



# The Community Caller

Invitations & Opportunities for You to Make a Difference!

**September 23, 2021**

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Dear Friends,

My work has involved interactions with hundreds of people over the last few weeks. Some interactions have been safely in person, and some virtual. In both cases, I've engaged with student groups & young professionals; I've met members of LHA's Community Leadership Series Class of 2022, and worked with Rotary leaders across the Northeast US and into Canada. While there is energy and excitement for sure, there seems to be an underlying heaviness. I wouldn't call it despair, maybe seriousness, just heaviness across all groups. Maybe you've noticed it in your circles at work or in peer & professional interactions.

So, here are a few things that I've shared with these groups. Maybe you know someone who could be helped by this information... maybe you!

1. It's not feasible to be happy all the time. Happiness is a fleeting emotion. It IS possible to be grateful all the time. No matter what we're facing, if we take a moment to list three things for which we're thankful, we can totally change our mindset. In addition to noting three things for which we're thankful, sending someone a note of appreciation maximizes the gratitude. It is physically impossible to be anxious and grateful at the same time. Give it a try!

2. Strive to be positive. Think positive thoughts and share positive comments. Positivity isn't naïve, it's a high-level leadership function. What's more, research shows that positive thoughts can boost immune responses and even reduce health risks. Positivity can be contagious! Our days can be so much more productive when we give people a little bit of our heart rather than a piece of our mind.

3. When asking people to list their greatest strengths, many struggle. But let's push through. What are the two things you like best about yourself? Be fair and be kind. Write down your top two strengths. Let's allow ourselves to appreciate who we are and the gifts we have to offer. Remember to celebrate your strengths.

Nothing can lift the spirits like giving back. Please take a few moments to look through the opportunities to be of service and of value listed throughout The Community Caller. Many thanks to PSECU for their generous sponsorship; to Brandon Miller for his efforts to grow this publication; and to all of you for your desire to help!

Take good care,



Una Martone, '07  
President & CEO  
Leadership Harrisburg Area



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Listed Alphabetically by Organization



### Volunteers Needed for Event Leadership Teams

Each year, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer (MSABC) of Harrisburg brings the south central PA community together to unite against breast cancer. As a member of the leadership team, you will have the opportunity to help lead our

efforts in the planning and execution of this event. We are looking for passionate and dedicated individuals who want to make an impact in the fight against breast cancer while helping raise more funds for our mission. The 2021 Drive-Thru event date is **Saturday, October 16th**. More info on event available by [Clicking here](#).

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## Diverse Community Leaders Needed

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region** is starting a new program called "**Youth Rise: Stand Together.**" The goal of the program is to connect local kids from diverse communities with caring adults who can share their experiences, guidance, and encouragement. Help today's youth envision tomorrow's community! For more information, contact Roe Braddy at [rbraddy@capbigs.org](mailto:rbraddy@capbigs.org) or (717) 851-8478.

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## Help Families Experiencing Homelessness

Interested in volunteering to help families experiencing homelessness? **Brethren Housing Association** (BHA) is in need of volunteers to support our Adopt-An-Apartment program by cleaning and furnishing an empty apartment before a new family moves in. BHA is also in need of volunteers to donate cleaning and hygiene supplies, and work groups to assist the BHA Property Manager with renovation projects, maintenance needs, painting, and cleaning. These opportunities are great for church and community groups, families, and corporate team building activities. If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at BHA, visit [bha-pa.org](http://bha-pa.org) or contact BHA Program Director, Marilyn Bellesfield, at [mbellesfield@bha-pa.org](mailto:mbellesfield@bha-pa.org).

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## Your Time is a Gift We Need!

Your time is a gift! Volunteers at the **Central Pennsylvania Food Bank** produce the equivalent of a meal a minute while helping sort and pack food into boxes for families in need. Individuals or groups up to 30 can safely volunteer in the large, off-site Central Packing Operation with wide space for social distancing and other COVID-19 protocols. Volunteer shifts are available Monday-Saturday and

volunteers must be 18 or older. To learn more, and to indicate your interest in volunteering, please visit the Give Time section of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank's website by [Clicking here](#).

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## Mentor HACC Students and Alumni!

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is excited to announce the launch of a Mentoring Network Program to help students and alumni find mentors for career networking opportunities and gaining first-hand valuable insights for career exploration. For more information and to sign-up as a Mentor [Click here!](#) Or, contact Nicole McCartan at [nlmccart@hacc.edu](mailto:nlmccart@hacc.edu).

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## Your Company can Inspire Local Students!

**Junior Achievement of South Central PA** recently launched a new way to help prepare students for a bright future. **JA Inspire Virtual** is a virtual career fair targeted to 8th-12th grade students. Students will enter the career fair after completing a career assessment, learning about career clusters and uncovering where they might excel in the working world. This information allows students time to select high school courses that fit within their newly found career interests. Your company can inspire students by sharing cool things about your business and marketing your company to students, educators, parents, and other businesses through JA Inspire. For more information please contact Allison Kierce at [akierce@jascpa.org](mailto:akierce@jascpa.org) or 717-843-8028.

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## Youth Heart Screening at Big Spring High School

**The Peyton Walker Foundation** is supporting a UPMC heart screening hosted by Big Spring High School that takes place on **Saturday, October 16, 2021**. The Foundation provides about 40 medical volunteers and 20 non-medical event volunteers. Prior to the screening, The Foundation's volunteer management software (Time To Sign-Up) can be found by [Clicking here](#) and includes setup opportunities on Friday, October 15th. We ask that all volunteers watch the video about the Foundation prior to participating in a heart screening event – "OUR LIFESAVING WORK" by [Clicking here](#). Volunteer jobs are split into 3 shifts,

exceptions are noted in descriptions. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to shift for orientation, sign-in upon arrival and sign-out when completed hours worked. A Volunteer Acknowledgement Form will be available for community service hours credit.

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## Extra Hands Needed this Weekend at Lincoln Cemetery

**Saving Our Ancestors Legacy** (SOAL) could really use some help at Lincoln Cemetery this weekend. The overgrowth is too much for a handful of volunteers to get through, and there are some sites that have been exposed and need to be covered back up. Members from SOAL plan to be there on **September 25 & 26** from Noon to Dusk and the event is being publicized on Facebook, which you can view by [clicking here](#).



# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Listed Chronologically by Event Date

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**Good Brotha's**  
- BOOK CAFÉ -

## Atlanta-based Author Reading

The public is welcome and invited to hear author Danielle Jackson, who is traveling from Atlanta to Harrisburg, read her book *Turnip at the Community Garden* at [Good Brotha's Cafe and Book Store](#) on **Friday, September 24, 2021**

at 4:00 PM. She will also be at the Camp Curtin YMCA Community Garden **Saturday, September 25** at 10:00 AM in partnership with Rafiqqa Muhammad's community garden efforts.

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## Virtual DEI Conversation

**Community Action Association of Pennsylvania** (CAAP) encourages you to join Community Action Agencies across Pennsylvania for a lively conversation about diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and the role Community Action Agencies play in advancing social justice issues across the state on **Tuesday, September 28, 2021** from 2:00 - 3:30 PM. We will hear from Agency leaders, board members and longtime advocates of Community Action on the history of race and justice within Community Action and on what new initiatives are underway to bring justice to those who continue to face issues of poverty. Hosted by Winslow Mason, CAAP's Senior Director for Strategic Change. Register for this virtual event by contacting Winslow Mason, CAAP Senior Director for Strategic Change at [winslow@thecaap.org](mailto:winslow@thecaap.org).

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## Beyond Diversity - Committing to Equity and Belonging

**The Diversity & Inclusion Professionals of Central PA** (DIPCPA) are hosting their Virtual Conference on **Friday, October 1, 2021** from 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM. They are excited about their speaker line up and will cover various DEI topics guaranteed to engage and inform members, professionals, allies, and champions. Please help spread the word with this [flyer](#), register by [clicking here](#), and find them on Facebook & LinkedIn for the most up to date information as it is released.

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## Putt for Education

You are invited to come down and visit **Junior Achievement of South Central Pennsylvania** at Village Greens Miniature Golf in Strasburg, PA for 24 Holes of Mini Golf on **October 1, 2021**. Tee Time is: 10:00 AM. This is a great teambuilding opportunity, and the cost includes lunch and prizes! Registration is still available, and all details can be found by [clicking here](#).



## The Salvation Army Invites You

Shoe Strut is back for its 10th anniversary event! This year we will gather at the Hershey Lodge on **October 1, 2021** for lunch, silent and live auctions, a fashion trends presentation, contests and more from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm! Proceeds from the event provide funding for **The Salvation Army Harrisburg's** 11 programs and services to the local community. Also, each ticketed guest enables us to provide one shoe voucher to a local child in need. To view the event brochure, [click here](#).



## 4th Annual Harrisburg Hoopla

The **Emerging Philanthropists Program** (EPP), a partnership of Harrisburg Young Professionals (HYP) and The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) will be hosting the **4th Annual Harrisburg Hoopla** on **Saturday, October 2, 2021**. It will be a full-day event consisting of teams competing in various events such as physical games (individual and teams) and puzzle-type games. Each team will represent a local nonprofit organization and compete to donate a portion of the event's proceeds to that nonprofit! A portion of the event's proceeds will also benefit the Emerging Philanthropist Fund at TFEC. Interested in participating or registering a team? [Click here!](#)



## Celebrating One Year Anniversary

**Reading 365** is celebrating its one year anniversary with a Zoom and Facebook Live reading of *I Am Enough* by Grace Byers at 11:00 AM on **Saturday, October 2, 2021**. The goal is for 365 people to sign on and read together in unison that day. To view the event flyer for more information, [click here](#).

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## New Permanent Home Ribbon Cutting

**Recycle Bicycle** invites you to join us for our Grand Opening event on **Tuesday, October 5, 2021** at 3:30 PM at 1722 Chestnut Street. Harrisburg Mayor Pappenfuse will be cutting the ribbon to start the festivities. We are very excited to show off our new permanent home and the beautiful mural painting on the building. This celebration is our way of thanking our valued donors and dedicated volunteers; introducing us to the neighborhood; and bringing together local organizations. Join us for a tour of the facility, information booths and children's activities. For over 20 years Recycle Bicycle Harrisburg has focused on our mission to provide all residents of the greater Harrisburg area – especially those of limited means – with access to safe, reliable, affordable, and environmentally friendly transportation in the form of bicycles. With the support of generous donors, the city, and the community we have now have our permanent building in South Allison Hill. Many volunteers, including volunteer professionals and those seeking community service, have spent hours helping to make this a reality. We are also thrilled to have a mural painted on the building through Sprocket Mural Works and the 2021 Harrisburg Mural Fest. We hope you can join us! Please RSVP by September 24, 2021 by emailing [contact@rbhburg.org](mailto:contact@rbhburg.org) or calling 717-978-3919.

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## Help Families and Empower Single Mothers

The **Brethren Housing Association** (BHA) is hosting their Annual Celebration which helps BHA support essential work being done to serve families experiencing homelessness at 5:30 PM on **Thursday, October 7, 2021**. Tickets can be purchased online at [bha-pa.org](http://bha-pa.org) or by contacting Jessica Vinton at [events@bha-pa.org](mailto:events@bha-pa.org).

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## Annual Cornhole Tournament

Inviting you to **Leadership Harrisburg Area's** 8th Cornhole Tournament founded by the CLS Class of 2013 and organized by the current Alumni Engagement Committee on **Friday, October 8, 2021**. The new location is at Enginuity, 180 Silver Spring Road. It's a great way to reconnect with Leadership Harrisburg Area alumni & friends. Registration opens at 4:30 PM while Beer, food, great competition, and prizes await. Pick a fun team name and register today as a Team or as a Spectator by [clicking here](#).

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## Space Week: Women in Space

**Whitaker Center** will be hosting a World Space Week celebration on **October 9, 2021** from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Whitaker Center is proud to host Dr. Jan Davis, NASA Astronaut, as the keynote speaker for the event. She will share her journey and accomplishments from her three space shuttle missions. The Space Day celebration will also include viewing of Apollo 11: First Steps Edition and hands-on activities and exploration in the Harsco Science Center and STEM Design Studios for all participants. The day will wrap up with a meet-and-greet and photo signing with Dr. Davis. For tickets and more information [click here](#).

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## Rising with Resilience

Registration is now open for the 2021 (virtual) **Collaborative Conference's** learning, connection, community, and just plain fun (something we could all use a little more of lately) at Rising with Resilience by [clicking here](#)! Over the course of four days (**October 12, 14, 19, and 21**) we'll look at how resilience is and can be showing up in all aspects of our work.

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## Leadership Speakers Series Powered by PNC

LHA's Fall Leadership Speakers Series continues on **Friday, October 15** from 8:00 – 9:00 AM featuring Omar L. Harris, overviewing his new book "Be a J.E.D.I. Leader Not a Boss." To register [click here](#).

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## 3rd Annual Tribute to Trailblazers

The [National Coalition of 100 Black Women - Harrisburg Chapter](#) invites you to attend the annual Trailblazers Awards Gala on **Friday, October 22** at 7:30 PM. For ticket purchases, sponsorship, and vendor information is available at: [www.ncbwharrisburgpa.org](http://www.ncbwharrisburgpa.org)

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## Big Brothers Big Sisters is going "Over the Edge"

Take the elevator up, and the rope down! [Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region](#) (BBBSCR) invites you to participate in Over the Edge, a rooftop rappelling adventure taking place on **Friday, October 29, 2021** beginning 9:00 AM in downtown Harrisburg. Participants raise funds to support BBBSCR's life-changing youth mentoring programs. Corporate sponsorships are available, including Toss Your Boss, Chuck a Coach, Nudge a Nurse and more! [Click here](#) to register, donate or sponsor the event.

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## Unique Fundraising Dinner

Evening in the Shadows is an event in which [Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania](#) (VRCP) guests wear adjustable lightweight blindfolds and are served a five-course meal paired with fine wines while enjoying live entertainment on **Thursday, November 4, 2021** from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. This awareness event offers participants the experience of dining through the eyes and senses of someone who is visually impaired. All proceeds benefit Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania. Attendees rave about the experience, so don't miss this popular annual event! Tickets can be purchased from the homepage prior to the event at [www.vrocp.org](http://www.vrocp.org).

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Hospice of Central PA

## Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans

On **Sunday, November 7, 2021** join [Hospice of Central PA](#) for a special event to honor Vietnam Veterans by. Soldiers returning home from World War II, or the Korean War, were welcomed back as heroes. This was not the case when our soldiers returned home from Vietnam. Some Vietnam Veterans were greeted with anger or hostility. Others noticed there was no reaction at all. Many shared that civilians seemed uncomfortable around them, and did not want to hear about their wartime experiences. Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event will honor the Veterans in our community. This program is just one way HCP recognizes the unique needs of Veterans, thanks them for their service to our country, and provides a respectful Welcome Home. More details will be available closer to the event date. [Click here](#) for more information.

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Let's get it done.

## 8th Annual Latino Ball

The Latino Ball is BACK! Save the date of **Saturday, November 13, 2021**. We are thrilled to bring back our signature and premier red tie & red carpet event — Latino Ball. We are thrilled to announce MEXICO as this year's featured country. Get ready for an evening filled with much culture, dance, arts, entertainment and much more!

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**December Dinner and Tour you Won't Want to Miss**

The [Historic Harrisburg Association](#) invites you to their upcoming events in December including the 30th Annual Elegant Progressions Dinner and Annual Candlelight House Tour. [Click here](#) for more information.

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# BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

Listed Alphabetically by Organization

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## Be a Beacon of Health & Hope

[Beacon Clinic for Health & Hope](#), a medical free clinic and 501c3 organization located in Harrisburg, needs active and vibrant people to expand their board of directors. They are currently seeking individuals with expertise in marketing, public relations, and IT. Interested individuals should contact Lori Clark Robinson, Beacon Clinic Board President, at [lorialrob@comcast.net](mailto:lorialrob@comcast.net).

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## CAGA Seeks Board Members

[The Capital Area Greenbelt Association](#) (CAGA) is actively recruiting new board members. People with experience in banking/finance/accounting and also social media/marketing are especially desired. Currently, CAGA meets virtually at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. A board member provides professional counsel and guidance to the Board, is expected to serve on at least one committee, and provide volunteer support when their schedule permits. Board members participate in developing CAGA's near-term projects and priorities as well as assist with the implementation of CAGA's strategic plan and long-term goals. CAGA's annual meeting coincides with the Board's November meeting. Contact Michael Shaull at 717.585.3435 or [meshaull@hotmail.com](mailto:meshaull@hotmail.com).

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## CASA Seeks Board Members

**Dauphin County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)** is a fresh, new non-profit serving Dauphin County. After a few years of developing as a new program we are seeing great strides and success stories rolling in including sibling group adoption success stories and a IEP implementation success stories, including one in which a child now has a goal to pursue further education, all with the help of their CASA advocate. Dauphin County CASA is a nonprofit which serves children in the foster system and at risk youth by providing court-appointed special advocates to advocate on behalf of these children and their best interests. More information on who we are and what we do can be found on our website [dauphincountycasa.org](http://dauphincountycasa.org) We are now seeking to expand our Board. The Board is a working Board, we meet quarterly on a Tuesday evening with committee meetings in between and ask that each member join a committee. We also ask each member to support Dauphin County CASA by contributing or soliciting funds annually. For additional information, please contact Amy Doherty, Governance Chair at [amyelizabethdoherty@gmail.com](mailto:amyelizabethdoherty@gmail.com).

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## Check Out this Leadership Opportunity

The **Community Check-up Center (CCC)** seeks board members with leadership and organizational skills for strong and successful functioning of the board, as well as skills in fundraising, and contacts with community leaders. This non-profit health center, located in south Harrisburg, provides quality care to Harrisburg's most diverse and underserved children and adults. All are welcome, respected and treated with care regardless of their ability to pay. Currently, most of the services focus on pediatric and gynecological care. Please contact CCC Board Member, Elizabeth Johnson at [cej74dgd@verizon.net](mailto:cej74dgd@verizon.net) for more information.

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## Join the Fight to End Cystic Fibrosis

The **Cystic Fibrosis Foundation**'s Harrisburg Office is looking for board members to help launch a new advisory board that will represent Central PA. The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is to cure cystic fibrosis and to provide all people with CF the opportunity to lead long, fulfilling lives by funding research and drug development, partnering with the CF community, and advancing high-quality, specialized care. We are looking for individuals who can help us advance our mission by leveraging their contacts and their time to support our events and office. Interested individuals should contact Chris Lunden, Associate Executive Director at [clunden@cff.org](mailto:clunden@cff.org).

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## Seeking a Board Treasurer

**Gather in the Spirit for Justice** is a non profit focused on community building programs in Allison Hill, and they are in need of a Treasurer for their board. A copy of the position description can be found by [clicking here](#). If you have experience in finance or accounting and have a heart for helping Harrisburg, especially in the Allison Hill area, please do reach out to Clay Lambert at [clay.jh.lambert@gmail.com](mailto:clay.jh.lambert@gmail.com)

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**Susquehanna Chorale**

*Enriching lives through song*

Linda L. Tedford, Artistic Director, Founder and Conductor

## Triplet of Skills Choral Board Opportunity

**The Susquehanna Chorale** is seeking an individual who loves choral music and has expertise in marketing, public relations, or IT to serve on the Chorale board. The Susquehanna Chorale is a Harrisburg based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization widely recognized as one of the outstanding choral ensembles in the United States. The organization also provides an educational outreach program for area students between grades three and twelve. In addition, it sponsors a conducting internship for area college students. Interested: Contact David Blunk at 717-932-4039 or [dblunk@epix.net](mailto:dblunk@epix.net) for more information.

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## Envision Yourself Serving

**Vision Resources of Central PA**, is a 100 year- old non - profit organization with a mission to assist the Blind and Visually Impaired in Central PA by facilitating independence, enriching the quality of life, and empowering individuals who are visually impaired or otherwise disabled through prevention, employment and educational awareness programs. We are looking for interested individuals to serve on our Board of Directors. If you would like to learn more please check out our [website](#) or contact Danette Blank, Executive Director [dblank@vrocp.org](mailto:dblank@vrocp.org) or 717 238-2531.

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### You Might be Board Solid, but are you BOARD STRONG?

**Board Strong** is a program of **Leadership Harrisburg Area** that was made possible through a partnership with The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. This 90 minute video series addresses: the roles & responsibilities of non-profit board members; the financial oversight, fiduciary and compliance responsibilities of non-profit board members; non-profit board members' role in fundraising; tips for non-profit board member to effectively tell the organization's story; and tips for engaging high performing board. Anyone who is considering serving on a non-profit board; or who is already serving on a non-profit board will gain valuable insights from the experienced non-profit leaders featured in this video. To begin your certification process, [click here](#).

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### Autumn Activities for the Whole Family

The Autumn line up is packed with wonderful programs! Events are FREE to attend thanks to sponsors **Capital BlueCross** and **Renewal by Andersen of Central PA**. Check out all the opportunities and activities available at Wildwood by [clicking here](#).



## Masters Level Volunteer Coordinator Position Opening

Come join the **Highmark Caring Place** Team in a full-time position supporting grieving children and their families by providing peer support group programs, ongoing staff support, educational resources, and referral services. This role provides education and volunteer opportunities to individuals, businesses and organizations in the communities served by the Caring Place facilities. The successful candidate will also provide education and consultation services to schools, community leaders, professionals, organizations, and businesses who serve or work with children. Building lasting partnerships increasing the opportunity for collaboration on initiatives that impact the community is also crucial to this job, which helps raise awareness of the impact of death on children and their need for support. To apply and for more information, [click here](#).

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**PennState Health**

## Play For The Kids™ benefiting Four Diamonds

Join **Four Diamonds** supporters of all ages, across the country, during **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in September** to play like a kid and raise funds to benefit Four Diamonds. **Play For The Kids™** is Four Diamonds' new, signature fundraising program that unites Four Diamonds supporters nationwide to help conquer childhood cancer. The program is a celebration of children's joy and how kids have a magical way of finding delight in everything they do. Remember how much fun it was to be a kid? Riding bikes, eating popsicles, being with friends, swimming – all things that kids undergoing cancer treatment might miss out on. This September, you can play to honor them. Because everybody deserves to be a kid, don't they?

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## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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Brandon Miller '16 - Editor

The Community Caller is emailed to over 2700 subscribers on a regular schedule every month. The goal of the publication is to match people and resources with service opportunities and missions & programs that benefit the community. Announcements are placed primarily by non profit organizations, educational institutions, and other community organizations. If you would like to include an event or announcement in the next issue, please feel free to contact LHA with detailed information including:

- Organization Website
- Contact Name, Phone Number and Email
- Date of Event
- Specific Request
- Description
- Attach a flyer of the event, if applicable

Please send submissions to Leadership Harrisburg Area at [LHA@leadershipharrisburg.org](mailto:LHA@leadershipharrisburg.org) or call 717-216-5200. All content is subject to approval by LHA and may be edited for space.

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### Mission Statement

**As a resource for businesses, our alumni, and community organizations throughout the Capital Region, Leadership Harrisburg Area teaches servant leadership and effective community service through discussion, demonstration, and experiential practices.**

## Diversity Statement

Leadership Harrisburg Area recognizes and values the diversity inherent in the communities we serve. We commit to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in all aspects of who we are and what we do.

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