



# SERVICEUNITES

National Volunteer Week

April 23-29, 2017



POINTS OF LIGHT



**Global Youth Service Day(s) (April 21-23)**  
**Join Hands Day May 6, 2017**  
**National Earth Day (April 22)**  
**National Volunteer Week (April 23-29, 2017)**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**



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Volunteer Opportunities**

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Throughout National Volunteer Week, Earth Day, Global Youth Service Day, and Join Hands Day, the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Center is working with local agencies to provide you, your friends and families a variety of opportunities to serve your community and **HAVE FUN!**

National Volunteer week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek ways to engage in their community. It is about showing the nation that we meet our challenges not as isolated individuals but as members of a true community with all of us working together. National Volunteer Week encourages individuals and communities to be at the center of social change discovering their power to make a difference - **VOLUNTEER!**

Contact the Volunteer Center at **410-897-9207** or [info@aacvc.org](mailto:info@aacvc.org) or **contact the agencies below** directly for information about their volunteer needs.

**Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay (Throughout Area)**

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is an established conservation, non-profit organization whose mission is to restore the Chesapeake Bay through collaborative engagement with all the communities that work and live in the Bay area.

- **April 1, 2017 – Project Clean Stream.** This spring, thousands of individuals will spend time outside, cleaning trash from their local outdoor spaces. Join them April 2nd for **Project Clean Stream**. Start your own cleanup or **visit our website** - <http://cleanstream.allianceforthebay.org/> **and** scan the map to volunteer for a cleanup in your area.

### **American Red Cross of Southern Maryland**

On **Sun., April 23, 2017**, from **9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.** the Southern Maryland Chapter of the American Red Cross is hosting a Home Fire Campaign event at **Deale VFC 42 - 6007 Drum Point Rd., Deale, MD 20751**. Red Cross is coordinating such Home Fire Campaigns nationwide in partnership with Fire Departments and other agencies/organizations, and this is the first of four upcoming campaigns in Anne Arundel County this spring. Volunteers (individuals or groups) are needed to help save lives in our community by becoming members of a team canvassing at risk neighborhoods in the County and installing smoke alarms in houses needing them; fire safety educational materials will also be distributed. To register, visit

[https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=vms\\_public\\_form&form\\_id=1493](https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=vms_public_form&form_id=1493). Complete the registration form answering all questions. Youth under age of 16 may participate if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. If you are age of 16-17, a Parental Consent Form must be signed and submitted prior to the event. Questions? Contact Gloria Coliton, Volunteer Specialist, at 410-627-5369 or [Gloria.Coliton@redcross.org](mailto:Gloria.Coliton@redcross.org).

### **Annapolis Recreation and Parks Department**

**GreenScape 2017, Saturday, April 22, 2017:** GreenScape is a City and community partnership investment of beautification, clean-up, and planting in public spaces through the City. For 25 years, hundreds of projects have been initiated and adopted by individuals, community groups, and neighborhood associations. Join us for a City and community investment of beautification, clean-up, and planting in public spaces. Spring GreenScape will be held **Saturday, April 22 2016**. The projects are year-round commitments for care, watering, and weeding. For more information contact **Marisa Wittlinger** at [mdwittlinger@annapolis.gov](mailto:mdwittlinger@annapolis.gov), or **Annapolis Recreation and Parks at 410-263-7958** or [recpark@annapolis.gov](mailto:recpark@annapolis.gov).

### **Anne Arundel County Dept. of Recreation & Parks, Move More Race Series**

- **7:45–11:00 am, Sat., April 1, 2017, Rec Deeds Challenge 5K Run & Family Fun Walk:** Recreation Deeds for Special Needs is a non-profit friends & family organization established to provide camp scholarships, adaptive equipment, training and volunteer support those with disabilities. The Recreation Deeds Challenge 5K Run and Fun Walk fundraiser is being held at Downs Park, 8311 John Downs Loop, Pasadena, MD 21122 and the race starts at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed on the day of the event starting at 7:45 a.m. to assist with race support, be a course monitor, register participants and give out race bags, mark course, and take pictures. Volunteers should arrive at 7:45 a.m. to register and get volunteer assignments. For more information, contact Carolyn Ryan at 410-222-7313 or [carolyn.ryan@aacounty.org](mailto:carolyn.ryan@aacounty.org).

### **B & A Trail Earth Day Clean Up**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Sat., April 22, 2017:** Meeting at the parking lot by Oak Lane and the B & A Trail for a Ranger led hike south on the Trail to celebrate Earth Day by collecting as much litter as much litter as possible in 3 hours. Trash bags, pick sticks, and insect repellent will be provided along with water and snacks. Wear gloves, outdoor shoes or boots and clothes that can get dirty. Scout groups are welcome. This free family event is for all ages but children must be accompanied by an adult.  
**Registration is required: 410-222-6244.**

### **Boys & Girls Clubs of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County (BGCAA)**

BGCAA is a non-profit organization consisting of six clubs (four in Annapolis, and one each in Pasadena and Meade Village). The Club is a safe place for youth come to come after school to receive tutoring, computer education, sports training, homework help, and mentoring. Every day, BGCAA strives to improve each Club member's life by instilling self-esteem, courage, and positive values. The Club has been serving Annapolis and Anne Arundel County youth since 1988, reaching more than 2,800 youth from age 6 to 18 every year. Volunteers are needed as tutors, mentors, assistants in computer labs, arts & crafts, sports coaching, and as administrative help in the office. For more information on volunteer opportunities or to request an application, please contact [Volunteer@bgcaa.org](mailto:Volunteer@bgcaa.org) or call 410-263-2542. See web site [www.bgcaa.org](http://www.bgcaa.org). Event for which extra volunteers may be needed:

- **6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Wed., Apr. 19, 2017, 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Ed Casey Youth of the Year Awards Dinner:** Sponsors and attendees are being sought for this gala event being held at the Annapolis Crowne Plaza Hotel. There will be cocktails, dinner, silent auction and awards ceremony honoring Youth of the Year. Guests are encouraged to bring a bottle of wine to donate to the silent auction "Wine Extravaganza." For more information visit the website at: <http://www.bgcaa.org/YOY2017> or contact Jennifer at [JenL@bgcaa.com](mailto:JenL@bgcaa.com).

### **Earth Day Expo 2017**

**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Sat. April 22, 2017:** Join us at **Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis**, for a celebration of environmental education, partnerships, and volunteering. There will be local vendors, demonstrations and activities for children and adults, nature exhibits, and more. Junior Park Ranger activities are for ages 4-12. All other activities will be open to all ages. Call 410-222-1777 for information.

### **Foundation for Community Betterment, Bay Bridge Paddle April 29, 2017**

The Foundation for Community Betterment is a national organization dedicated to engaging individuals of all ages in community enhancement by creating an immediate, positive impact on the lives of individuals or organizations that share our philanthropic vision, but who currently lack the means to succeed. Calling all power boat owners!! We are looking for volunteers to serve as Safety Boat Captains for the **2nd Annual Bay Bridge Paddle on April 29th from 8am to about 1pm**. You will be stationed along the race course across the Chesapeake Bay for monitoring and safety. Learn more about the event at [www.baybridgepaddle.com](http://www.baybridgepaddle.com). We request your presence at a captains meeting on **3/21**. Complimentary event after-party beverages for all captains! Please call 410-353-9237, email [daryl@communitybetterment.org](mailto:daryl@communitybetterment.org), and visit [www.communitybetterment.org/](http://www.communitybetterment.org/) to learn more.

### **Happy Helpers for the Homeless, Saturdays and Sundays**

This nonprofit organization provides food, toiletries, and clothing to the hungry and homeless. Volunteers, as young as 6, are needed **Saturdays (11:30am-2:30pm) and Sundays (1:00-4:00pm)** to assist in distributing items and bag lunches in downtown Baltimore and Glen Burnie. Ongoing donations needed: men's socks, toiletry items, men's clothing, blankets, shoes in very good condition, sturdy napkins/paper towels, mustard, juice boxes, fold-over sandwich bags, lunch meat and fresh fruit. Ongoing through winter is coats, blankets, and gloves drive. Volunteers can meet in Glen Burnie to caravan up to Baltimore. There is also a critical need for cash donations to help pay rent for space used by Happy Helpers. **Contact Bobbi Coffman at 443-433-2416** or email [happyhelpersforthehomeless1@yahoo.com](mailto:happyhelpersforthehomeless1@yahoo.com) for more information about volunteering on all projects and events.

- **10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Sat., April 8, 2017, 24th Annual Birthday Party:** Lunch, ice cream cake, entertainment, and presents abound at the eagerly anticipated Birthday Party held at the Bay Area Community Church, 884 Chesterfield Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401.
- **4:30-7:30 p.m., Sat., April 8, 2017 24th Anniversary/Awards:** Prestigious awards will be presented to our EXTRAORDINARY volunteers at the Anniversary Celebration held at the Bay Area Community Church, 884 Chesterfield Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401.
- **1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Sunday, April 16, 2017, Easter Sunday:** This is our Baltimore Easter Distribution. We welcome families and individuals to serve on this special, holy day.
- **4:45-7:30 p.m., Monday, Apr. 24, 2017, Global Youth Service Day:** We take the children we serve (and their parents) out for dinner, games and all activities that Chuck E. Cheese offers at their location at 6637 Ritchie Hwy., Glen Burnie. This is the 23rd year that we are holding the event, and is our volunteers' favorite. Each youth volunteer will serve as a "buddy" to one or two children. This is the one time that children do not have to worry about anything—Instead, they can experience the childhood joy that they deserve!

### **Friends of Hancock's Resolution**

The Friends volunteer group operates and preserves this historic farmstead in Pasadena, which dates to 1785, and had an important role in the War of 1812. Volunteers, 18 and older, are needed to give tours of the house and gardens to visitors from 1 to 4 pm on Sundays from April through October. Training is provided. Volunteer gardening assistants are needed and days/times are flexible. Other volunteer projects include assisting with historical research, archeology, public education and fundraising. See website page: <http://historichancocksresolution.org/get-involved/volunteering> for volunteer jobs and a form for registration. Questions? Call 410-255-4048.

- **10am-4pm, Sunday, April 23, 2017: Spring Farm Festival: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sheep shearing; Folk Music; crafts. Light lunch available. Beekeeping Demonstrations at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm.** Pre-registration is preferred: 410-255-4048, <http://www.historichancocksresolution.org/>
- **Sunday, April 30, 2017: Composting the New Farm Field.**

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### **Guiding Eyes for the Blind**

This nonprofit organization serves the Bay Region by raising puppies as potential future guide dogs. Volunteer puppy raisers are needed to provide the love, support and direction these puppies need to prepare them for formal training. Volunteer raisers (as young as 13 with parental supervision) take puppies into their homes for fourteen to eighteen months and teach them manners and social skills. In addition to daily work and play with their dogs, raisers attend local classes and puppy evaluations. Website: <http://www.guidingeyes.org>. Puppy training classes are **7:00 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

nights including April 13 and 27, 2017 in Bowie. Contact [gebbayregion@gmail.com](mailto:gebbayregion@gmail.com), for more information.

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- **Bag a Breakfast Project.** Put together a bag breakfast for a homeless individual. Include box of cereal, with spoon and cup, popart, fruit, hot chocolate package with cup and spoon, juice box, and napkin. Can be done anytime. Just drop off at Happy Helpers. Additional events for which many volunteers are needed:
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### **Historic Annapolis Foundation**

Adult volunteers are needed as we start a new outreach program, "**Mr. Paca's Backyard Outreach Program**", to area schools on **Apr. 5, 6,7 & 26, May 9,10, & 12, 2017**. Times vary at the area schools; contact Janet Hall at 410-990-4514 or [janet.hall@annapolis.org](mailto:janet.hall@annapolis.org) to choose times and school locations. The program is rooted in the principal that young kids learn through play. It is designed to engage and enrich lives of our area's young children. This play-based experience is specifically aimed at the educational needs and abilities of preschoolers. It includes story time, music with dance, an art project, a snack time that promotes healthy eating by making foods fun and interactive. This program is supported via a grant from PNC Bank.

We are always looking for volunteers for all the programs that Historic Annapolis shares with our neighbors and visitors. This includes docents for the historic Paca House and Gardens, Museum Store Retail Volunteers, Freedom Bound Docents, Hogshead living history, and William Paca Garden Volunteers are some of our ongoing programs offered because of volunteer support. All our volunteers

receive training for the programs. If you enjoy our history, our culture and sharing time with visitors, please consider joining our team of volunteers! Please contact Janet Hall at 410-990-4514 or [janet.hall@annapolis.org](mailto:janet.hall@annapolis.org) for more information about volunteering and training opportunities. See website: <http://www.annapolis.org/support/volunteer>.

### **Historic London Town and Gardens**

This Edgewater historic site seeks persons interested in history and/or horticulture to become docents, historic interpreters and gardeners at this 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> century tobacco port. Volunteers give site tours, house tours or demonstrate colonial crafts and daily life. They may work in historic or ornamental gardens. For more information contact [volunteer@historiclondontown.org](mailto:volunteer@historiclondontown.org) or 410-222-1919 x204 or download a volunteer application from the web site: [www.historiclondontown.org](http://www.historiclondontown.org). Events for which extra volunteers may be needed:

- **6:00 – 9:30 p.m., Friday, April 28, 2017, A Privateer Party:** Guests are invited to the Historic London Town and Gardens annual benefit, “A Privateer Party” which features fine food and refreshments from the region’s top caterers, music and dancing, and live and silent auctions. For more information about this event call 410-222-1919, ext. 205 or email [lauren@historiclondontown.org](mailto:lauren@historiclondontown.org). To register, visit website: <http://www.historiclondontown.org/privateerparty>
- **10:30 a.m.–12 Noon, or 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Sun., April 23, 2017, Earth Day Miniature Garden Workshops:** Celebrate Earth Day weekend with us by creating a miniature fairy, dinosaur, or beach garden with your little one! For more information and to sign up online, visit the website at: <http://www.historiclondontown.org/events>.

### **Hope For All**

**Saturday Volunteers** are needed on Sat. **April 22, 2017** and all Saturdays throughout the year to assist with furniture pickups and deliveries for the families that we serve. Normally we work from **8:30 a.m. to 12 noon**. We are going through a very busy period as we have many families waiting for service. We also can use volunteers during the week on **TUES., WED., AND THURS. from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon**. For any and all inquiries please call **410-766-0372 or 443-867-0977**. We would appreciate whatever anyone can assist with.

### **Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary**

- **1:30-4:00 p.m., Fri. Apr. 14;–Volunteer Training Day:** Participants will learn about the volunteer, stewardship, and citizen science opportunities at Jug Bay. Training will be followed with a hike on Nature Preserve trails. Volunteers must be age 15 and older, but many opportunities are family friendly. Registration is required. Contact: Volunteer Coordinator Melinda Fegler at [RPFEG00@aacounty.org](mailto:RPFEG00@aacounty.org) or 410-741-9330. See website -[http://www.jugbay.org/volunteer\\_calendar](http://www.jugbay.org/volunteer_calendar) to learn more and to sign up online for training or other volunteer opportunities.
- We are also launching a white-tailed **deer spotlighting program** to help us monitor the deer populations at our properties. Spotlighting occurs the **last Wednesday of every month** an hour after sunset. Be prepared for cool temperatures and being outside in a slow moving vehicle. **Next date: Wed., Apr. 26, 2017, 5:30pm** - Meet at the Visitors Center. Email [rpfe00@aacounty.org](mailto:rpfe00@aacounty.org) to register. No prior training needed.
- **Times vary Depending on Dates, Fri. or Sat., Apr. 7, 15, 21, 29, and May 5, 2017, Vernal Pool Monitoring:** Volunteers are needed to help survey the vernal pools of the Sanctuary and Glendening Preserve to assess salamander and frog activity. These special temporary ponds are critical breeding habitat for several amphibian species. Suitable for ages 10 and older. Registration is required. Call 410-741-9330 or email [RPFEG00@aacounty.org](mailto:RPFEG00@aacounty.org).
- **7:30 – 9:30 a.m., Thurs., Apr. 13, 2017, Waterbird Survey:** Come and join a periodic survey of waterbirds at Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary. The ornithological knowledge and collaboration attitude of our volunteer team

create a phenomenal learning experience. Age 12 and older. Registration required: 410-741-9330 or email [programs@jugbay.org](mailto:programs@jugbay.org).

- **10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Sat., Apr. 29, 2017, Canoe Guide Training:** Paddling enthusiasts wanted. New and returning canoe and kayak volunteers are required to attend our canoe training session before leading trips. Dress accordingly to enter the water for wet exits and rescue demonstrations. Paddling experience required. Rain date is May 6. Registration required: Call 410-222-9330 or email [programs@jugbay.org](mailto:programs@jugbay.org). Required registration form can be downloaded online from [www.jugbay.org](http://www.jugbay.org).

### **Maryland Cooperative Extension Anne Arundel Co. Master Gardener Demonstrations (Annapolis)**

The AA County Master Gardeners are a group of volunteers trained by the Univ. of Maryland Cooperative Extension to educate citizens about effective and sustainable horticultural practices and landscaping problem solving through demonstrations, and other outreach activities. For more information, contact 410 222-6757 or [mentor@umd.edu](mailto:mentor@umd.edu). Schedule of composting workshops at Quiet Waters Park:

- **11:00 am, Apr. 22 and May 3, 2017, Composting Workshops:** Master Gardeners show how grass trimmings, leaves, and kitchen scraps can be turned into compost for mulching and soil amendment. The demonstrations are held at a site on Wildwood Trail and are canceled in the event of rain. Participants receive a free compost bin and composting information courtesy of AA Co. Dept. of Recycling and AA County Master Gardeners. Contact 410-222-1777 for more information.

### **Maryland Therapeutic Riding**

**Volunteers Needed for Derby Day Benefit:– May 6, 2017, 4:30 pm - 9:30 pm, Sat.:** Volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of tasks to include event registration, silent and live auction monitors, cashiers, set up and clean up, and more. Volunteers are needed **Fri., May 5 from 12-6 pm, Sat., May 6 from 9 am-11:30 pm, and Sunday, May 7 from 9am-12pm** for setup and cleanup. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old to assist with set up and clean-up and 18 years old to volunteer during the event. Groups are welcome! If you are interested in volunteering for this event or for more information, please contact Nichole at [Nichole@mtrinc.org](mailto:Nichole@mtrinc.org) or 410-923-6800, or sign up at <http://www.aacvc.org/OpportunityCalendar>.

Located in Crownsville, Maryland Therapeutic Riding (MTR) is a Premier Accredited Therapeutic Riding Center that offers therapeutic horseback riding lessons and other equine based therapies for children and adults with special needs. Volunteers, ages 14 and up, assist with riding lessons and are needed throughout the week to assist with horse care, barn and facility maintenance, and also assist with special events, serve on committees including fund raising, and event committees. All volunteers are required to attend a training session offered once a month prior to beginning their volunteer service. Call the Volunteer Manager Nichole at 410-923-6800 or email [Nichole@mtrinc.org](mailto:Nichole@mtrinc.org) for info. Visit our website at [www.MTRinc.org](http://www.MTRinc.org) to downloadable the volunteer application.

### **National Electronics Museum**

The museum near BWI Airport serves students and the general public by collection, preservation and display of significant artifacts and literature and the commemoration of the creativity and dedication of pioneers and workers in the field of electronics. Volunteers, age 18 and up, are needed week days and weekends for education and outreach, for special events, as an administrative assistant, as collections assistants, and for visitor services. Training will be provided. For more information and to volunteer, contact Alice Donahue, Assistant Director, at 410-765-9617 or [donahue.nem@gmail.com](mailto:donahue.nem@gmail.com). See website at: [www.nationalelectronicmuseum.org](http://www.nationalelectronicmuseum.org). Extra volunteers may be needed for the following events:

- **10 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Sat., April 29, 2017, RoboFest:** RoboFest is an annual event for anyone interested in the creative use of technology. We welcome all roboticists, hackers, artists, hobbyists and

makers of any age who have the unquenchable urge to develop and create new, previously unseen forms from lifeless electronics, fabrics and mechanical parts. Join the fun and excitement with hands-on exhibits, and workshops! For more information visit [www.robotfest.com](http://www.robotfest.com).

- **9:00am-1:00pm, Saturday, May 6, 2017, Robot Building Workshop:** Participants will be introduced to basic robotics concepts and components, and learn to solder electronic components while assembling and testing their own two-wheeled roving robot. The robot uses an educational microprocessor which can be re-programmed at home. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. For more information, contact NEM Educator John Walstrum at [nem.education@gmail.com](mailto:nem.education@gmail.com) or 410-765-2345 or go to the web site to register online at – <http://www.nationalelectronicmuseum.org/events-calendar.shtml>.

### **National Kidney Foundation of Maryland**

The National Kidney Foundation, a major voluntary nonprofit health organization, is dedicated to preventing kidney and urinary tract diseases, improving the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by kidney disease and increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation.

Volunteers are needed to help with the upcoming Kidney Walk as follows:

- **Sunday, April 30, 2017 Greater Baltimore Kidney Walk at University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus, 1000 Hilltop Circle, LOT 22, Catonsville, MD 21228., Check-in time: 9:00am, Start time: 10:00am.** This non-competitive event focuses on increasing awareness about kidney disease and the need for organ donation. Call **Doreen Lucadamo** at **443-322-0373** or email [dlucadamo@kidneymd.org](mailto:dlucadamo@kidneymd.org). See website: [www.kidneywalk.org](http://www.kidneywalk.org).

### **Ninth Annual Planet Walk, May 6, 2017**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m, Sat., May 6, 2017, Ninth Annual Planet Walk along B&A Trail:** The Friends of Anne Arundel County Trails, the Anne Arundel Community College Astronomy Club and the Astrophysics Science and Planetary Science Divisions of the NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center and the Universities Space Research Association have teamed up to offer a day of free public programs focusing on our solar system. The events will include a Planet Walk (or Bike) on a 4.7 mile section of the B&A Trail. Also, there are evening events at the Arnold Campus of the AA Community College at 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. The first event is an illustrated presentation by a NASA research scientist about the Cassini Mission to Saturn. Finally at 8:30 p.m. the AACC Astronomy Club will host a Stargazing Party to enable participants to use the Observatory's telescope (weather permitting). See (<http://www.friendsofaatrails.org/planet-walk/>) for more information about all of the Day's events. . Questions? Contact Jack Keene at 410-647-7220.

### **Project Clean Stream, April 1, 2017**

This year, Project Clean Stream officially kicks off on **April 1, 2017 for its 14<sup>th</sup> year**. Every spring, local waterways and woodlands receive a clean start as thousands of volunteers come together for our annual Project Clean Stream, the largest annual volunteer cleanup event in the Chesapeake Bay region. Project Clean Stream brings together volunteers across the vast Chesapeake Bay watershed in a day of service to clean up trash from rivers, streams, creeks, and parks. Cleanups are scheduled from **March 1 to June 10, 2017**. Visit <https://www.allianceforthebay.org/events/project-clean-stream/> to learn more and to register projects or volunteer. Project Clean Stream is also a great opportunity for businesses to get involved in Bay restoration and to volunteer in their communities! Through Project Clean Stream, the Alliance works directly with businesses to coordinate cleanup sites and provide a positive and meaningful experience as stewards of the environment—improving water quality as they care for their neighborhood creeks, streams, and rivers. If your business is interested in getting

involved with Project Clean Stream, contact our Business Partnerships Manager, Corinne Stephens at [cstephens@allianceforthebay.org](mailto:cstephens@allianceforthebay.org).

### **Rebuilding Together Anne Arundel County**

Volunteer your time and abilities to make a difference in Anne Arundel County. We offer a large variety of rewarding, resume` building, professional volunteer opportunities for anyone willing to help revitalize the community. In addition to our Organizational Opportunities, we have building projects ongoing throughout the year, and we complete many projects on **Blitz Day (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in April)**. For more information and to volunteer contact Barbara Cupp at For more information contact [barbara.cupp@rebuildingtogetheraac.org](mailto:barbara.cupp@rebuildingtogetheraac.org) or 410-923-9992 and see website at <http://rebuildingtogetheraac.org/Volunteer.html>.

### **Rise for Autism**

The 3rd Annual Health and Safety Fair for Individuals with Special Needs will be held from **1:00-4:00 p.m., Sunday, April 23, 2017** at Ruth Eason School, 648 Old Mill Road, Millersville, MD, 21108. The event is intended for individuals with special needs, caregivers, parents, loved ones, and community members who want to learn more about promoting health and safety. The event will promote RISE for Autism's Safety Program and a number of community health and safety vendors and resources. The event is free but attendees must register. For more information and to register visit the web site at - <https://www.riseforautism.org/health-and-safety-fair.html>.

The mission of Rise for Autism is to provide community and professional awareness, family support and resources, financial assistance, and a lifetime continuum of therapeutic services to promote confident, competent individuals with Autism Spectrum and Related Disorders. We host several events for families, fundraising, and educational/related service providers throughout the year for which volunteers are needed. For more information and to volunteer, contact Shannon Majoros at [smajoros@riseforautism.com](mailto:smajoros@riseforautism.com) or 410-375-5581. See website at <http://www.riseforautism.com/>.

### **Sarah's House**

**6:30 – 10:30 p.m., Sat., April 22, 2017, Bull & Shrimp Roast:** Sponsors and attendees are being sought for this fun-filled event being held at Our Lady of the Fields Church Hall, 1070 Cecil Hall, Millersville, MD. 21108. The event has something for everyone. Food, music, games, fantastic silent auction, wine pull, music and MORE! We're keeping some of the oldies but goodies and throwing in some new and exciting things. Casual attire. Funds will benefit the emergency shelter, supportive housing and child care programs at Sarah's House. For more information, call 410-551-7722 or email: [bclopein@cc-md.org](mailto:bclopein@cc-md.org). Buy tickets at: <http://cservice.catholiccharities-md.org/site/Calendar?id=103842&view=Detail>

Sarah's House is a supportive housing program for homeless women, children, and men in Anne Arundel County providing case management, childcare, transportation and employment services at Ft. Meade. Volunteer orientations are offered periodically at Sarah's House. Volunteers can work directly with guests or behind the scenes. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals, families, businesses and groups of all faiths and ages. Especially needed are volunteers for childcare while parents attend training classes and to help with tutoring children with their homework during the school year. Please RSVP to Bruce Clopein at 410-519-5085, or [bclopein@catholiccharities-md.org](mailto:bclopein@catholiccharities-md.org). Visit [www.cc-md.org/saraha-house/](http://www.cc-md.org/saraha-house/) for volunteer opportunities and donation wish lists.

### **Save the Bay Day, Lake Waterford Park in Pasadena**

**9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Sat., April 22, 2017:** Volunteers are needed for various tasks to beautify and clean up the park, such as planting flowers, raking leaves, mulching, sprucing up the playground, painting, weeding, and more. This project requires over 200 volunteers so bring your family, friends and groups. Volunteers will get a t-shirt compliments of Comcast and Comcast Cares Day, who sponsors the project with The Volunteer Center. Also, snacks and water are provided while working and all are invited to stay for pizza lunch. Register at the Comcast website- <https://www.comcastinthecommunity.com/Project/Detail?projectId=8233>. This is the Volunteer Center's BIG GREEN project this year and we'd love to see lots of helpers. Questions? Contact the Volunteer Center at [info@aacvc.org](mailto:info@aacvc.org) or 410-897-9207.

### **Spa Creek Conservancy**

**Sat., April 22, 2017, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Spa Creek Headwaters Cleanup:** Volunteers Needed! The headwaters of Spa Creek are wild, and beautiful and full of trash. Join in on Earth Day to help clean the creek. Meet at the Weems Walen parking lot, 935 Spa Road (behind Bates Middle School) at 10am and we will walk across the street towards the headwaters. Bring gloves, water and prepare to get dirty. This will be a strenuous job. Sign up on the web site – <http://spacreek.net/index.php>. Questions? Contact [web@spacreek.net](mailto:web@spacreek.net) or 410-353-6603 for more information.

**Thurs., May 4, 2017, 5:00-7:00 pm, Volunteer Meet & Greet:** Learn how your volunteer time can help improve the health of Spa Creek. We're looking for all sorts of help. Meet current volunteers and find the perfect opportunity for you at Capital SUP, 808 Boucher Ave., Annapolis,,MD 21403. All ages and experience welcome. Help needed includes: EcoFEST Festival, Finance committee, Marketing, Membership, Oyster cage cleaning, Photography, Planting, Social media, Water sampling (weekly), Writing articles, and much more. Sign up online - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/volunteer-meet-greet-tickets-33646005107>. Questions? Contact [web@spacreek.net](mailto:web@spacreek.net).

### **SPCA of Anne Arundel County**

**7:30 am–1:00 pm, Sun., April 30, 2017, 26th Annual “Walk & Run for the Animals”:** Volunteers are needed to help in a variety of roles for this fundraiser being held at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis. Each spring over two thousand friends of the SPCA and their pets join us in beautiful Quiet Waters Park for our largest fundraiser. Enjoy walks on measured courses in the park as well as our large outdoor vendor festival. Participants may register for the Walk, Run or Cars & Critters show at - <https://whatsuptix.com/categories/sports>. The 5K Run starts at 7:30 a.m., and the Walk begins at 9:00 a.m. The festivities include scenic trails, fun-filled doggie activities, the annual Cars & Critters car show, face painting for the kids, a Food Bowl for your culinary delights and array of vendor booths. For more information call 410-268-4388, E-mail [volunteer@aacspca.org](mailto:volunteer@aacspca.org), or visit <http://www.aacspca.org/event>.

Volunteers, age 18 and up (or 13-17 with parental accompaniment), are needed throughout the year to walk dogs, socialize cats, provide foster care for “in-need” animals, help with adoption shows, bathe and brush dogs or help with any other available opportunities. Training sessions are held once each month. The SPCA does not offer opportunities to fulfill court-ordered community service. Call 410-268-4388 or E-mail [volunteer@aacspca.org](mailto:volunteer@aacspca.org) or visit [www.aacspca.org](http://www.aacspca.org).

### **Walk for the Woods 2017, 7:00 a.m–3:00 p.m., April 22, 2017**

Scenic Rivers Land Trust is again partnering with AAC Dept. of Recreation and Parks to host a day of guided hikes and public access to the Bacon Ridge Natural Area, which is County owned but currently not completely open to the public. A variety of guided hikes, including bird watching, mushroom hunting, amphibian finding, and naturalist hikes are scheduled throughout the day. See the website at;

[www.srlt.org/walk-faq](http://www.srlt.org/walk-faq) for more information about the Walk. Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. For more information about volunteering and how to sign up, see the document posted on our web site at [http://srlt.org/images/2017WFTWoodsVolunteerDescriptions\\_final.pdf](http://srlt.org/images/2017WFTWoodsVolunteerDescriptions_final.pdf). Questions? Contact Sarah Knebel at [sarah@srlt.org](mailto:sarah@srlt.org) or 410 - 980 – 6837.