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Connections Volunteer Center Announces 'For the Love of Service' Opportunities in February

Delaware, OH – Love can be expressed many ways during this season and Connections, the Delaware Volunteer Center, is giving you the opportunity to express your love through service.

The following opportunities are available beginning in the month of February and beyond:

The Justice League of Ohio

This non-profit agency was formed to ensure the rights of victims of violent crime including homicide, rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, assault, and stalking are upheld throughout the criminal justice process. With your help more victims can become aware of services this agency provides and receive assistance with representation. Volunteers are currently needed to fill the following positions:

- Volunteer coordinator (15/20 hrs) is needed to organize activities and special programs and to work with volunteers.
- Office assistant with experience in Word and Excel (10/20 hrs)
- Accountant (3 hrs/week) with Quicken experience,
- Committee Members for special events and fundraisers, and people able to help with website updates, newsletter publication and media relations are needed.
- Interns or those with legal experience to assist as case workers or sex offender probation interns are also needed.

There are many opportunities to make a difference in the lives of those who have been victims of violent crime. The office is located in Powell, Ohio, and serves residents throughout Ohio.

Marion Goodwill Industries (Delaware County)

Volunteers are needed to sort donated clothing, sort and test donated small house wares, display products, and assist with retail shoppers in the store room. Donation attendants are also needed to greet drive-up donors and accept donations. Please consider helping at the Columbus Pike or South Sandusky locations in Delaware or on Neverland Drive in Lewis Center. Flexible schedules are available between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; and 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Senior Nutrition Program

Help bring a smile to seniors in your community as well as enabling them to stay in their homes with the ability to receive a hot nutritious meal every day.

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As our demand for these services continue to expand, we are in need of drivers for this valuable program. Please consider giving a few hours a week to ensure good health to our senior population. You will be compensated for your mileage and receive a free meal the day of your delivery.

Habitat for Humanity-Family Advocate Program

The Delaware County Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to become a friend and mentor to a Habitat for Humanity partner families. You will participate in a variety of activities with your family from assisting them with voting or filing taxes to celebrating birthdays. This positive experience provides the opportunity to befriend a family in need and offer much needed support.

You will also keep track of the family's sweat equity hours and encourage extended family members to get involved in the build. You will be there for the move into their home and continue to be an advocate for the family for one year. Please consider how you can become an active mentor and friend during this exciting transition.

If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer for the love of service, call Connections at 740.363.5000 or visit the office at the Andrews House, 39 W. Winter Street , Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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About Connections Volunteer Center

Connections is the central clearinghouse for volunteering in Delaware County. Founded in 1996, Connections provides the leadership, training, education and resources that support volunteers as they improve the quality of life in the Delaware community. An affiliate of HelpLine of Delaware and Morrow Counties, Inc., Connections coordinates the referral and placement of volunteers for more than 50 different agencies who offer more than 200 volunteer opportunities, while also providing services including electronic fingerprinting and background checks as part of the volunteer and employment process. For more information please visit <http://www.helplinedelmor.org/volunteer.htm>

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