



# ShoreCAN

## Volunteer Center

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### Inspirational Quote

The miracle is this - the more we share, the more we have.

*-Leonard Nimoy*

### ShoreCAN Statistics

As of May 2011, the ShoreCAN Volunteer Center has:

- 108 Nonprofit Partners
- 123 Active Opportunities
- 344 Volunteer Referrals

ShoreCAN always has room to grow. If you would like to register with our volunteer center either as a nonprofit or a volunteer please call 410-742-9911 or visit

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

### 50+ Volunteering in America

70 percent of non-retirees between the age of 50 and 75 view their future retirement as "a time to begin a new chapter in life" and that, just after traveling, volunteering is what this group looks forward to most.

With almost 30 years added to the average American's life since 1900, older adults of today are in general healthier, more financially secure, and better educated than any previous generation.

Americans age 65 and over who volunteer contribute more time (an average of 96 hours per year) than any other segment of the population.

50+ adults are also volunteering with their children, parents, and other family members.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Thrift Shop Volunteer

Coastal Hospice

Contact: Judy Hunt-Harris, 410-742-8732

Volunteer in the new thrift shop processing customer sales, sorting and pricing merchandise, refreshing merchandise racks and assisting thrift shop donors.

### Television Producer

**PAC 14**

Contact: Creig Twilley, 410-546-3670

PAC 14 is looking for persons to video tape local non-profit events and activities for replay on the local Public Access Television Channel in Wicomico County. This is a great way to attend local events free of charge and learn video production techniques!

### Volunteer Docent

Ward Museum

Contact: Renee Frederickson, 410-742-4988

Docents are open to training regarding interpretation of history, culture, nature, education and art. Docents are available for regular duty within the Museum

### Visitor Center Assistant

Ocean City Chamber of Commerce

Contact: Melanie Pursel 410-213-0144

Assist answering phones and directing visitors in the chamber Visitor's Center. This is a fun and exciting opportunity to interact with many different types of people and help them have a wonderful vacation in Ocean City.

## Strike Out Hunger Campaign



June 21, 2011 | Arthur W. Perdue Stadium

*In Support of...*



The Community Foundation is partnering with the Delmarva Shorebirds, Arthur W. Perdue Foundation, and Delmarva's three food banks, Maryland Food Bank, Food Bank of Delaware and the Food Bank of Virginia Eastern Shore to help **Strike Out Hunger**.

Between now and June 21, the Community Foundation invites organizations and business participants who utilize the Community Foundation's Nonprofit Support Center for meeting and trainings to bring a canned food item. Donations can be dropped into a Maryland Food Bank food barrel located in the lobby. More information on this exciting campaign to **Strike Out Hunger** can be found at the website [www.cfes.org](http://www.cfes.org).

### Volunteer Spotlight: Pat Shumaker

*As dawn broke over the beach, the old man asked the youth why he was flinging starfish into the sea.*

*The answer - they'd die if left in the sun.*

*"But the beach goes on for miles and there are millions of them," he muttered. "What difference is it going to make?"*

*The young man, looking at the starfish said, as he threw it to safety.*

*"It makes a difference to this one."*



Pat enjoying the company of her grandchildren

Pat Shumaker is a retired business owner who lives in Worcester County where she also dedicates her time as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) representing abused and neglected children who are involved in the child welfare system. Pat is a volunteer with the Lower Shore CASA, a program with Worcester Youth & Family Counseling Services. For the last three years she has received many hours of training and advice from CASA staff and can't say enough about the support they have provided her as she works to advocate for the children under her care. A CASA advocate is unique because they are assigned to a child's care for their duration in the foster court system.

A volunteer advocate represents the best interests for the child by gathering information from attorneys, case workers, foster parents, school officials and health providers. The advocate gains a complex knowledge of the case and can then make sound recommendations on placement. Research has shown that children assigned CASA volunteers spend less time in court and in the foster care system than those without CASA support. CASA children also receive more services than non CASA children.

Pat strongly believes in the importance of empowering children not to be victims and allowing them the right to be heard through her advocacy work. She has formed lasting bonds with the children whose cases she has handled through CASA. Pat is making a direct difference in the lives of abused and neglected children but she reminds us that more importantly, they are making a difference in hers as well. To be able to form a personal bond of trust and provide healing and support to a child is an extraordinary thing.

Pat enjoys giving back to her community so much that she also volunteers at the Joseph House in Salisbury at the Crisis Center. In her spare time she enjoys the company of her friends, playing mahjong or making memories with her family which includes two children, four grandchildren, and husband of forty-four years.

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*Brigitte and Brooke at Lower Shore CASA had this to say about Pat:* Pat is one of the most caring volunteers we have experienced with CASA. When she accepts a child's case, she does it whole heartedly. She is able to see the best qualities and strengths in each child, helping them build on those. She has been a blessing to the CASA program and the children she serves.

CASA volunteers come from all walks of life, with varied ethnic, professional and educational backgrounds.

If you are interested in becoming a special advocate, contact: Brooke Gemberling, Volunteer Coordinator at Lower Shore CASA (410) 641-4598 or [bgemberling@gowoyo.org](mailto:bgemberling@gowoyo.org).

Join us in thanking Pat for the years of dedicated service she has given her community. She is a shining example of volunteerism with a true compassion for those less fortunate.

# Summer is on it's way!

How great is it to live on the Eastern Shore in the month of May? This is the time of year when everyone gets excited about Memorial Day, 4th of July and the start of a long enjoyable summer full of all of our favorite "F" words. Don't worry Mom, these are all good "F" words: fun , fresh foods, frisbees, family and friends.

This year as you and your children enjoy some much needed time off from work and school consider taking a little time to help others and consider volunteering. It's a great way to get involved in your community while helping others and what better time to do that as summer vacation?

At our Volunteer Center we would be pleased to work with you one on one and find the perfect volunteer opportunity for you and your family! It might be that your interested in single day events, big projects, or just a few hours of volunteering. We can do it all and sometimes we do it right alongside you!

Contact our staff today to talk about your interests and start making a difference. Call 410-742-9911 or visit [www.shorecan.org](http://www.shorecan.org).

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Global Youth Service Day Volunteers



**Nonprofit Highlight:****National Watershed Association**

Pictured NWA Staff: E.B, Beth, Lisa and Megan

The National Watershed Alliance is a consortium of almost forty nonprofit agencies that foster partnerships and progress in conserving the natural, cultural, and recreational resources of the Nanticoke River watershed through dialogue, collaborative outreach, and education. Most of their conservation work takes place along the Nanticoke River, which is one of the cleanest rivers that flows into the Chesapeake Bay. The Nanticoke is a wonderful river for recreation, education, nature study, and simple solitude.

The NWA currently needs Creekwatchers. While all of their Maryland sites have great coverage, there remain a few sites in Delaware that need to be adopted. Creekwatchers are volunteers that monitor designated sites in the watershed. From April through November, they collect samples and obtain measurements every other week on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. The Alliance uses this data for an annual report card. If you enjoy being outside or preserving our waterways this would be a great volunteer opportunity for you. Please note: Creekwatchers must be older than 14 and all minors must be supervised by a parent.

The Alliance attends a number of public events every year, including volunteer fairs, heritage events and community festivals. Volunteers who enjoy talking and meeting new people are encouraged to apply for a volunteer position in public relations so they can also attend these fairs and festivals and promote the Alliance's mission and volunteer opportunities.

Occasionally, the alliance provides one-day volunteer opportunities, such as clean-ups and rain garden plantings. Since these events are so intermittent, they're perfect for volunteers who prefer to not be locked into a long-term volunteer position.

Lastly, the Alliance and its partners will be launching a pilot adult education and stewardship program later this year. Although official recruiting has not started, any readers who are interested in learning more about environmental issues and who want to be engaged in compelling volunteer opportunities can contact Beth Wasden ([bethwasden@nanticokeriver.org](mailto:bethwasden@nanticokeriver.org)) to be placed on the notification list.

For more information on events, volunteer needs and activities visit the National Watershed Alliance website at <http://nanticokeriver.org/>.

How did they change the world? Global Youth Service Day 2011

Thanks to all the volunteers, leaders, sponsor sites, and teams that participated in GYSD 2011! Also, thanks go to Rise Up Coffee, Chick-fil-A, and Pepsi Bottling Ventures. We had a great time making a difference across Delmarva.

Special congratulations to youth volunteers: Joyce Delk, Kellson Wong, and Nkongho Beteck who each won a \$15 iTunes card!

GYSD is the largest service event in the world and celebrates the contributions young people make 365 days of the year.



Take Pride in Berlin Clean up at Stephen Decatur Park



Children enjoying the Pork in the Park event where ShoreCAN Youth Volunteers were hard at work!



Projects at the Salisbury Zoo!



Mulching at Stephen Decatur Park.