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The Official Newsletter of the
Greene County Chamber of Commerce

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Greene County Historical Society
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Wednesday, September 27th

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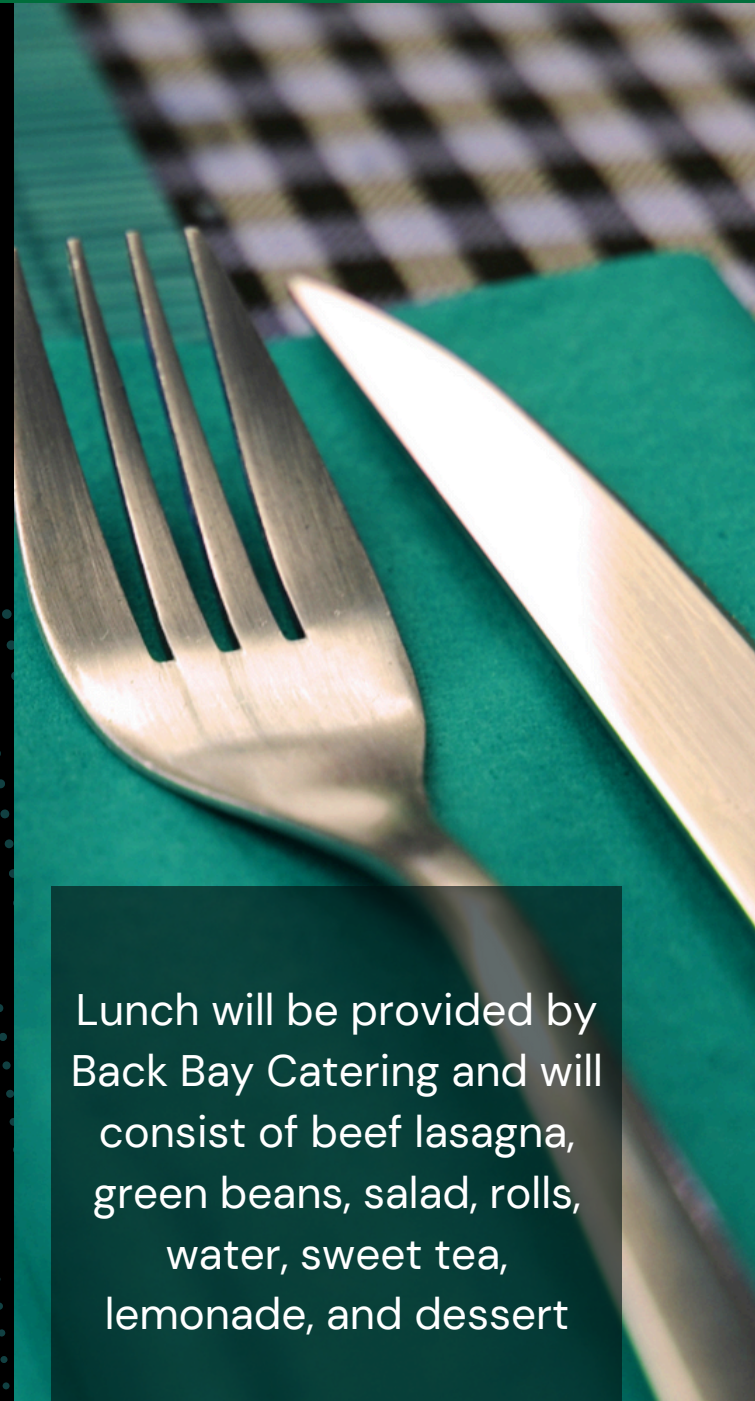
11:30–Networking
Noon–Lunch and Program
At Back Bay Catering
510 Ceylon Road
Carmichaels, PA 15320

Cost - \$20/member \$25/non-member

Learn how the Greene County Chamber of
Commerce can help you grow your business!

Also learn about the Community Foundation
of Greene County.
Presented by Dave Calverio, Director of
CFGF.

Register by Wednesday, September 18th
by emailing guest name(s) to
info@greenechamber.org or by filling out
the [google form](#) provided.



Lunch will be provided by
Back Bay Catering and will
consist of beef lasagna,
green beans, salad, rolls,
water, sweet tea,
lemonade, and dessert

Reservations made must be paid for unless
cancelled 48 hours in advance.



9TH ANNUAL TRIVIA CONTEST!

Saturday, October 12th
6pm at the Jefferson Fire Hall

Join us for a night of fun and bragging rights as you compete for the chance to have your team name added to the trophy & help raise money for scholarships for Greene County youth.



Put in a team, donate a raffle basket, or become a sponsor!

For more details:

contact either
Mike Camilli (CGST) - CentralGreeneScholarshipTrust@gmail.com
or Melody Longstreth (GCCoC) - meoldy@greenechamber.org

2024 Calendar of Events!

Now available on
our website [here!](#)
You can register
for events too!



Legislative Breakfast

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
THE HAMPTON INN - WAYNESBURG
7:30AM-9:00AM
FREE ADMISSION - RSVP REQUESTED

Join us for an informative morning of information and updates on statewide and local business initiatives.

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cooperation with



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OR USE THE [GOOGLE FORM](#)

Save the Date!



Annual Downtown Christmas
Parade on Saturday, December 7th
Applications now available
on our website.



Could your health insurance use a checkup?

Utilize your membership benefit and receive a no obligation review of your current plan.

The chamber has been a partner with My Benefit Advisors since 1992 offering solutions to one of your largest expenses.

To schedule a conversation, please contact the chamber office at 724-627-5926 or melody@greenechamber.org



Vote for US!

Final Voting Round **SEPT 20 - 27**

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After Hours

100th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, September 26th, 2024

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS BY:

- Back Bay Catering
- Canonsburg Cake Company
- RGB Coffee
- Thistlethwaite Vineyards

Music by Luke Schroyer



 First Federal Lobby

25 E. High Street, Waynesburg, PA
15370

RSVP by **September 24th** to either Liz Menhart at 724-627-4401,
or through the Greene County Chamber of Commerce via Google Form

[Here](#)



Greene County Chamber of Commerce
"Business, Boots, & Blue Jeans"
36th Annual Membership Banquet

November 14th at Valley View Farm

Join us as we celebrate what the Chamber has done throughout the year
as well as honor our Distinguished Service Award and McCracken Legacy
Award Winners and support our Scholarships with the Basket Raffle.

Reservation details will follow.

T-Shirt Tuesdays at the Chamber!

Highlighting our members, one t-shirt at a time!

This summer, every Tuesday, the chamber staff will be sporting T-shirts from various businesses. We are on the lookout for more T-shirts from our member businesses to showcase our support. If you wish to participate, please reach out to us at info@greenechamber.org. Watch our social media for pictures!



RGB Coffee



The Washington Wild Things



Rain Day Festival



What's Smokin' BBQ



The PA Army National Guard

53rd Harvest Festival

OCTOBER 5TH & 6TH, 2024

KIDS ACTIVITIES
DEMONSTRATIONS - VENDORS
REENACTMENTS - ENCAMPMENTS
ENTERTAINMENT
FOOD VENDORS - AND MORE

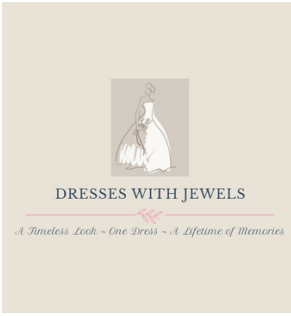
10 AM - 5 PM DAILY

ADMISSION BY DONATION

Greene County Museum

918 ROLLING MEADOWS RD.
WAYNESBURG, PA 15370

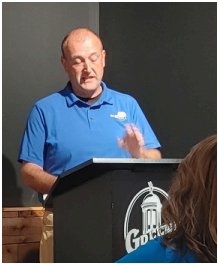
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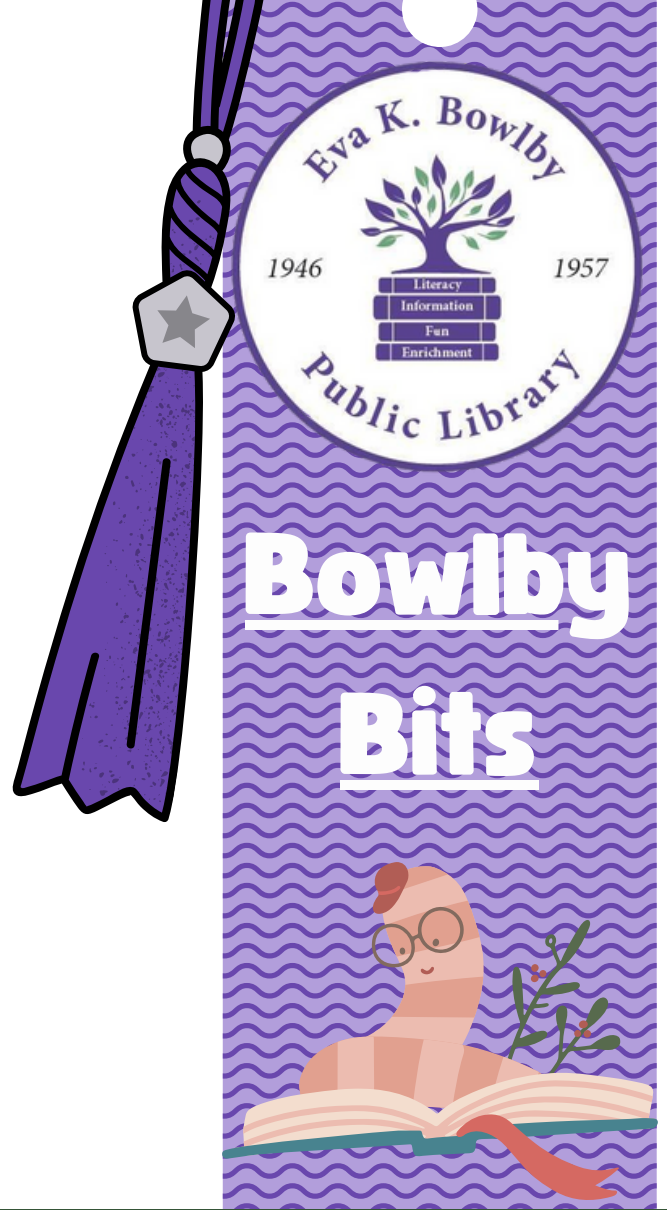
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Chamber of Commerce August Business Connection Luncheon

We recently held our August Business Connection Luncheon at Dickey's BBQ Pit. Thank you to our speakers Senator Camera Bartolotta, Loren Martello with World Kinect, Elise Benke Dume with the Washington Wild Things, and Lisa Belding President of the Board of Eva K. Bowlby Library.



Join us for our next Business Connection Luncheon which will be held on September 27th at Back Bay Catering.



CHRISTMAS SHOP LOCAL GIFT CARD RAFFLE

DEADLINE APPROACHING!

DONATE TO HAVE YOUR BUSINESS NAME PUT ON 1,000 TICKETS!

EMAIL SARAH AT SARAH@GRENECHAMBER.ORG TO SEE WHAT YOU CAN DONATE TODAY!





Member in the Spotlight

THE SWINGLAB



Waynesburg University's indoor golf simulator facility, the SwingLab, is open to the public.

The facility features three state-of-the-art Uneekor Eye XO Simulators, 250-square feet of putting green and chipping areas and a multi-sport software that provides a list of different sports and games that can be played on the simulator, including hockey, baseball, soccer, bowling and football.

Services include:

• Indoor Golf Simulator - 1 Bay Bookings (4 People Max) - \$32 / hour
Students \$25 / hour with code STUDENT (must provide valid student ID at check in)

- Indoor Multisport Simulator - \$32 / hour
- Club re-gripping
- Birthday parties/ Private parties
- Lessons

Indoor Golf Simulators

Uneekor Eye XO Launch Monitor and Simulator

- Analyzes swing and ball flight with overhead cameras
- Provides all analytics to every swing
- Short game practice complex
- Play over 300 courses worldwide
- Stroke play, Match play, scramble settings
- Competitive games (target shots, short game, putting)

Indoor Multisport Simulator

TruGolf Multisport Launcher includes: Field Goal Kick, Wild West Target shoot (with gun), Baseball, Hockey, Soccer, Dodgeball, Footgolf and Discgolf.

Book online at www.greenecountycc.com. Click golf simulators and select a day and time. We operate by appointment during summer hours. Beginning in October we will be open the following:

Sunday - 12pm-6 pm ~ Monday - Closed ~ Tuesday through Saturday - 10 am-10 pm



Energy Wellness Check

Sometimes with your personal health you know something is wrong and needs checked out. Other times you feel fine but know in the back of your head that from time to time you need to get checked out for preventative measures. You dread making the appointment, but in reality it's the time you think you're okay that something creeps up on you that can make the biggest impact on your health. The only remedy is to seek professional help on a regular basis.



What if I told you that your businesses utility bills are just like that too. Your energy bills can have a profound affect on the health of your business no matter the size or scope of your organization. If managing this for your business is something you neglected because you either didn't understand how it worked, heard someone else had a negative experience shopping for rates, or you just kept putting this off to seek professional advice, then you could fall victim to companies that exploit this neglect to prey on unsuspecting consumers who end up paying two to three times what they should for their power and natural gas bills. Unchecked over time this can cost hundreds or thousands or more to businesses that affect real people and their families.

Here at World Kinect we work with your Greene County Chamber of Commerce and manage the energy program for their members. We are a valued and trusted resource to help give clear advice on ways to manage your energy spend for organizations of all sizes. The most common way to do this is shop for power and gas rates so that you can manage to a budget, look to save money when possible, and avoid unwanted surprises on your utility bills. Organizations all over the state in the chambers we work with see this value and take advantage of this member benefit we provide. Sadly not enough do and they are easy to fall victim to fraudulent practices from others who will take advantage of them.

If you've neglected to manage your power bills at all, doubted the authenticity of this program, are not sure how to read your electric or natural gas bill to look for fraud, or tried this in the past with someone else and were not satisfied, let us give your power and natural gas bills an "Energy Wellness Check" to make sure you are not victim to any type of fraud on your bills. We can help get you out of a bad situation and even recommend a better program than the utility rates if one exists. To get started simply send your bills into the chamber so we can do a quick evaluation for you to look for any unsuspected fraud. After that we will let you know if there might be a program that fits your business profile to help you save money and better manage to a budget that the utility simply cannot provide you.

Quit procrastinating and make the call today. Nothing is more important than your businesses health and your peace of mind.



Community Foundation of Greene County Announces:

FALL COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Community Foundation of Greene County (CFGC) is accepting applications for several grant opportunities for nonprofits, public schools and teachers.

Community Grant Fund projects may include (but are not limited to) any one or more of the following broad priorities:

Grant awards for Community grants will not exceed \$5,000.

The deadline to submit applications for each of these funds is October 1.

Successful grant awards will be announced in late November for projects beginning after the first of January.

- Arts, Culture & Humanities
- Children, Youth & Families
- Community & Economic Development
- Education
- Environment
- Food and Hunger
- Health & Fitness
- Human Services

For more information about these grant opportunities:

<http://www.cfgcpa.org/guidelines>

to review guidelines, application procedures and process.

Applications will be accepted through the CFGC Online Grant Portal on the CFGC Grants website at <http://www.cfgcpa.org/apply-for-a-grant/>



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Each week, a panel of maker entrepreneurs and industry experts will address business qualities you should consider to reach the next level of success as a small business owner.

This program is presented by the University of Pittsburgh Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence's PantherlabWorks.

SEPTEMBER 24
Defining Success

OCTOBER 1
Planning for Success

OCTOBER 8
Engaging Online

OCTOBER 15
Engaging In Person

OCTOBER 22
Scaling Production

OCTOBER 29
Building Your Team



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**Greene County Service Center 131 W. First St.
Waynesburg, PA 15370-2117**

Dear Friends,

You are invited to join us for our annual Christmas Kettle Campaign for the Greene County Salvation Army Service Center 2024 Kettle Campaign.

Last year we raised \$50,086 to provide daily emergency services to Greene County low-income clients who come to the Center and need help with food, rent, mortgage, utilities, clothes, medicine, or overnight lodging. To achieve this, we need the help of volunteers to man our kettles through the 2024 Holiday season.

We are asking for your help this kettle year and that you select a contact person to schedule dates and times. Shifts are usually 2 people for 2 hours from 10am-7pm.

The locations are Waynesburg Walmart, Waynesburg Giant Eagle, Waynesburg Big Lots, Carmichaels Shop N Save, and Jefferson Giant Eagle.

Also, we will have available tabletop kettles for Businesses, churches, and organizations to set up.

We will campaign from Friday, November 29 to Friday, December 24th on any day during the week

Normally we bell ring on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, although we would love to ring everyday....

Available days to ring:

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, Sundays from anytime 10am-until -7pm
 - (Whenever -time and day is convenient for you and your group)

If your group is interested in volunteering, please contact at or 724-833-6367-724-852-1479 or email BonnieJ.Davis@use.salvationarmy.org.

Your volunteering will help make a difference for many families throughout the year. God Bless, Bonnie Davis
Greene County Salvation Army Service Center
131 W First Street,
Waynesburg Pa 15370

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WTAE-TV project Bundle-Up

You're Invited!

The Salvation Army Greene County Service Center

FALL FLEA MARKET

benefiting WTAE-TV's project Bundle-Up

WHERE : SALVATION ARMY GREENE COUNTY SERVICE CENTER
LOCATION: 131 W FIRST STREET, WAYNESBURG PA 15370
WHEN: SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 1,2,3,-2024

Time: 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PROJECT BUNDLE UP APPLICATIONS : DURING THE FALL FLEAMARKET WEEK

10AM-2PM LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!!!
FOR Greene County children grades K through 12th ages and Senior 60 and older
Angel Tree and Sheetz Registration /Sign ups during Fall Flea market

Applicants must bring the following :

1. Income for everyone in the home
2. IF NO income bring Food stamp statement LISTING ALL INDIVIDUALS

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BonnieJ.Davis@use.SalvationArmy.org

You are a blessing to the people of Greene County and The Salvation Army Greene County Service Center!

Thank YOU for your continued support and **generous donation each month** for the programs and services of the Salvation Army-Greene County.

Because of **generous donors like you**, we can assist Greene County families with overdue utility bills (to stop disconnect) assist with heating fuel (to keep warm), lodging- (to avoid being homeless), food (to avoid food insecurity) and to continue support to our local fire fighter, police, and emergency services workers responding to emergencies (fire, flood, etc.) within the county with our Centers Emergency Disaster Services- (EDS -Canteen truck).

So far in 2024, in our free warehouse, we have given out over **18,000** items of clothing, shoes, household items, toys, books, and pieces of furniture.

We were able to send flood kits to our local townships during the heavy rains and floods, brought our EDS canteen truck to a few disasters within the county to support the emergency responders, and so far in 2024, we have helped feed over 1000 individuals , helped stop disconnection of utilities for 400 individuals , helped with heating fuel to 200 individuals , and 33 **Greene County kids** were excited to pick out a new gift for their birthdays.

Expected to help over 400 Angel Tree recipients this Christmas time and assisted over 600 children with back-to-school clothes, shoes in August as well as expected 80 for Project Bundle Up.

In times of need people know they can rely on The Salvation Army because of the help we receive from community members like yourself. Compassionate donors, like you, enable us to carry on our ministry.

God Bless You!

Bonnie Davis
Director



What is an Angel tree? It's a holiday assistance program where an individual or group sponsors a child in need for Christmas gifts.

The sponsor (person or group) will choose a tag/ tag with a child's name and buys either new toys, gift cards or clothing for their "adopted Angels".

The Center has on **average 500 children** sign up for Christmas assistance. Can you help give a child a gift for Christmas? You want to adopt a family? You want to donate toys or food boxes for families in need? Yes _____

The first step is to sign up below and (email/mail) form to the center by: **October 18th, 2024**. Our Centers address is 131 w First Street, Waynesburg Pa 15370 or by email: BonnieJ.Davis@use.SalvationArmy.org -

Next, The Salvation Army Greene County Service Center will drop off tags to your location the week of: **October 28th -November 1st** with the child's names, a wish list and an information flyer. Lastly, your locations will either return or arrange to pick the gifts before: **12/6/2024!**

Please return gifts or arrange pick up to the Center by 12/6/2024. We will be having distribution the week for families the week of 12/18/2024 through 12/20/2024.

For many kids, the gifts they receive through the Angel Tree will be the only ones they open on Christmas morning.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND FOR PROVIDING JOY TO CHILDREN THIS 2024 HOLIDAY SEASON

____Yes, we are planning on conducting an Angel Tree Toy program this year 2024.

Number of tags requested: _____ Business /Group /Church Name: _____

Business /Group /Church participation location Address: _____

Contact person Email Address: _____ Contact person Phone Number: _____

Do you need a tree to hang tags on: _____

For any questions please call: 724-852-1479 OR **TEXT OR CALL MY CELL IS 724-833-6367**

The Evolving Workplace: Viewing Changes Positively

The modern work environment is evolving at a remarkable pace. There are countless ways that the workplace today differs from that of just five years ago and it's unlikely that the pace of change will slow anytime soon. For many people, changes in the workplace can create stress and discomfort as they are pushed to vacate long-held norms and practices and attempt new ways of working and interacting with fellow employees and company leaders.

But change is good, and in fact, it is essential to virtually all aspects of business life. Typically, companies that modify their practices to adapt to change open the doors to creative opportunities and often thrive, while those that fail to adapt to these changes can stagnate or even fail. The stale environment these companies foster stifles creativity and the birth of new and forward-thinking ideas. And many times, it's these new ideas that lead to better opportunities for overall success through more efficient operations, fresh new products or unique, cutting edge services.

Forces Impacting a Company's Need for Change

The new look of today's workplace is due to a variety of factors, each of which may impact individual companies to various degrees. Here are a few forces that may work to pressure company leadership to consider changes to established practices:

- **Employee Demographics...** For possibly the first time in history, there can be five different generations in the workplace. Each age group comes with a unique perspective on their work responsibilities and have life-style specific needs and interests. For employers, understanding this multigenerational dynamic and its implications is essential for driving innovation and maintaining cohesive and productive work groups.
- **Changes in Workplace Structure...** The pandemic changed the traditional model of work in an office environment. Today, most people work remotely and although many firms have tried luring workers back to the office, for the most part, they've had limited success. Hybrid work models are likely the norm going forward but will pressure the company's employee culture, engagement and productivity methods and levels.
- **Changing Focus on Diversity...** The employee population of today has seen shifts in gender roles and includes an ever-widening range of racial groups and ethnic backgrounds. Many of these groups are commanding a greater sphere of influence and power. As a result, employers are offering enhanced health benefits, flexible work-from-home arrangements and racial, gender and pay equity. Employers have recognized that creating an inclusive culture is important to the success of their company and its long-term growth and profitability, since today's employees are quick to begin searching for new employment if they feel their needs are not being met.
- **Changes in Government...** Whether on a local or national level, changes in government invariably involves a shift in political agenda, which often times impacts how businesses operate. In obvious terms, this can refer to compliance issues, but employers need to also look carefully for indirect and more subtle impacts as well.

In short, employers should view change as good. Today's workplace demands constant attention to changing dynamics, but the reward for adaptation to needed changes often means the difference between success and failure.

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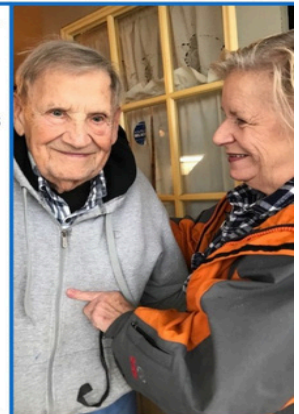
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- Benefits of Volunteering:**
- Supplemental Accident Insurance
 - Mileage Reimbursements
 - Opportunity to Meet New People
 - Make a Difference in your Community

- RSVP volunteers may serve as:**
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