

## Community Based Learning Agencies 2021

### **Bethesda Mission**

Harrisburg, PA

Mission: Since 1914, Bethesda Mission has been a missionary arm of the local church, reaching out to men, women, and children of all races, nationalities, and creeds, providing the poor and homeless with shelter, food, clothing, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, and discipling them in the Christian life.

Population Served: Children, Adult, Older Adults (65+), Rural, Urban, Homeless or at risk for homelessness, those who are hungry, the poor

In Person Opportunities: Front Desk Receptionist at Women's Shelter, Program Assistant in after school program at Community Center, serving meals at men's shelter, possibly other opportunities.

Clearances: PA Child Abuse, PA Criminal Background, FBI Fingerprints (Clearances using DHS Volunteer Service Code (1KG6ZJ), Dpt. Ed. Colleges/ Universities Teacher Ed. Program Code (1KG6RT), or a different code accepted). Clearances must be less than 5 years old.

Contact Information: 717-257-4442 Rebecca Clymer [rclymer@bethesdamission.org](mailto:rclymer@bethesdamission.org)

### **Bears and Blue Jays Book Buddies**

Elizabethtown, PA

Remote Opportunities: Reading every other week to E-town Community partner families

Population Served: Children (Headstart or Elementary age)

Clearances:

Contact Information: Nicole Robinson <[nrobinson@caplanc.org](mailto:nrobinson@caplanc.org)>

### **Boys & Girls Club of Lancaster**

229 W. Lemon Street, Lancaster / 248 Locust Street, Columbia / 335 Dauphin Street, Lancaster

Mission: Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Population Served: Children, Urban, Homeless or at risk for homelessness, Refugees

Job Title: Youth Program Assistant (15 positions available)

Job Description The student will assist with a variety of hands-on activities for youth, ages 6-12. Program areas include arts, sports & recreation, health & life skills, education & career, and character & leadership.

Days and Hours Available: Monday-Friday between 3-7 PM

Clearances: PA Child abuse, PA Criminal background, FBI Fingerprint (Clearances using DHS Volunteer Service Code (1KG6ZJ) accepted), Mandated Reporter Training

Contact Information: 717-381-4702 Mary Reidy mreidy@bgclanc.org

### **Brethren Housing Association**

219 Hummel St Harrisburg, PA 17104

Mission: Our mission is to help individuals and families, who are experiencing homelessness, achieve their God-given potential by providing a holistic program of stable housing, supportive services and loving relationships.

Population Served: Children, Urban, Homeless or at risk for homelessness

In Person Opportunities: Weekly groups held on Monday at 10am and 6pm where the women in our program meet to learn life skills related to renting, budgeting, etc. While the women meet, their children come together upstairs to learn social emotional life skills by playing games, doing breathing exercises, and singing/playing games related to emotions.

Clearances: Childline Child Abuse, PA Criminal Background Check, FBI Fingerprints (Clearances using DHS Volunteer Service Code (1KG6ZJ) and FBI Affidavit accepted)

Contact Information: 717-233-6016 Ella O'Bell [eobell@bha-pa.org](mailto:eobell@bha-pa.org)

### **Columbia Prebyterian Church/Hands Across the Street**

360 Locust Street Columbia, PA 17512

Mission: OUR MISSION— “to serve the people of Columbia and the surrounding area who come seeking assistance toward a better life.” Our mission is to connect broken people to a community of support by providing free resources and services that address immediate and long-term needs in the areas of homelessness, hunger, poverty, clothing, and making friends. We value people and one another in our witness to Glorify God

Population Served: Children, Adult, Older Adult (65+), homeless or at risk for homelessness

In Person Opportunity 1: Homeless Shelter Volunteer (1 position) or Restart Day Center Volunteer (1 position)

Description: Shelter - serving dinner, helping guests with evening chores, and getting ready for bed  
Restart - Assist Shelter guests and members of the community with computer skills such as creating an email and navigate the internet for resources, possibly help with resumes, play games, and/or just give encouragement.

Days and Hours Available: Shelter 6-9 pm Restart Day Center 9 am- 2 pm

In Person Opportunity 2: Clothing Bank Volunteer (2 positions available)

Description: sorting, organizing, and hanging donated clothing, assisting our guests with shopping

Days and Hours Available: Mondays 8:30-11:30 am, Tuesdays 8:30-11:30 am and/or 4:30-7 pm

In Person Opportunity 3: Food Ministry Volunteer (1-2 positions available in each area)

Description: There are multiple opportunities but they could include unloading our food truck and stocking shelves, serving community meals, serving in the soup kitchen, making and handing out food boxes

Days and Hours Available: Soup Kitchen 10-1 weekdays, community meals 4-7:30 the first and last Sunday of the month, food truck delivery Wednesday mornings 8:30-12, food boxes Tuesdays 4-7:30 pm

In Person Opportunity 4: Children's Ministry- KidzJAM

Description: teach children a lesson, sing, play games, and do crafts

Days and Hours Available: during our community meals (1st and last Sunday of each month 4:30-7:30) and church service (9:30-11:30 am Sunday mornings)

Upcoming Opportunity: We will soon be adding an afternoon snack and evening meal weekdays from 3:30-5:30 for children and seniors.

Clearances: none unless working in KidzJAM program which would be child abuse and criminal background

Contact Information: Lynn Mull, 717-684-6271, columbiahandsacrossthestreet@gmail.com

### **Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries - Frey Village**

1020 N Union Street Middletown, PA. 17057

Mission: In response to God's love in Jesus Christ, Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries will demonstrate God's command to love the neighbor through acts of service.

Population Served: Older Adults (65+)

In Person Opportunities: One of the needs is to have students available to go to resident rooms and help them with their digital devices (tablets, phones, laptops, etc.). Two students. Covid screening upon entry to the building and would need to sign a few privacy forms

Remote Opportunities: TBD

Clearances: PA Criminal Background, TB testing

Contact Information: 717-930-1225 Tracy Klein [kleint@diakon.org](mailto:kleint@diakon.org)

### **ECHOS**

61 E. Washington Street, Suite #110, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Mission: Mobilize communities to provide services that prevent and alleviate poverty and empower stability in our neighbors.

Population Served: Any one in the Elizabethtown community, but primarily those with low-income and often homeless individuals

In Person Opportunities: Starting October 4, ECHOS will be offering an Enrichment Center in our new building at Community Place on Washington. This will be a place for people in the community to come and get resources – a computer lab, basic necessities, and assistance with other information. We need it to be staffed Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am – 4 pm and Tuesday noon – 4 pm. There will be a case manager available for questions and greater needs. The volunteer will be a presence in that space and offer general help. It is in-person only. We could take 5 – 10 volunteers, but only 1 at any given time.

Clearances: Criminal background check and child abuse clearance is required, FBI clearance is needed if they haven't lived in PA for the past 10 years, general computer knowledge (searching, word processing, email setup) is helpful but not required.

Contact Information: Beth Dreyer-DeGoede - [office@echoslanaster.org](mailto:office@echoslanaster.org) Office: 717-361-0740 ext 200

### **Elizabethtown Community Nursery School (ECNS)- maybe**

777 South Mount Joy St Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Mission: Early Education Program

Population Served: Children

In Person Opportunities: Assisting teachers with non-teaching duties and interacting one-on-one with preschoolers

Clearances: PA Child Abuse, PA Criminal Background, FBI Fingerprints (Clearances using DHS Volunteer Service Code (1KG6ZJ) and Dpt. Ed. Colleges/ Universities Teacher Ed. Program Code (1KG6RT) accepted)

Contact Information: 717-367-6772 Kathy Horning [khorning@etowncns.org](mailto:khorning@etowncns.org)

### **Elizabethtown Community Housing & Outreach Services (ECHOS)- Spring semester only**

61 E. Washington St. Elizabethtown

Mission: ECHOS is a social services agency that acts as a community gateway to connect families and individuals experiencing or at-risk for homelessness with urgent and long-term services in the greater Elizabethtown area.

Population Served: Children, Adult, Older Adults (65+), Rural, Homeless or at risk for homelessness

In Person Opportunities: Assisting in the emergency shelter (open December through March) - evening check in.

Clearances: Childline Child Abuse, PA Criminal Background, FBI Fingerprints (Clearances using DHS Volunteer Service Code (1KG6ZJ) and FBI Affidavit accepted)

Contact Information: 717-361-0740 ext 200 Beth Dreyer-DeGoede [office@echoslanaster.org](mailto:office@echoslanaster.org)

### **Faithful Homes**

1467 Lancaster Rd Manheim, PA 17545

Mission: Our mission is to provide revolutionary supports to individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities to promote their independence

Population Served: Adult

In Person/Remote Opportunities: Remote opportunities to chat virtually with one our residents and provide care and support. IF student and resident agree to meet in person, they can definitely do that!

Clearances: None

Contact Information: 717-814-1113 Will Blair [Willb@faithfulhomespa.com](mailto:Willb@faithfulhomespa.com)

### **Faithful Living**

2015 N Reading Rd Denver, PA 17517

Mission: Devoted to excellence in care, nurturing body, mind, and spirit.

Population Served: Adult, Older Adults (65+), Rural, Veterans, disabled, dementia

In Person Opportunities: Meet with a resident or small group of residents for discussion, understanding lifespan development, and/or participating in activities (board game, art, music, etc).

Remote Opportunities: Meet with a resident via Zoom or phone call for discussion, understanding lifespan development, and/or participating in activities (board game, art, music, etc) along with sending letters

Clearances: We require meeting with the Organization Contact for a brief training before meeting with residents. Preferred, but not required: PA Criminal Background

Contact Information: Susan Sarzynski - 717-336-5501 Extension 308.

### **Friendship Heart Studio & Gallery**

118 N Water St Lancaster, PA 17603

Mission: Friendship Community is a Christian ministry cultivating capabilities of Individuals with Intellectual Disability and Autism.

Population Served: Adult, Rural, Urban, IDD/ Autism

In Person Opportunities: We have opportunities for students to volunteer in-person at our Art Studio working with adults with an Intellectual Disability to create works of art. We also have opportunities for students to work with our Gallery team to assist with managing our retail gallery.

Clearances: PA Criminal Background Check

Contact Information: 717-945-6904 Jeremy L. Detweiler [jdetweiler@friendshipcommunity.net](mailto:jdetweiler@friendshipcommunity.net)

### **Hands Across the Street**

Columbia, PA

Mission: to serve the people of Columbia and the surrounding area who come seeking assistance toward a better life

Population Served: Urban, under-resourced

In Peron Opportunities:

Supervisor Regina: At the shelter, they have 2 options: M-F 9am-2pm, and 7 days a week 6-9pm. Do not have to be there all 5 or 7 days, and can do any part of those hours with only some days a week or some times. It is somewhat flexible. The hope would be to be there for anything the guests would need including computer help, someone to talk to, play games, and general interaction with guests. No clearances need or training required.

Supervisor Jenn: - At the clothing bank, help is need Tuesday evenings from 5-7 because that is when the community comes. This time would be spent interacting with the guests while they choose clothes. No clearances need or training required.

Supervisor Jenn: At the food bank/soup kitchen, help is need M-F from 10am-12:30pm. There is also a community meal every first and Sunday from 4-7pm. Help is needed to serve to go food and interacting with guests. No clearances need or training required.

316 Locust Street Columbia, PA

Supervisor Faith: More info coming. In October, there will be an after-school program from 3:30-5 for any school aged children and help is needed to guide the children through planned activities. Clearances required.

Clearances: Childline Child Abuse, PA Criminal Background Check, FBI Fingerprints (FBI Affidavit accepted) – need for after school program only.

Contact: Lynn Mull [columbiahandsacrossthestreet@gmail.com](mailto:columbiahandsacrossthestreet@gmail.com)

**Juniper Village at Mount Joy**

607 Hearthstone Lane Mount Joy, PA 17552

Mission: To be the people, places and programs that nurture the spirit of life in each individual we touch.

Population Served: Older Adults (65+)

In Person Opportunities: One on one supportive engagement visits, leading and assisting in leading small and large group activities and/or creating community partnerships with local businesses.

Remote Opportunities: One on one supportive engagement visits and/or creating community partnerships with local businesses.

Clearances: PA Criminal Background Check, FBI Clearance only if on site and lived out of state in last two years.

Contact Information: 717-492-9692 [renee.lentz@junipercommunities.com](mailto:renee.lentz@junipercommunities.com)

### **Lancaster DownTowners – Ztutors**

Mission: Using the Zoom online platform to read, listen, and talk with an elementary school student to build confidence, experience success reading, and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Population Served: Elementary school students

Remote Opportunities: Hold 1 or 2 Zoom reading sessions with 1 or 2 elementary school students per week. A session could last up to 30 minutes, generally less. Ideally sessions will continue through the end of the school year. Complete a one-two sentence summary after each reading session and submit to the ZTutors Program.

Clearances: Online Registration with ZTutors (via Google Form), Child Abuse History Clearance, Pennsylvania Criminal History Background Check, FBI Criminal History Record - If you have lived in PA less than 10 years (requires fingerprinting)

Contact Information: Melissa Ressler – 717-584-1224 - downtownersoffice@gmail.com

### **Mt Hope Nazarene Retirement Community**

3026 Mt Hope Home Road, Manheim, PA 17545

Mission: To care for seniors in a skilled nursing facility, some of whom have no where else to go. We are faith-based and called to care for "the least of these".

Population Served: Older Adults (65+)

Remote Opportunities: Video Chats

Clearances: PA Child Abuse, PA Criminal Background, Volunteer Paperwork, One-Hour Validation Training via Zoom

Contact Information: 717-665-6365, (ext.-234) James Day, Life Enrichment Director  
jday@mthopenazarene.org

### **Mural Arts Philadelphia**

2106 South 8th Street

Mission: Community Arts and Behavioral Health Outreach

Population Served: Children, Adult, Older Adult (65+), Urban, Refugees

In Person Opportunities: Tutoring and Teaching English Language Learners



Remote Opportunities: Same as above

Clearances: PA Child Abuse, PA Criminal Background

Contact Information: 215-370-8119 Melissa Fogg [melissa.fogg@muralarts.org](mailto:melissa.fogg@muralarts.org)

### **PA Migrant Education Program - Lancaster and Lebanon County**

220 N Prince St. Millersville, Pa 17551

Mission: The Pennsylvania Migrant Education Program will assist migrant students and their families in overcoming the barriers created by their move into a new school district and community. We will make the best educational services available to our students by offering supportive services to the school districts where they reside, by encouraging migrant parents to become involved in their children's education, and by providing our students with comprehensive academic and emotional support.

Population Served: Children, Adult, Rural, Urban, Homeless or at risk for homelessness, refugees

In Person Opportunities: Direct client contact with in-home instruction or tutoring programs and/or virtual opportunities.

Remote Opportunities: Remote may be one on one, small group, or large group tutoring programs via Zoom or Google Meets.

Clearances: PA Child Abuse, PA Criminal Background, FBI Fingerprints (Clearances using Dpt. Ed. Colleges/ Universities Teacher Ed. Program Code (1KG6RT) or different code accepted), Mandated Reporter Training

Contact Information: 717-615-6948 Amanda Guzman [amanda.guzman@millersville.edu](mailto:amanda.guzman@millersville.edu)

### **Play and Learn**

Mission: Play and Learns are regularly scheduled sessions that include child-directed play, intentional caregiver learning, and more. Plant the Seed of Learning provides resources for families with children ages birth to 2. Grow the Seed of Learning provides resources for families with children ages two to four to educate families about brain development prior to Kindergarten entry.

Population Served: Children (birth- 5)

In Person Opportunities: Leading stations for both programs directly interacting with parents and children for the programs. 3 Volunteers needed. Volunteers must be able to attend each meeting during Semester. Play and Learns are held on Tuesday Mornings 9:30-11:30. Fall Dates: October 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9. Spring Dates: March 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12. Plant the Seed of Learning (birth-2) and Grow

the Seed of Learning (3-5) will be held Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:30. Fall Dates: November 16 ,23.  
Spring Dates: January 18, 25; March 15, 22; April 12, 19.

Clearances:

Contact Information: Nicole Robinson - [nrobinson@caplanc.org](mailto:nrobinson@caplanc.org)

**Virtual Senior Center:** Lancaster County Office of Aging

Mission: Offers Lancaster County residents age 55+ an opportunity to connect with other seniors to play games, create art, learn a musical instrument, exercise, or learn new information.

Population Served: Seniors

Remote Opportunities: Volunteering to do a program(s) on the virtual center. Most classes are one hour in length, but a few, like the hand drumming class, are only a half hour. Examples of classes include Technology and Art classes, Bingo and other games, and exercise.

Clearances:

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