experience and assist the agency. Depending upon the situation the intern may work on day-to-day tasks and other times a single project. In turn the agency will be helping the student learn more about their chosen field and have something to add to their resume. Having young people working for your agency can be a wonderful experience. They often have new ideas, great energy and abilities that can be channeled into improving your agency. Some internships are done at no cost to the agency, others are paid a stipend and some are paid at an hourly rate.

If you have a need in your organization that might be filled by an intern, call the college office and talk to them about your expectations.

**Saint Vincent's College**  
**Office of Career Services**  
**724-805-2070**

**Seton Hill University**  
**CareerWorks**  
**724-838-4286**

**University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg**  
**Career Services**  
**724-836-7182**

**Westmoreland County Community College**  
**Placement Cooperative Education**  
**724-925-4058**

**Penn State, New Kensington**  
**Career Services**  
**724-344-6065**

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## **Allegheny Valley Association of Churches**

1913 Freeport Road  
Natrona Heights, PA 15065  
724-226-0606  
[www.avaoc.org](http://www.avaoc.org)

**About Us:** The Allegheny Valley Association of Churches (AVAC) is a community ministry providing food, shelter, case management, and financial assistance to low income families and individuals. AVAC's programming is designed to help poor individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency and reach a point where they are no longer dependent on agencies. As an ecumenical association of churches, we also recognize the need to go beyond just meeting the physical needs of our communities and to satisfy their spiritual needs as well.

**Opportunities:** Volunteers are needed to assist with the hospitality network by talking and listening to guests, as well as cooking, serving meals, playing with children, helping with laundry, etc. There are also opportunities to assist with our food bank, Dial-a-Devotion phone ministry, and Faith in Action programs.

Minimum Age: 16 without adult supervision  
Evening/Weekend: Occasional  
Internship Available: Yes

**Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center, Inc.**

500 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, P.O. Box 67

Tarentum, PA 15084

724-224-1100 Phone

1-888-299-HOPE (4673) Hotline

[www.akhopecenter.org](http://www.akhopecenter.org)

**About us:**

Working to eliminate domestic violence since 1979, the Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center, Inc. is an organization of social change whose mission is the safe elimination of domestic violence through intervention, prevention and collaboration.

**Opportunities:**

HOPE offers agency wide volunteer opportunities designed to meet everyone where they feel their support will best be utilized. Opportunities include Governance, Advisory Support, Prevention Services, Advocacy/Direct Service, Administrative Support, and Community Representative. Each level provides orientation and training for a better understanding of HOPE and the volunteer position.

Minimum Age: All ages are welcome. Certain Volunteer Opportunities may require minors to be accompanied by a parent/ guardian.

Evening/ Weekend: Yes

Internship available:

HOPE accepts up to three interns per semester. Interested applicants should contact HOPE for additional information.

**Angela's Angels**

PO Box 717

Greensburg, PA 15601

724-836-6444 or 724-244-9911

[AngelasAngels.org](http://AngelasAngels.org)

**About Us:** Angela's Angels is a 501 non-profit whose purpose is to provide FREE prom wear and special occasion wear to local economically disadvantaged young ladies.

**Opportunities:** To help assist young ladies with gown choices (Personal Shopper)

Minimum Age: 18

Evening/Weekend: Yes  
Internship Available: Yes

**Big Brothers & Big Sisters of the Laurel Region (sent email)**

106 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-837-6198  
www.bbbslr.org

**About Us:** Big Brothers & Big Sisters of the Laurel Region matches, monitors, and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships between caring adults and at-risk youth in order to help children reach their fullest potential. These mentoring relationships often fall under site-based mentoring (such as “Lunch Buddies” or “After-School Tutoring”) or community-based mentoring.

**Opportunities:** Volunteers are needed to make a one-year commitment to working with an at-risk youth on a regular, consistent basis, either in the community or in a school setting. Volunteers are also needed to assist with other various committees and annual special events, such as Bowl For Kids’ Sake. Volunteer applications and additional details are available on our web site.

Minimum Age: 18  
Evening/Weekend: Yes  
Internship Available: Yes

**CASA of Westmoreland, Inc.**

2 North Main Street  
Greenburg, PA 15601  
724-850-6874  
www.westmorelandcasa.org

**About Us:** CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Westmoreland, Inc. is a volunteer-based organization providing a voice in the courts on behalf of abused and neglected children in Westmoreland County that will assist the courts in determining the child’s placement in safe, permanent and nurturing homes.

**Opportunities:** Volunteer opportunities include becoming a CASA volunteer, advocate or volunteering to help with fundraisers, events or office activities.

Minimum Age: 21  
Evening/Weekend: Occasional  
Internship Available: Yes.

**Central Westmoreland Habitat For Humanity**

PO Box 516  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-523-0308  
www.cwhfh.org

**About Us:** CWHFH is a faith-based organization that provides simple, decent, affordable housing to financially challenged families and individuals.

**Opportunities:** Construction of homes, office assistance, fundraisers and advocacy.

Minimum Age: 5 – we have appropriate activities for youth.  
Evenings/Weekends: Both  
Internship Available: Yes

**Excela Health**

One Mellon Way  
Latrobe, PA 15650  
724-537-1357  
www.excelahealth.org

**Frick Hospital**

508 South Church Street  
Mount Pleasant, PA 15666  
724-547-1037

**Latrobe Hospital**

121 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Latrobe, PA 15650  
724-537-1357

**Westmoreland Hospital**

532 West Pittsburgh Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-832-4099

**About Us:** Excela Health is the merger of three hospitals in Westmoreland County. Our mission is to improve the health and well being of every life we touch.

**Opportunities:** Volunteers work in the Emergency Department, Hospitality Shop, Surgery Waiting area, Information Desk, Medical Library and other areas of the hospitals.

Minimum Age: 16

Evening/Weekend: Yes  
Internship Available: Yes

**Faith in Action- United Way of Westmoreland County**

1011 Old Salem Road, Suite 101

Greensburg, PA 15601

724-834-7170

[www.unitedway4u.org/faith-action](http://www.unitedway4u.org/faith-action)

**About Us:** Faith in Action's mission is to enhance the quality of life for persons 60 years and older by providing volunteer companionship. The services provided help seniors remain living safely and independently within their homes longer.

**Opportunities:** Appointment escort, handy person/minor repairs, telephone reassurance calls, caregiver relief, yard work/gardening, errands and shopping, supportive visits, home safety checks.

Minimum Age: none

Evening/Weekends: Occasional

Internship Available: No

**Heartland Hospice**

3520 Route 130, Building #3

Irwin, PA 15642

724-744-1408

[www.hcr-manorcare.com](http://www.hcr-manorcare.com)

**About Us:** Heartland, a division of HCR ManorCare, is a national leader in the provision of home care, hospice, and I.V. services in the U.S. Our mission at Heartland is to support the patient and family wherever they are in their health care journey and to respect their goals and values. Heartland depends on our hospice volunteers to help provide the love, respect, and care our patients and their families need. Volunteers offer support, companionship, and practical, compassionate help. Our volunteers help enrich the lives of our patients by helping with office support tasks, running errands, providing care-giver relief, reading, playing music, or singing with patients, and keeping vigil with our patients in their final hours. Heartland Hospice is a proud, level 1 partner of the We Honor Veteran's program.

**Friendly Visitor Volunteer:** We are looking for friendly individuals to make friendly visits in their free time to spend some time with hospice patients. Socialize, do crafts, play games, your options are nearly endless! Have some fun meeting new people and make a difference to others during this special time in their life. Flexible schedule available! No prior experience or hands-on care required!

**Administrative/Clerical Volunteer:** Looking for volunteers to assist our office support team in our Irwin office. Duties include filing, organizing and alphabetizing paperwork, copying/printing, faxing, making packets, preparing mass mailings, etc. Full training available.

Minimum Age: 18

Evening/Weekend: Yes

Internship Available: No

### **Juvenile Probation of Westmoreland County**

2771 South Grande Blvd

Greensburg, PA 15601

724-830-4200

[www.co.westmoreland.pa.us](http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us)

**About Us:** Prevention of first time offenders from obtaining an official Court record and/or returning to the Court in the future. Reduction of the burden of juvenile cases on the Court. To provide juveniles with closer community supervision and give youth greater opportunities to become reintegrated and involved in the community. To encourage involvement in solving problems generally relegated to the Court system.

**Opportunities:** Volunteers are expected to meet monthly in their communities where they will receive cases involving youth offenders referred to them by the local district magisterial judge or the County Juvenile Court/Probation Office. Volunteers spend approximately four hours per month on Youth Commission Business.

Minimum Age: 21

Evenings/Weekend: Yes

Internship Available: Call to inquire.

### **Laurel Area Interfaith Caregivers-Faith In Action**

428 Main Street

P.O. Box 854

Latrobe, PA 15650

724-539-4357

[www.laurelfia.org](http://www.laurelfia.org)

**About Us:** Our mission is “to enhance the quality of life for persons 60 years and older, who reside in the Greater Latrobe, Derry, and Ligonier areas by providing companionship and assistance.”

**Opportunities:** Since 2002, Volunteers have provided a variety of services including rides, grocery shopping, caregiver relief, friendly visits and calls, minor repairs, yardwork and snow shoveling, technology assistance, paperwork. Volunteers give just 2 hours per week, choose the services they wish to offer, and schedule the times at their convenience. All services are free of charge.

Minimum Age: 18

Evening/Weekend: Yes  
Internship Available: Yes

**Ligonier Valley Learning Center/Latrobe Kinder Schull**

Ligonier Valley Learning Center, 117 Juniper Lane, Ligonier, PA 15658  
Latrobe Kinder Schull, 320 McKinley Avenue, Ligonier, PA 15658  
724-995-8434  
[www.LigonierValleyLearningCenter.com](http://www.LigonierValleyLearningCenter.com)

**About Us:** Human Service Agency providing educational childcare and mental health wellness services. Latrobe Kinder-Schull is a high quality early childhood education program.

**Opportunities:** Volunteers needed to work with children at our Latrobe Kinder-Schull facility.

Minimum Age: 18, 3 as a child  
Evening/Weekend: Occasional  
Internship Available: No

**Lions - District 14-E**

17 Carriage Road  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-837-4303  
[www.Lions14e.org](http://www.Lions14e.org)

**About Us:** We are a community service agency "Enriching Lives Through Service"

**Opportunities:**

Minimum Age: 18  
Evening/Weekend: Yes  
Internship Available: Yes

**Medi Home Hospice**

1001 State Route 30

Irwin, PA 15642

724-863-5347

[www.MedicalServicesofAmerica.com](http://www.MedicalServicesofAmerica.com)

**About Us:** Through a process of education and direct care, our mission is to provide quality care to the terminally ill patients, families, significant others, and caregivers in the communities for which we are licensed to strive. Our hospice care services provide a specialized program of care provided for patients and their families who are facing life-limiting illnesses.

**Opportunities:** Administrative support, bereavement support, patient visitors-companionship and support, pet therapy, hand therapy massage.

Minimum Age: 21

Evening/Weekend: Yes

Internship Available: Yes

**Nickers 'N Neighs Therapeutic Riding Center**

260 Mountain Trails Lane

Acme, PA 15610

724-613-3312

[www.kidsonhorses.org](http://www.kidsonhorses.org)

**About Us:** The mission of Nickers 'N Neighs Therapeutic Riding Center is to improve the lives of children and adults with special challenges through a therapeutic partnership with horses.

**Opportunities:** Help needed to maintain the facility and horses for program, as well as, Therapeutic Riding Instructor Assistants as horse leader or a side walker for the student.

Minimum Age: 12

Evening/Weekend: Yes

Internship Available: Yes

**Norwin Area Meals on Wheels**

12727 Lincoln Way or P.O. Box 80  
Irwin, PA 15642  
724-861-9202  
[www.norwinareamow.gmail](http://www.norwinareamow.gmail)

**About Us:** The mission of Norwin Area Meals on Wheels is to prepare and deliver nutritious hot meals to Norwin Area residents who are unable to cook for themselves.

**Opportunities:** Volunteer to help in the kitchen or drive and deliver hot meals.

Minimum Age: 18  
Evening/Weekend: No  
Internship Available: No

**Overly's Country Christmas**

116 Blue Ribbon Lane  
Greensburg PA 15601  
724-423-1400  
[www.overlys.com](http://www.overlys.com)

**About Us:** Create holiday memories and traditions, year after year, generation after generation. As a result of efforts, we continue to help families and children at risk in Westmoreland and Fayette counties.

**Opportunities:** Santa Claus, overseers for train display, all retail areas, areas in Christmas Village, food booth, gift shop, candy store, kettle corn, cookie barn and Santa's Workshop.

Minimum Age: 14 – but encourage family groups with younger children.  
Weekend/Evenings: Yes  
Internship Available: No

**Palace Theatre**

21 W Otterman St.  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-836-8000  
[www.thepalacetheatre.org](http://www.thepalacetheatre.org)

**About Us:** Development and enhancement of cultural life in Westmoreland County.

**Opportunities:** Seating, ticket taking and concessions.

Minimum Age: 16  
Evening/Weekend: Yes  
Internship Available: No

**ParentWISE Program of Family Services of Western PA**

211 Huff Avenue, Suite 1  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-837-5410  
[www.fswp.org](http://www.fswp.org)

**About Us:** ParentWISE Program of FSWP wants to provide help and support to parents and caregivers to feel more confident and comfortable in their roles as nurturing adults to the benefit of their children and the communities in which they live.

**Opportunities:** Bee Kind program presenters – to visit preschool/elementary classrooms and present set lessons on positive social skills.

Minimum Age: 16  
Evening/Weekend: Occasional  
Internship Available: Yes

**Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/Fayette**

219 Donohoe Road  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-836-2600  
www.privateindustrycouncil.com

**About Us:** We are a non-profit organization working to educate, encourage, and empower individual development while creating career enhancement opportunities through training.

**Opportunities:** Our volunteers assist in basic- to college-level math tutoring, as well as writing, grammar, and reading comprehension.

Minimum Age: 18  
Evening/Weekend: Evenings during fall and winter  
Internship Available: No

**Redstone Presbyterian Senior Care**

6 Garden Center Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-832-8400 x 307  
www.redstonehighlands.org

**GREENSBURG**

6 Garden Center Dr.  
Greensburg PA 15601

**MURRYSVILLE**

4951 Cline Hollow Road  
Murrysville, PA 15668

**NORTH HUNTINGDON**

12921 Redstone Dr.  
N. Huntingdon, PA 15642

**About Us:** Retirement community for senior citizens wanting independent living, assisted living, and healthcare services. **Three locations:** Greensburg, Murrysville and North Huntingdon.

**Opportunities:** Cashier in Gift Shop, van driver for resident trips, in-house escort to worship, beauty shop and/or programs, one on one visits with seniors, assistant at games and other activities, worship leader, activity leader, piano player, friendly visitor with approved pet, or mail sorter (GBG campus only).

Minimum Age: 12 (younger volunteers must be accompanied by adult)  
Weekend/Evening: Some  
Internship Available: Yes

**RSVP/APPRISE of Westmoreland County**

Westmoreland County Community College  
145 Pavilion Lane  
Youngwood, PA 15697  
724-925-4213  
[www.wccc.edu](http://www.wccc.edu)

**About Us:** RSVP is a national volunteer organization that recruits individuals 55 years and older. We match volunteers with various opportunities in the community. We work with most of the local non-profit agencies in helping them find volunteers that fit their needs. This can be from Meals on Wheels, tutoring, reading in schools, and tax preparation. Let RSVP take the work out of finding that volunteer opportunity. APPRISE volunteers are trained to help Medicare beneficiaries understand their Medicare and health insurance options.

**Opportunities:** Opportunities range from helping with special projects to tutoring, performing taxes, etc. Opportunities range from daily to once a year. Special projects include bulk mailings, Earth Day and the Twin Lakes Arts & Heritage Festival, Meals on Wheels, animal shelters, insurance counseling, food banks, helping in Head Starts, teaching Smart Driver classes, Cleanways, etc.

Minimum Age: 55  
Evening/Weekend: No  
Internship Available: No

**Scottdale Manor Rehabilitation Center**

900 Porter Avenue  
Scottdale, PA 15683  
724-887-0100  
[www.scottdalemanorrehab.com](http://www.scottdalemanorrehab.com)

**About us:** Scottdale Manor Rehabilitation Center is a long-term care nursing facility and, as such, is dedicated to meeting the physical, emotional, social and religious needs of our residents.

**Opportunities:** Volunteers are needed to spend time with residents, including reading, doing activities or just visiting.

Minimum age 18: Volunteer groups of any age are welcome, though.

Weekends/Evenings: Yes  
Internship Available: No

### **Senior Independence Hospice**

4951 Cline Hollow Rd  
Murrysville, PA 15668  
724-864-7388  
[www.seniorindependenceswpa.org](http://www.seniorindependenceswpa.org)

**About Us:** Senior Independence Hospice provides end-of-life comfort care to patients and serves families as well. Senior Independence is partnered with Redstone Highlands and serves residents in those communities, as well as the surrounding communities.

**Opportunities:** Patient Visit volunteers – visiting patients for companionship, friendly visits, support. Respite for hospice family members. Bereavement – follow-up contact with family members. Office volunteers.

Minimum Age: 16  
Weekends/Evenings: Yes  
Internship Available: No

### **Tri-City Meals on Wheels**

716 Foster Street  
PO Box 975  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-837-6117

**About Us:** Tri-City Meals on Wheels is a non-profit organization that provides home-delivered, nutritious, low-cost meals to seniors and those convalescing or with mental or physical disabilities. We provide (prepare and deliver) nutritious meals to home-bound people in the Tri-City (Greensburg, Jeannette, Harrison City) area.

**Opportunities:** We operate five days a week, delivering meals to the area. Volunteers are always needed to help prepare meals in the kitchen, as well as drive and deliver meals to clients' home. Typical volunteer opportunities are between drivers, runners and cooks.

Minimum Age: 18  
Evening/Weekend: No  
Internship Available: No

**Union Mission**

2217 Harrison Avenue  
Latrobe, PA 15650  
724-539-3550  
www.theunionmission.org

**About Us:** The Union Mission is a faith based organization providing resources to men without shelter and assisting them in building self-reliance leading to a transition to safe, affordable, and sustained housing. We provide shelter, meals, and services such as case management, counseling, life skills classes and bible study.

**Opportunities:** We have various positions, such as Facility Attendant-assist in overall operation of shelter, Life Skills instructor- instruct a seminar to men on important topic, Weekend Cook- prepare and serve meals on weekend, Community Service Supervisor- oversee the residents' community service projects, Good Neighbors- be a positive role model while interacting with residents, Transportation Facilitators- transport residents to and from appointments and other places in community Also, transport opportunities available for cold weather shelter. We are also open to other volunteer opportunities that match the volunteer's talents and time.

Minimum Age: 18  
Evening/Weekend: Yes  
Internship Available: Yes

**Valley Center for Active Adults**

135 Kalassay Drive  
Ligonier, PA 15658  
724-238-7942

**About Us:** The Valley Center for Active Adults is located in historic Ligonier, Pennsylvania at 135 Kalassay Drive off Carey School Road just minutes from Route 30, the Lincoln Highway. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. We invite all county residents ages 50 and over to join us in a social setting for games, programs and friendship. A nutritionally balanced hot lunch is served daily at noon.

**Opportunities:** Activity Coordinator assists the Center Supervisor for the scheduling and coordination of activities at the Center.

Minimum Age:  
Evening/Weekends: Possibly dependent upon activity  
Internship Available: No

**ViaQuest Hospice**

610 Park Ave  
Monongahela PA 15063  
724-292-7696  
viaquesthospice.com

**About Us:** The mission of ViaQuest Hospice is to assist our patients in maintaining quality and dignity in their final days, while providing support for families and loved ones. Our staff strive to assist our patients in living each day to the fullest by focusing on comfort care, pain management and relief of distressing symptoms. We offer our patients and their families spiritual and bereavement counseling, as well as emotional support. Caring and compassionate community volunteers are an integral part of our team and we welcome your support.

**Opportunities:** At ViaQuest Hospice, we are building a team of compassionate people who share our calling to bring comfort and help to others when they need it the most. Volunteers provide a smiling face, a hand to hold, and a sharing of love and compassion. You can give of your time and talents including companionship, talking and listening, reading, taking walks, writing letters, respite for family, shopping, household chores, providing pet care and much more! Visiting times are flexible and are based on the availability of volunteers and the needs of our patients and their families. No special skills or education are required, only a generosity of heart.

Minimum Age: 18  
Evening/Weekends: Yes  
Internship Available: No

**Welcome Home Shelter - Connect Inc.**

218 S. Maple Avenue  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-838-9133  
www.SPHS.org

**About Us:** We develop, operate and coordinate health and social services for residents of South Western Pennsylvania, with particular emphasis on combatting the problem of homelessness.

**Opportunities:** Assisting facility attendants with daily duties, help with donations, read to children, help with fundraisers, and cooking and listening.

Minimum Age: 14  
Evening/Weekend: Yes  
Internship Available: Yes

**West Haven Manor**

151 Goodview Dr  
Apollo, PA 15613  
724-727-3451 x 450

[www.westhavenmanorofapollo.com](http://www.westhavenmanorofapollo.com)

**About Us:** With locations throughout Western PA, Quality Life Services is here to provide exceptional healthcare options for you or your loved one, close to home. We pride ourselves on being Better, Different, Innovative. Our short-term rehabilitation programs offer progressive therapies, state-of-the-art equipment and treatment by the industry's top therapists and medical professionals. We know that you need to get healthy, get stronger and get back to life. We also provide several long-term living lifestyles, including independent living, personal care and skilled nursing long-term living.

**Opportunities:** Spending time with clients, while helping with activities at the site and on short trips. Help with Adoptive Grandparent program, pet therapy, gardening, and reading, also.

Minimum Age: 14  
Evening/Weekend: Yes  
Internship Available: Yes

**Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival**

252 Twin Lakes Road  
Latrobe, PA 15650  
724-834-7474  
[www.artsandheritage.com](http://www.artsandheritage.com)

**About Us:** In 2017, the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival will be celebrating 43 years of bringing the best possible artists and performers to Twin Lakes Park for our visitors. Our mission is to present exceptional visual arts, traditional crafts, educational activities, and live performing artists to enlighten, entertain and enrich the community, while preserving and demonstrating Pennsylvania's historical and living cultural heritage.

**Opportunities:** There are several positions at the Festival, along with year-round committee roles. Visit our website for a full listing of committees and our Volunteer Opportunity Guide. This includes miscellaneous office duties, selling tickets, staff drink and information booths, audit programs, hospitality, and gallery docents.

Minimum Age: 15 and up (13 to 15 with parent or guardian) 18 to handle money  
Evenings/Weekends: Occasional  
Internship Available: Yes

### **Westmoreland Cleanways & Recycling**

128 Innovative Lane, Suite 202  
Latrobe, PA 15650  
724-879-4020  
www.westmorelandcleanways.org

**About Us:** Westmoreland Cleanways serves as a county recycling coordinator. We offer recycling services, educational programs and technical assistance on recycling and environmental stewardship issues.

**Opportunities:** Volunteers assist at recycling events directing traffic and unloading vehicles, distribute literature and greet customers. There may be occasional office work, special projects, recycling center support.

Minimum Age: None – under 18 must have parental permission  
Evening/Weekend: Occasional  
Internship Available: No

### **Westmoreland Community Action**

226 South Maple Avenue  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-834-1260  
www.westmorelandca.org

**About Us:** Westmoreland Community Action strengthens communities and families to eliminate poverty. This is accomplished through counseling, support, education, interventions, collaborations, partnerships, information, referrals and networking. Westmoreland Community Action annually provides services to more than 15,000 Westmoreland County residents. Our services are provided through the more than 23 programs we offer. WCA's Board of Directors represents the interests of Community Action in Westmoreland County. The volunteer board is comprised of representatives from the public, private, and low-income sectors of our county. Under their guidance, WCA provides the many programs to help individuals and communities achieve self-sufficiency.

**Opportunities:**

- . Distributing food at our monthly food pantry
- . Being a volunteer income tax preparer
- . Helping at a Head Start Center
- . General office work and reception
- . Helping at our annual fundraiser events  
(Poker Run – July, Wine Tasting – April, Golf Outing – August)

Minimum Age: N/A  
Evening/Weekend: Occasional  
Internship Available: Yes

**Westmoreland County Blind Association**

911 South Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-837-1250  
www.wcbainpa.org

**About Us:** The mission of this corporation is to improve the quality of life of the blind and visually impaired and to assist in the prevention of blindness in Westmoreland County.

**Opportunities:** Assist with different departments throughout the agency.

Minimum Age: N/A  
Evening/Weekend: No  
Internship Available: No

**Westmoreland County Community College: College Learning Center**

145 Pavilion Lane  
Youngwood, PA 15697  
724-925-4135  
www.wccc.edu

**About Us:** Westmoreland County Community College's College Learning Center provides academic support services and tutoring assistance for students enrolled at the college in credit courses.

**Opportunities:**

The College Learning Center (CLC) is looking for individuals who can tutor/mentor students by assisting them through study sessions to review course material, answer questions regarding course content, learn note-taking methods, develop organizational tools, and practice learning/test-taking strategies. Many students who request a tutor simply need assistance in the areas of basic math, reading, and English skills in order to be academically successful. The CLC also provides academic support to students with disabilities or learning differences with services such as note-takers, readers, and scribes.

Minimum Age: 18  
Evening/Weekend: Yes  
Internship Available: No

**Westmoreland County Food Bank**

100 Devonshire Drive  
Delmont, PA 15626  
724-468-8660 x 13  
[www.westmorelandfoodbank.org](http://www.westmorelandfoodbank.org)

**About Us:** WCFB provides food to those who are hungry or at risk of hunger through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters and meal and childcare programs.

**Opportunities:** Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year for individuals, families and groups.

At our Delmont Warehouse:

- . Sort or repack donated food
- . Help with mailings or data entry
- . Help with maintenance projects

In the community:

- . Distribute food at pantries
- . Help at soup kitchens
- . Facilitate or help with food drives
- . Pick produce at local farms

Minimum Age: 5 yrs. Age requirements depend on activity.

Evening/Weekend: Yes

Internship Available: Yes. Summer Food Service Program (Mid May-Mid July)

**Wildlife Works, Inc.**

PO Box 113  
Youngwood, PA 15697  
724-925-6862  
[www.wildlifeworksinc.org](http://www.wildlifeworksinc.org)

**About Us:** We rescue injured and orphaned native wildlife with the goal of releasing them back into the wild. We also promote responsible attitudes toward living with our wild neighbors.

**Opportunities:** Animal care, fund-raising, grant writing, and educational speaking.

Minimum Age: 18

Evenings/Weekends: Yes

Internship Available: Yes

**Word of Life Ministries**

4497 State Route 136  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-837-8790  
wordoflife.church

**About Us:** At Word of Life, we are touching hearts and changing lives with the love of Christ.

**Opportunities:** Community Care Nights: Grief Share, Divorce Care, and Celebrate Recovery for adults. Growing Seasons is for children experiencing loss. We provide family and community care to be a resource of hope through Christ.

Minimum Age: 14  
Evenings/Weekends: Tuesday evenings  
Internship Available: Yes

**YWCA Literacy Program of Westmoreland County**

424 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-834-9390  
www.ywcawestmoreland.org

**About Us:** The YWCA creates opportunities for women and girls to lead purposeful lives and strives for a community that values diversity.

**Opportunities:** Tutors for Literacy Program, book sorters, work a two-hour shift at our annual used book sale in September, office support, building maintenance, thrift shop volunteers (cashiers, clothing sorters, steamers), Adult Basic Literacy Tutors, English as a Second Language Conversation partners.

Minimum Age: 18  
Evening/Weekend: Occasional  
Internship Available: No

**YWCA Thrift Shop**

221 South Maple Avenue

Greensburg, PA 15601

724-834-4339

[www.ywcawestmoreland.org](http://www.ywcawestmoreland.org)

**About Us:** The Thrift Shop supports the programs and services of the YWCA of Westmoreland County and upholds the mission to eliminate racism and empower women.

**Opportunities:** Cashiers, consignors, tag cutters.

Minimum Age: 18

Evening/Weekend: Yes

Internship Available: No