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**Connections and City of Powell to Host Volunteer Open House**

Delaware, OH – Connections, the Delaware Area Volunteer Center, and the City of Powell will host the ‘Partners in Volunteering’ on Wednesday, April 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Powell Municipal Building, 47 Hall Street in Powell. The event is free and open to the public.

The event will showcase more than 20 community agencies that have developed volunteer opportunities with teens and adults in mind. Participants will be able to talk with representatives who will help to match availability, interests and talents to opportunities within Delaware County.

A partial list of featured agencies include American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Common Ground Free Store, Habitat for Humanity, Literacy Coalition of Delaware County, Salvation Army, Council for Older Adults, Delaware County Humane Society, Marion Goodwill Industries, HelpLine of Delaware and Morrow Counties, Inc. and Special Olympics.

“While we created this opportunity with all ages in mind, we are really trying to ramp up youth participation in our volunteer program,” said Margie West, Connections Senior Leadership Coordinator and event coordinator.

“Young people bring a refreshing and unparalleled energy and we want to harness this energy for the good of others through service.”

Refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded. For more information on how you can make a difference in your community through volunteering contact the Connections Volunteer Center at 740.363.5000.

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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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