



# HELPING HANDS

The official source for information regarding  
volunteer opportunities and community service at Pitt-Greensburg

## Welcome to our new e-newsletter...

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities on campus and in the community, or would you like to share some exciting news about your most recent volunteer experience? Would you like to send a special "Kudos!" to a person or club that recently went above and beyond by contributing to the campus community as a volunteer? If so, you're in the right place.

You are reading Pitt-Greensburg's newest electronic publication, **Helping Hands**. This newsletter will be published by the Office of Student Services and Office of Career Services. You should expect this special delivery to your e-mail inbox each month.

As a student, faculty, or staff member, you are free to contribute to this newsletter and reap the benefits of reading it, as well. We hope to grow to meet the needs of our community in the coming months.

In the meantime, send your comments, suggestions, or questions about the newsletter, to Beth Tiedemann, director of career services, at [tiedeman@pitt.edu](mailto:tiedeman@pitt.edu), or Brian Root, resident director, at [bkr5@pitt.edu](mailto:bkr5@pitt.edu).

## Be a Scholar in Service!

Are you interested in obtaining extended volunteer and leadership experience? If so, we hope you'll consider the **Scholars in Service to PA** program.

This will be Pitt-Greensburg's second year participating in the Scholars in Service to PA program which is administered through AmeriCorps. We are looking for 8 students to make up this year's group of Scholars. Scholars complete 450 hours of community service and ongoing leadership activities in exchange for an education award of \$1,250, which can be applied to past, present, or future education expenses.

If you would like to learn more about the Scholars program, attend a brief information session at noon on Friday, Sept. 14 in Village Hall 101. For more information or to pick up an application packet, contact Beth Tiedemann, Director of Career Services, at 724.836.7182 or at [tiedeman@pitt.edu](mailto:tiedeman@pitt.edu).



"Scholars has opened up the doorway to many different opportunities for me."  
Lisa Rendos, 1<sup>st</sup> year  
Scholars participant

## Wish you could help others, but don't know where to start?



Westmoreland County Volunteer Fair

Thursday, September 20, 2007

2-6 p.m.

Westmoreland County Community College  
Gymnasium, Founders Hall

# volunteer spotlight

## Diane Williams



Junior Diane Williams loves to volunteer. She's quite the busy bee on the Pitt-Greensburg campus, but she always finds time to lend a helping hand.

Diane is vice president of Circle K, one of the campus's largest community service organizations; and she is one of the two student coordinators for Lunch Buddies this year. Lunch Buddies is a volunteer organization through Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Laurel Region. Also, over the summer, Diane put in 120 volunteer hours with the Fayette County Career Link.

But what's her favorite volunteer activity?

"My favorite volunteer activity would be the Lunch Buddies program," she says. "I love spending time with a child each week and being their mentor. It is most gratifying to see them grow throughout the school year and knowing that you made a difference in a child's life."

Diane is also a Resident Assistant, Presidential Ambassador, secretary of the SGA House of Representatives, and a PittPAL on campus.

"I know I'm a busy person, but I make time to do volunteer work because it's so important to me," Diane says. "I do volunteer work because I enjoy helping others."

### Volunteers are needed at a local organic farm.



Work could include a combination of farm work and office work, such as research for grants, advertising and general office work.

Hours are flexible and volunteers are needed year-round. For more information, contact Pitt-Greensburg student Paul Sarver at 724.834.2334 or [prs9@pitt.edu](mailto:prs9@pitt.edu).



Looking for volunteer opportunities? Stop by 219 Chambers Hall and pick up a copy of this year's **Volunteer Opportunity Guide**. This publication contains contact information for more than 50+ volunteer agencies in Westmoreland County!

**Get yours today!**

Would you like to have something published in **Helping Hands**? If so, send your information to [bkr5@pitt.edu](mailto:bkr5@pitt.edu).

# Upcoming Community Service Opportunities

- Thursday, Sept. 13 Pitt-Greensburg Habitat For Humanity kick-off meeting, 7:30 p.m. in Fireside Lounge. New members and interested persons are encouraged to attend. Meetings occur every other week at same time & place!
- Saturday, Sept. 15 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Walk to Cure Diabetes. 1,500+ people are expected to walk in Westmoreland County's walk on the Pitt-Greensburg campus. Registration – 9 a.m. Walk begins – 10 a.m. For more info, go to: [http://www.jdrf.org/index.cfm?page\\_id=105128](http://www.jdrf.org/index.cfm?page_id=105128)
- Wednesday, Sept. 19 "Spooning for Animals." Resident Assistant Stephanie Parke is holding a spoons tournament at 7 p.m. in Robertshaw Hall to benefit a local animal shelter. There is a \$1 minimum donation to play. For more info, contact [slp38@pitt.edu](mailto:slp38@pitt.edu)
- Thursday, Sept. 20 Westmoreland County Volunteer Fair at Westmoreland County Community College, 2-6 p.m. For more info., contact Louise Wilhelm at 724.853.7752 or [louisewilhelm@yahoo.com](mailto:louisewilhelm@yahoo.com)
- Thursday, Sept. 20 Lunch Buddies information session, noon – 12:45 p.m., Smith Hall Lounge. Interested students should drop in to find out about the program and pick up an application. For more info., contact Diane ([dmw27@pitt.edu](mailto:dmw27@pitt.edu)) or Lynne ([lmm66@pitt.edu](mailto:lmm66@pitt.edu)).
- Thursday, Sept. 20 Circle K meeting at 7 p.m. Location TBA. For more info on how to join the world's largest community service organization for college students, contact Nicole at [nmp21@pitt.edu](mailto:nmp21@pitt.edu).
- Friday, Sept. 21 Deadline for **Scholars in Service to PA** applications.
- Friday, Sept. 21 Bowl For Kids' Sake Cosmic/Midnight Bowl-A-Thon, sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Laurel Region, midnight – 2:30 a.m. at Hillview Lanes, Greensburg. For more info, visit [www.bbbslr.org](http://www.bbbslr.org).
- Saturday, Oct. 27 Westmoreland County Food Bank 5K Harvest Run & Walk at Pitt-Greensburg. Registration – 8 a.m. Run begins at 9 a.m. For more info or registration materials, contact Jennifer Miller at 724.468.8660, ext. 15. Register at [www.westmorelandcountyfoodbank.org](http://www.westmorelandcountyfoodbank.org).

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