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Holiday Guide to Giving 2009

The Holiday Guide to Giving offers opportunities for you to make a difference in our community through donations of money, food, gifts, or your time and talent during the holiday season and beyond. This list is derived from non-profit and public agencies that serve Howard County. When you contact the agency, please mention that you found the opportunity through the Volunteer Center Serving Howard County's Holiday Guide to Giving 2009. The agency listing is alphabetical. If you are interested in collecting food to help a family in need enjoy a special meal at holiday time, look for notations below agency requests indicating that they can identify such families. If you are interested in helping in a soup kitchen on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day, the following agencies need volunteers. Please keep in mind that these organizations need help every day, and that opportunities to volunteer on these specific days fill up quickly.

Bea Gaddy Family Center — a soup kitchen in Baltimore — 410-563-2749

Beans and Bread — a soup kitchen in Southpoint Baltimore — 410-732-1892

Franciscan Center — a soup kitchen in Baltimore — 410-467-5340

Miriam's Kitchen — a soup kitchen in Washington, DC — 202-452-8926, Ext. 5

Table of Grace — a soup kitchen serving the Westminster, MD area — 410-848-7020

The Shepherd's Table — a soup kitchen in Silver Spring — 301-585-6463

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ALS Association (DC/MD/VA Chapter) provides free resources to people living with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease) and their families, increases public awareness of the disease's impact on people's lives, and raises critical funding for ALS research. Donations to the Chapter provide services for persons living with ALS and their families. Services include respite care, transportation, support groups, assistive technology and an equipment loan closet. Donations exclusively for ALS research support cutting edge technology to find a cure. *Contact Colette Pond at 301-978-9855, Ext 201 or cpond@ALSinfo.org • Website: www.alsinfo.org*

Animal Advocates of Howard County is dedicated to reducing the suffering of animals by promoting spaying and neutering, the adoption of homeless pets and conducting humane education programs. Their goal is to end the needless destruction of pets. Volunteers are needed to assist in fundraising and humane education programs, and to assist in helping at adoption events. Holiday donation needs consist of canned dog food, cat food, treats for dogs and cats, biscuits of all sizes, dry dog and cat food, new toys for both cats and dogs, dog shampoo, laundry detergent, bleach, toilet paper, medium and large crates, hand sanitizer and paper towels. *Please call 410-880-2488, Ext 3 or aadvocates@hotmail.com • Website: www.animal-advocates.org*

The Arc of Howard County supports full community life for children and adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities-one person at a time. The agency needs new linens and holiday gifts for clients along with financial contributions to support the agency's mission — any amount large or small is appreciated. *Contact Linda Congedo at 410-730-0638, Ext 226 or lcongedo@archoward.org • Website: www.archoward.org*

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Athelas Institute, Inc., provides a variety of quality educational rehabilitative, residential and employment options for adults with developmental disabilities in a supportive environment to maximize opportunities for individual growth. This agency is seeking 3 Wii Systems, hats, gloves, socks, sweatpants and sweatshirts. Monetary donations are also appreciated for needed household items, such as sheets, towels and toiletries. *Contact Pat Owens at 410-964-1241, Ext 28 or plowens@athelasinst.org • Website: www.athelasinst.org*

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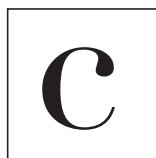
Bello Machre, Inc provides support and services for individuals with developmental disabilities, enabling them to participate as fully as they wish in all aspects of community life. Wish items for this agency include bakeware, bath towels and washcloths, blankets, blender, books (activity and leisure), bowls of all types, coffee maker, dinnerware sets, DVD player, food processor, Tupperware containers, home décor, kitchen rugs, lamps, microwave, cordless phones, pillows, sheets (twin, queen, full) toaster, toaster oven, toys and games for all skill levels, TV, vacuum cleaner. Special projects that volunteers can participate in include bakers to make and deliver sweets to the homes, creative people who can plan arts and craft activities. Groups are also welcome as they can participate by doing lawn work or putting out holiday decorations. If you would like to become a friendly visitor, plan a holiday party or work at game night, please call. *Contact Evette Watson at 443-702-3064 or ewatson@bellomachre.org • Website: www.bellomachre.org*

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Maryland, Inc strives to make a positive difference in the lives of children as they grow to become competent, confident and caring individuals. The agency is seeking volunteers to assist with the annual party on December 14 from 4-9pm. They also seek holiday gifts for families most in need in Howard County. Donations of food baskets should include non-perishable foods; gift cards to major stores, restaurants and grocery stores. *Contact Natalie Meade at 410-243-4000, Ext 224 or nmeade@biglittle.org • Website: www.biglittle.org*

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Bridgeway Community Cupboard shares their mission to show the love of Christ to people in need. This agency seeks donations of non-perishable food items to be included in Thanksgiving food boxes that will be distributed to families in need. The food items needed are canned green beans, corn or peas, canned sweet potatoes, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, macaroni and cheese, and jars of gravy. Donations can be dropped off at Bridgeway Community Church located at 9189 Red Branch Road, Tuesdays-Fridays, 9am-5pm. Alternately, you can leave a message at 410-992-5832, Ext 260. *Contact Donna Michener at 443-812-2788 or donna.michener@bridgewayonline.org*

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Center for Social Change provides services of the highest quality for people with cognitive and developmental disabilities and related disorders including autism that optimize each individual's independence and capabilities, ensure self-determination and rights and, with partnerships in the community, enhances their opportunities to live healthy, safe and valued lives. Volunteers are welcome to gather family and friends to sing holiday carols for individuals with developmental disabilities, help with the holiday party, or donate gifts, or simply serve as a friendly visitor to individuals during the holiday season. *Contact Elizabeth Shipley at 410-579-6789 or elizabeth@centerforsocialchange.org*

Website: www.centerforsocialchange.org

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Child Health Foundation — saving the greatest number of children's lives at the lowest possible cost. Volunteers are needed to help organize holiday cards for sale (folding, batching, inserting flyer) and to get the cards ready to send out (labeling, envelope stuffing, stamps, etc). A few times a year a newsletter is sent out and volunteers are needed to prepare and send the newsletters.

Contact Rosario P. Davison at 410-992-5512 or rdavison@childhealthfoundation.org

Website: www.childhealthfoundation.org

Christ Church Link guides our Howard County neighbors in crisis to aid, via its Information and Referral Helpline for emergency needs (eviction prevention, utility turnoffs, food, clothing, shelter, jobs, etc.) during the holidays. Link helps families in need find Thanksgiving/Christmas meals and holiday gifts for their children. Link requests:

1. Cash donations or gift cards (food and discount stores, e.g., Walmart, Target) for low-income families.
2. Unwrapped, new holiday gifts of toys or clothing for children (newborn to age 12).
3. Sponsors to "adopt" a family by providing food for a holiday meal and/or gifts.

Contact Christ Church Link at 410-309-9695 or christchurchlink@comcast.net • Website: www.ChristChurchLink.com

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Columbia Festival of the Arts has a mission to present an annual celebration of the arts of regional stature that builds community through shared participation and education, engages participants in a broad spectrum of art forms and cultures, and encourages interaction among artists and audiences. Plans are already underway for the 2010 season and the Columbia Festival of the Arts is looking for items for its annual fundraising arts and entertainment raffle (arts, entertainment, and leisure time donations such as restaurant gift cards, spa services, tickets to sporting events, original artwork, etc). Individuals can also log on to www.columbiafestival.com to make a financial contribution in support of the 2010 festival season, scheduled for June 11-26, 2010.

Contact Diana Fooksman at 410-715-3044 or Diana@columbiafestival.com • Website: www.columbiafestival.com

Community Action Council of Howard County, Md. Inc. provides programs and emergency services for the low-income population of Howard County in order to alleviate the effects of poverty and promote self-sufficiency. Volunteers are needed at the food bank to sort and organize food, assist teachers in Head Start classrooms, greet clients at North Laurel, and to answer phones, file, and do data-entry at the main office. Holiday donation needs include: gift cards to Walmart, Target, and grocery stores; coats and gloves for children ages 4 and 5; school supplies for elementary, middle, and high school students; and food bank donations (in particular fresh vegetables, meat products, deli, dairy products and toiletries).

Contact Bita Dayhoff at 410-313-6440 or bdayhoff@cac-hc.org • Website: www.CAC-hc.org

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Days End Farm Horse Rescue ensures quality care and treatment of horses through rehabilitation, humane education and community outreach since 1989. Please consider donating some of the following items to this agency. Metal pitch forks, 20 gallon feed/water buckets, duct tape (grey, yellow, red, and green) vet wrap, working lawn mowers, weedwackers, and a large tractor with bush hog. Volunteers are needed daily from 8am-5pm, Monday thru Sunday. Opportunities include barn chores, care of abused and neglected horses, farm tours, educational programs and maintenance/construction. Volunteers are required to attend an orientation held once a month from 10am-1pm.

Contact Caroline Robertson at 301-854-5037 or volunteer@defhr.org • Website: www.defhr.org

Domestic Violence Center of Howard County works to reduce the harm and affects of domestic violence while working towards its elimination. Volunteers are needed to help with the annual holiday party, to sponsor thanksgiving baskets, and to work with the Adopt-A-Family program. Donations of gift cards to major stores like Target, Kohl's, Wal-Mart, etc. are much needed.

Contact Diana Mitchell at 410-997-0304 or volunteer@dvcenter.org • Website: www.dvcenter.org

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Emerge, Inc. creates supportive environments and individualized services for people with disabilities. This agency seeks financial support, gift baskets of food — turkey, hams, potatoes, vegetables, desserts.
Contact P. Michael Gabagan at 443-288-8251 or mgabagan@emergeinc.org • Website: www.emergeinc.org
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Fidos For Freedom, Inc. Fidos dedicated volunteers strive to increase the quality of life for people living in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan community through the use of specially trained hearing dogs, service dogs, and therapy dogs. Fidos For Freedom is seeking volunteers who want to be puppy raisers, trainers, or help in many additional areas.
Contact Joe Swetnam at 301-490-4005 or office@fidosforfreedom.org • Website: www.fidosforfreedom.org

FIRN a local non-profit serving Howard County immigrants since 1981, strives to assist the foreign-born in bridging culture and building community. For many of FIRN's clients the holiday season can be a time of both emotional and financial stress. FIRN is seeking community support for their Thanksgiving food and Holiday gift program. Food, clothing, gift cards, beds, diapers, tables, dressers, and toys are among the many items needed for families.
Contact Kristin Lilly at 410-992-1923, Ext 12 or klilly@firnonline.org • Website: www.firnonline.org
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FISH of Howard County, Inc. has a mission to assist deserving individuals, on short-term, quick-response basis when they are faced with problems that are beyond their immediate ability to find resolutions. Most urgently needed food items include cereal, meats/seafood, complete meal packages, spaghetti sauce and pasta, milk, jelly, pancake/biscuit mix and syrup, macaroni and cheese, vegetables and beans, fruit and fruit juices, cooking oil, and jello. Non-perishable items are also needed, including laundry detergent, disposable diapers, toothpaste, bath soaps, deodorant, shampoo, and toilet paper.
Contact the FISH volunteer on duty at 410-964-8660 on Monday-Friday 9am-8pm
Website: www.fishhowardcounty.com
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Girl Scouts of Central Maryland (GSCM) offers an innovative value-based and character driven Leadership Development Program that is designed to empower girls with the skills needed to develop into leaders in their communities. GSCM implements the Girl Scout Leadership Development model through partnerships with school systems, recreation and community centers, places of worship, and other organizations. There are many ways that you can help Girl Scouts in Howard County explore the possibilities that await them now and in the future.
Winter Camp Available If you would like to contribute your time and talent as a volunteer or guest speaker:
Contact Shawnda Cooke at 410-358-9711, Ext 219 or scooke@gscm.org • Website: www.gscm.org

Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center creates the opportunity for people in crisis and need to make positive, empowering changes in their lives by being a 24 hour resource, responding helpfully and professionally, while recognizing each person's individuality and dignity. Holiday donations range from gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target and Kohl's to gift cards to Safeway, Food Lion, Giant or any other large food chain or distribution center.
Contact Bonita Hudak at 410-531-6006 or info@grassrootscrisis.org • Website: www.grassrootscrisis.org

Grassroots Day Resource Center (DRC) helps the neediest of the homeless in Howard County to meet their basic needs and develop a trusting relationship to help them overcome practical and psychological barriers to improving the quality of their life. Donation needs include: cases of canned goods (like tuna, chicken, and sausages, hearty soups and beans), Chef Boyardee canned pasta, peanut butter and jelly, individual cereal packages, peanut butter crackers and cases of bottled water. New clothing needs include men's and women's jeans, men's socks, underwear, outerwear, hooded sweatshirts, sweaters, thermal underwear, heavy boots, and gloves. Equipment and supply needs include tents (the type advertised as 4-7 person with a peak height inside of about 6'), sleeping bags (15 or 20 degree rating), plastic tarps (5 ml thickness, approx. 15' x 20' to keep the tent dry); and books (inspirational, detective and spy novels, classic novels).
Contact Melinda Becker at melindabecker@verizon.net or daycenter@verizon.net • Website: www.daycenter.org



The Green Building Institute provides green education and instruction to individuals, homeowners, building and design professionals, contractors, do-it-yourselfers, businesses and anyone interested in greening their homes, offices or buildings. There is an ongoing need throughout the year for volunteers to assist in their education, outreach, and networking events.

Contact David Woolley-Wilson at 443-733-1234 or dave@greenbuildinginstitute.org

Website: www.greenbuildinginstitute.org

HC DrugFree works to help teens avoid alcohol and other drugs throughout the school year, but particularly during the Holiday and Prom party seasons. Volunteers are needed for HC DrugFree Committees as well as our Teen Job and Volunteer Fair in March 2010. HC DrugFree is requesting cash/check donations to purchase educational brochures and drug prevention DVDs, as well as donations to support our Teen Advisory Council. Donations can be sent to HC DrugFree, Wilde Lake Village Center, 10451 Twin Rivers Rd., Suite 404, Columbia, MD 21044.

Contact Joan Webb Scornaienchi at 443-325-0040 or joan@hcdrugfree.org • Website: www.hcdrugfree.org

Healthy Families offers first time parents in Howard County the opportunity to access resources and support that promotes an optimal level of health and wellness for their family. They are seeking grocery store gift cards, gift cards from WalMart, Target, diapers of all sizes, baby supplies and baby clothing of all sizes, formula and baby wipes.

Contact Judy Templeton at 410-715-3716, Ext 233 or jtempleton@fcs.md.org • Website: www.fcsmd.org

Howard County Arts Council has a mission to serve the citizens of Howard County by fostering the arts, artists and art organizations. Volunteers are needed to assist with the Howard County Arts Council's Annual Open House and Holiday Sale on December 4, from 6-8:30pm at the Howard County Center for the Arts in Ellicott City. Other volunteer opportunities are also available.

Contact Kimberly Jensen at 410-313-ARTS or kimberly@hocoarts.org • Website: www.hocoarts.org

The Howard County Cat Club is dedicated to keeping cats out of shelters because they believe that no cat deserves to live in a cage, or to be put to death because it is no longer wanted or in the way. Volunteers are needed to care for cats in our "group home". This is a great job for parents and older kids! Needed are also drivers to take cats either to or from adoption shows and board members to serve the agency. Donations of cat toys, carriers, food (Fancy Feast canned, Royal Canine dry), scratching posts and pads, used towels, and monetary donations thru PayPal are welcome.

Contact Missy Zane at 410-730-3679 or howardcountycats@earthlink.net • Website: www.howardcountycatclub.org

Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks utilizes a team approach to provide a high quality recreation and parks system that promotes opportunities for all Howard County residents to pursue safe and enjoyable leisure activities in balance with protection and conservation of natural resources. Howard County Recreation and Parks will accept financial donations. These donations allow the agency to offer scholarships to anyone interested in taking recreation programs and/or enrolling in recreation licensed childcare.

Contact Ann Combs at 410-313-4624 or acombs@howardcountymd.gov • Website: www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP

Howard County General Hospital: A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine provides the highest quality care to improve the health of our entire community through innovation, collaboration and unsurpassed service. The Symphony of Lights is a sponsored event thru this organization. The event needs volunteers every evening between November 23, 2009 thru January 3, 2010.

Contact Susan Boyd at 410-740-7570 or sboyd@hcgh.org • Website: www.hcgh.org

Howard County General Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary Board supports the Howard County Hospital Foundation. Auxiliary proceeds benefit the Hospital and its services. Volunteers needed to work at holiday gift wrap project at the Mall in Columbia on the following dates: December 4, 5, 9, 11-12, 16-18 (shifts available: 10am-2pm, 2-6pm, 6-10pm); then on December 19 and 21 (shifts available: 9am-1:30pm, 1:30-6:30pm or 6:30-11pm). Please contact the agency for updated information regarding availability. Volunteers must be registered in order to participate. This event is NOT equipped to utilize walk-in volunteers. This is an excellent volunteer opportunity for community groups and businesses, schools, hospital staff and volunteers to support the Hospital's services by volunteering their time and talents. The minimum age for this opportunity is 15 years old. *Contact Richard Davis at 443-745-2475 or rdavis21@gmail.com*

Howard County Library promotes lifelong learning and enrichment through access to information, a knowledgeable staff, and services in a free and open environment. We bring people together to stimulate the free exchange of ideas and a sense of community. Volunteers are needed to help the circulation staff with shelving, sorting materials, processing books, homebound services, assisting with children's crafts and other special projects. *Contact Kathy Plitt at 410-313-7792 or kathleen.plitt@hclibrary.org • Website: www.hclibrary.org*

Howard County Pets on Wheels, provides friendly pet visits to those in nursing and assisted living homes. Volunteer and Pet Teams are always welcome and any monetary donations will be graciously accepted. *Contact: Tricia Summers at 410-313-7461 or tsummers@howardcountymd.gov*

Howard County Poetry & Literature Society (HoCoPoLitSo) has been enlarging the audience for contemporary poetry and literature and the world literary heritage since 1974 through public programs and its cable TV series. Volunteers are needed to assist with book sales and book inventory in January and February, 2010. *Contact Pamela Simonson at 410-772-4568 or hocopolitso@yahoo.com • Website: www.HoCoPoLitSo.org*



The Maryland Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure Our promise is to save lives and end breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality care for all and energizing science to find the cures. Komen Maryland is currently seeking dedicated and passionate people to be a part of their volunteer education team. This team will actively engage their community in order to bring breast health awareness throughout the state of Maryland. This team will include members who are willing to speak on behalf of Komen Maryland presenting breast health facts, history and mission of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, and sharing the stories of those who have survived breast cancer. Other members can be active through participation in health fairs, offering information as requested and engaging attendees in the mission of educating people on the importance of early detection. Educational opportunities take place across the state of Maryland. Training is provided. *Contact Rachel Carlberg at 410-938-8990 or rcarlberg@komenmd.org • Website: www.komenmd.org*

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service provides pro-bono legal assistance to Marylanders who cannot afford to hire an attorney. MVLS annually connects more than 700 volunteer attorneys to over 3,600 low-income Marylanders in need of civil legal services. Contributions to MVLS can enable someone to keep their home, refute an erroneous charge, become a guardian of a disabled loved one, help a parent obtain custody of a child and much more. *Contact MVLS at 443-451-4065 or evelyn@mvslaw.org • Website: www.mvslaw.org*

The Metropolitan Washington Ear provides a comprehensive array of reading and information services for blind, visually impaired, and physically disabled people who cannot effectively read print. Volunteers are needed to make recordings of current publications. Our services are free, so we always welcome donations to help with expenses. *Contact Debbie Fitch at 301-681-6636 or debbie@washear.org • Website: www.washear.org*

Moveable Feast provides nutritionally appropriate meals and nutrition counseling to people in need in central Maryland. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals on the Saturday before Thanksgiving and around the Christmas holiday to people living with HIV/AIDS and breast cancer in Howard County. There is also a need for volunteers to help with weekly food deliveries throughout the year. Donations of microwave ovens, toiletries, generic gifts for children and adults (hats, scarves sets, small toys) and monetary gifts are always appreciated.

Contact Tom Patrick at 410-327-3420, Ext 31 or tpatrick@mfeast.org • Website: www.mfeast.org

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National Family Resiliency Center, Inc. for the past 25 years has provided comprehensive clinical and educational services to families. NFRC is committed to helping children and adults preserve a sense of family, foster healthy relationships regardless of family configuration, and constructively adjust to change, especially during times of separation, divorce, reconciliation and other family transitions. Holiday donations can be made to this agency in the form of gift cards for children and parents who are experiencing financial difficulty over the holidays. Copy paper in different colors, markers, pens, construction paper and pencils for children's group programs are also needed.

Contact Kathy A. Helt at 410-740-9553, Ext 208 or khelt@divorceabc.com • Website: www.nfrchelp.org

Neighbor Ride decreases isolation and improves the quality of life for Howard County's older residents by providing a reasonably priced reliable supplemental transportation service which utilizes community volunteers and resources. In celebration of its fifth anniversary of service, Neighbor Ride has teamed up with the Volunteer Center Serving Howard County to promote volunteerism among those 60 and over. The wealth of talent and experience among older members of the Howard County community is a perfect fit for the ever-growing volunteer needs of local non-profit organizations and educational programs. Often, the only roadblock to getting seniors involved in volunteer activities is the lack of available transportation options. You can give seniors the lift they need to help others in the community and to tend to their day-to-day needs by volunteering as a Neighbor Ride driver. Driving for Neighbor Ride is an incredibly flexible and truly rewarding volunteer experience. Daytime, evening and weekend drivers are needed and volunteers are invited to choose the days and times that work best for them. A minimum commitment of one ride per month is requested of all volunteers.

Contact Rosemary Noble at 410-884-7433 or volunteer@neighborride.org • Website: www.neighborride.org

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Project Linus provides love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers". The organization seeks volunteers or groups of any age to create hand-made blankets or quilts to be donated. Also needed are postage stamps or money to buy postage, yarn or fabric donations, and gift certificates to stores (such as Joanne's, Michael's, Wal-Mart, etc.) which sell yarn and/or fabric. Volunteers are urgently needed to deliver the afghans and blankets to hospitals in Baltimore.

Contact Arlene Kutz at 410-730-8865 or kastle4@comcast.net • Website: www.projectlinus.org

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Success in Style promotes dignity and self sufficiency by providing disadvantaged women with business attire and practical fashion advice. Holiday donation needs include: suits and business separates in sizes 20-26; cosmetics (black eyeliner and mascara, concealer in all shades); jewelry (functioning watches, necklaces and earrings); and gift cards for hair salons, Target, Staples, and Payless Shoes as well as monetary donations. New administrative office needs include new computer, monitor, phone and fax.

Contact Jeannette Kendall at 410-750-6475 or successinstyle@verizon.net • Website: www.successinstyle.org

The Salvation Army of Howard County, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in his name without discrimination. We are accepting food baskets and grocery gift cards for Thanksgiving (donations due by November 20). Help bring the holiday spirit to the life of a little boy or girl, adopt a family or an angel for Christmas, please call our office for more details. Volunteers needed to staff the Angel Tree at the Mall in Columbia from November 28 thru December 13. We are now recruiting volunteers to staff kettle sites for the Christmas holidays. Money raised through our kettle campaign helps to support the programs we offer; assistance with utility turn-offs, eviction payments and keeping food on the table. Money raised also helps to support our Angel Tree program. *Contact Windy Kidd at 443-656-3376 or windy_kidd@uss.salvationarmy.org • Website: www.salvationarmysouth.org/MD • Agency can identify families in need of Thanksgiving/holiday food donations*



Tails of Hope Sanctuary fosters healthy relationships among people, animals, and the earth by rescuing animals in need, teaching humane and environmental education, and promoting wellness in the minds, hearts and bodies of all living things. Requests for holiday donations include items for dogs and cats, such as collars, harnesses, leashes, beds, comforters and gift cards from pet stores. Gas cards, postage stamps, digital camera, laptop, projector for presentations, space to set up a thrift store, land to create our sanctuary and monetary donations are also on our wish list! Volunteers with knowledge and background in domestic animals are needed for various tasks of the rescue process.

Contact Sandra Giangrande at 410-313-2713 or tohvolunteers@gmail.com • Website: www.tails-of-hope.org

Therapeutic and Recreational Riding Center, Inc. specializes in horseback riding instruction for riders with special needs. Requested donations include snacks for after-school snack table, bags of cookies, hot chocolate packets, crackers, pretzels, hot/cold cups, napkins, small paper plates, paper towels and toilet paper.

Contact Dr. Helen Tuel at 410-489-5100 or trrc01@aol.com • Website: www.trrcmd.org



Voices for Children, Inc. recruits, trains, and supervises volunteers who advocate for abused, neglected, and delinquent children in Howard County Courts. This agency requests donations of small gift certificates to fast food restaurants and movie theaters, Target, Wal-Mart, or any local book store. These gift certificates are used to take abused and neglected children on outings and also given to families in need.

Contact Erica Byrne at 410-740-0933 or ebyrne@voicesforchildren.org • Website: www.voicesforchildren.org



Winter Growth is a non-profit organization whose only goal is to help health impaired adults to continue to live meaningful lives. This agency is seeking box sets of classic movies/musicals, and a variety of CD's especially those with music from the 30's, 40's, 50's, and 60's. We would greatly appreciate a 40 inch plasma or LCD TV for our residents' multi-purpose room as well as a DVD player. In addition, we could use toiletries such as shampoo, shaving cream, toothpaste, hand and body lotion, manicure items (emery boards, new polishes, paraffin wax kits), new or gently used towels, sheets (twin), blankets, TV or snack tables, poetry books, puzzles with less than 300 pieces and arts and crafts supplies such as markers, art paper and watercolor sets.

Contact Bonnie Grabble at 410-964-9616 or bonniegrabble@wintergrowth.com • Website: www.wintergrowth.com

World Computer Exchange helps to reduce the digital divide for youth in developing countries; to build a global network of partnerships that enhance communities; and to promote the reuse and responsible recycling of computer equipment. Agency needs include donations to help cover the cost of storing equipment that will be shipped to schools in India at the beginning of the year (WACE seeks donations totaling \$399). Also, in order to continue the work of our Columbia-based chapter, we need a coordinator of volunteers from the Balt/Wash area.

Contact Tom Graham at 443-745-0066 or tgraham@worldcomputerexchange.org

Website: www.worldcomputerexchange.org

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