



# TODAY'S YOUTH "MAKING A DIFFERENCE" December 2016



A Town of Lancaster Youth Bureau newsletter for young people interested in "making a difference" in the Lancaster-Depew Community.

## GETTING TO KNOW THE TOWN OF LANCASTER YOUTH BUREAU...

The Lancaster Youth Bureau has served the youth and families of the Lancaster-Depew Community for forty five years.

The Bureau's mission is to provide opportunities for all youth to become caring, responsible, healthy and contributing members of our community.

The Bureau is located at:

**200 Oxford Avenue, Lancaster, New York 14086.**

**Phone: 683-4444 Fax: 683-4447**

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Certain events and programs take place during scheduled evening hours or weekends.

Staff: **John Trojanowsky**, Executive Director (ext. 202)

**Adrienne Graber**, Secretary (ext. 201)

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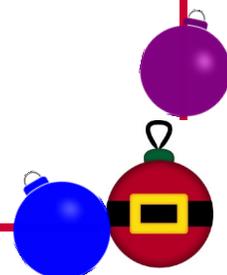
**Mindy Muench**, Youth Court/Volunteer Coordinator (ext. 207)

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**Shannon Young**, Program Leader (Ext. 208)

### To sign up for an activity:

- Read over the volunteer opportunities and circle the activities that both interest you and fit into your schedule.
- Contact Mindy Muench at the Lancaster Youth Bureau, 683-4444, ext. 207, to register for the activity.
- If you get Mindy's voice mail, leave your name, desired volunteer activities, and your phone number. she will call you back to confirm your spot.
- You have now made a commitment to attend the activity. Proceed to the activity at the time indicated.
- Transportation to and from the activity is your responsibility, unless otherwise noted.
- If you absolutely need to cancel for an activity, please call Mindy at the Youth Bureau.





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To sign up for one of the activities listed below  
please call 683-4444, ext. 207.

Volunteers must volunteer on a regular basis in order to stay a member of the Teen Volunteer Program. If a volunteer is inactive for over 6 months their name will be removed from the mailing list.

**ACTIVITY:** Ushering at the Lancaster Opera House

**DATE:** Varies

**TIME:** Listed below for each show.

**PLACE:** Lancaster Opera House, 21 Central Ave., Lancaster

**DESCRIPTION:** Ushering. You must call the YB to sign up for ushering. If you can't make a performance it is your responsibility to call the Opera House at 683-1776 and me to let us know you will not be there. The time listed below is an hour before curtain up. During this time you will be assisting patrons to their seats.

**\*Please stay out of the kitchen during the intermission unless you are asked to help out.** After the performance you will be picking up the left over programs and helping out as needed. The head usher can sign your hours book. *Remember that the ending times are only estimated. You may need to call your parents for a ride home earlier than the listed time.*



### **\*Dress Code Guidelines for Ushering:**

**Wear navy/black slacks/skirt, WHITE shirt/blouse, and dress shoes. Ties are optional for the gentlemen. This is NOT a place to wear sneakers, sandals, sweats, jeans or shirts that show your mid-drift. If you want to usher it is mandatory that you wear your ushering uniform!**

**Note: The Lancaster Opera House has requested only two ushers per performance.**

**Any volunteer who shows up to usher and is NOT signed-up will not receive volunteer credit!**

### **"Nuncrackers: The Nonsense Christmas Musical"**

Nuncrackers is the first TV Special taped by the sisters in their convent basement studio for Cable Access. It stars the nuns you love plus Father Virgil and some of Mt. Saint Helen's most talented students. This show is filled with "Nonsense" humor, some of your favorite carols, a "Secret Santa," and an uproarious take on Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet. Nuncrackers will make you laugh and maybe tug at your heartstrings. It's the perfect way to ensure your holiday season is merry and bright.



Thursday, December 1.....6:30 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.  
Friday, December 2.....6:30 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.  
Saturday, December 3.....6:30 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.  
Sunday, December 4.....1:30 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.  
Thursday, December 8.....6:30 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.  
Friday, December 9.....6:30 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.  
Saturday, December 10.....6:30 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.  
Sunday, December 11.....1:30 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.

## "Pat Shea Holiday Concert"

Pat Shea came to the attention of fans across the United States and Canada when he triumphed over nearly 200 other competitors, week after week on the nationally televised "Star" talent search. Emerging as the champion and grand prize winner, Shea went on to appear numerous times as a guest on the popular television show "Nashville Now." Join Pat as he returns to present a concert of all your holiday favorites

Thursday, December 15.....6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

## "The Night Before Christmas"

Continuing the LOH tradition of interactive family holiday shows, we present this heartwarming hit. Set in Christmas-town on a very special Christmas Eve, The Night Before Christmas tells the story of a brother and sister who get caught up in a fun-filled adventure with a colorful cast of Christmas characters. The audience joins in to help overcome a Frost Giant, foil the unfeeling Toymaster, play reindeer games, sing, and dance to help save Christmas. Goodies from Mrs. Claus' kitchen are available, too!

Friday, December 16.....6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Saturday, December 17....10:00 a.m. – 12:15 a.m.

Saturday, December 17....1:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Saturday, December 17....6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Sunday, December 18.....10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, December 18.....1:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.



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### **ACTIVITY:** Hospice "The Bistro"

**DATE:** Weekdays and Weekends

**TIME:** **Weekend Hours:** 8:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.

**Weekday Hours:** 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care, 225 Como Park Blvd., Cheektowaga

**DESCRIPTION:** Hospice is looking for volunteers who are responsible, dependable, caring and friendly. In an ongoing effort to meet the needs of families, visitors, residents, and staff, the Bistro at Hospice will be opened on the weekends. Hospice needs volunteers to run the Bistro. Volunteers will be responsible for opening, stocking the Bistro with prepared food, making coffee, serve/charge patrons, transportation of food to kitchen, clean up and locking up kitchen. **If you are interested in volunteering at Hospice you MUST join their C.H.A.T. Program. The C.H.A.T. Program is their volunteer program for youth!! This REQUIRES an application process and training! If you are interested in this activity or becoming a member of Hospice's volunteer program, please contact Lisa Nestico at 989-2360. If you volunteer for an activity make sure you contact me so I can record your hours.** There will be no Youth Bureau Staff supervision at this activity. You must supply your own transportation.



### **ACTIVITY:** Hospice Inpatient Care!

**DATE:** Dates vary

**TIME:** Times vary

**PLACE:** The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 225 Como Park Blvd.

**DESCRIPTION:** This activity would be perfect for someone who may be interested in becoming a doctor, nurse, or a dear friend. The Hospice Inpatient Unit provides a relaxing and unique home-like atmosphere for patients and families. The unique facility provides short term care for Hospice patients, usually for up to two weeks. This unit is for patients whose pain or symptoms cannot be managed at home, or to care for a patient approaching the end stage of their illness/life. Hospice would like some volunteers who would like to spend time with these patients who need a little companionship and support. This activity may be a little intimidating and even challenging, everyone interested would be provided with training before hand and is encouraged to do it with a friend. **If you are interested in volunteering please contact Lisa at 989-2360 and call me to verify your hours.** There will be no Youth Bureau staff present at this activity. You must supply your own transportation.

**ACTIVITY:** Trinity Pantry's Toiletries Collection!

**DATE:** Drop off any week day, Monday-Friday

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.- 5:00p.m.

**PLACE:** Lancaster Youth Bureau, 200 Oxford Ave.

**DESCRIPTION:** Let's help out OUR local pantry! The Trinity Pantry serves over 280 families in Lancaster and Bowmansville! They do a wonderful job in supplying food to our families in need. One thing that they need help with, is the collection of hygiene products and toiletries that they can give out to their clients. They are looking for items such as toilet paper, bath soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner. For every bag ( **at least 6 items**) of hygiene products that you bring in you will receive 1 hour of volunteer credit, up to 10 credits!!!



**ACTIVITY:** Holiday Toy Drive!

**DATE:** Any week day before Friday, December 16, 2016

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.- 5:00p.m.

**PLACE:** Lancaster Youth Bureau, 200 Oxford Ave.

**DESCRIPTION:** Christmas is a time of year that is set aside for giving, celebration, and to spend time with family. Some people don't have the resources to be able to give their children gifts. That is why the Lancaster Youth Bureau helps local "families in need" with their gift giving holiday. The Lancaster Youth Bureau could use your help with this year's holiday collection. We find that every year we have a shortage on items that are appropriate for older children, ages 10 to 15. For every two toys you donate you will receive 1 hour of volunteer credit. **Please keep in mind that these hours will not count as CAP hours for Lancaster Students or Community Service for Youth Court.**

**ACTIVITY:** Lancaster Youth Foundation Fundraiser-Bottle Drive!

**DATE/TIMES:** Drop off dates: December 28th, 9:00-5:00 through January 5th, 9:00-5:00

**PLACE:** Lancaster Youth Bureau, 200 Oxford Ave.

**DESCRIPTION:** We are collecting cans and bottles to help as a fundraiser for the Lancaster Youth Foundation. The Lancaster Youth Foundation helps fund many of the events that the Youth Bureau holds. The mission of the Lancaster Youth Foundation is to provide financial resources to promote the welfare of our youth. For every bag ( **at least 24 cans/bottles**) that you bring in you will receive 1 hour of volunteer credit. **Please keep in mind that these hours will not count as CAP hours for Lancaster Students or Community Service for Youth Court.**

**ACTIVITY:** Portraits with Santa!

**DATES:** Saturday, December 3, 2016

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Lancaster Youth Bureau, 200 Oxford Ave, Lancaster

**DESCRIPTION:** This wonderful fundraiser will not only benefit the Lancaster Youth Foundation but it will help parents and children get into the holiday spirit! If you are good with children, this is the activity for you! We need 3 responsible volunteers to assist Santa with crowd control and other operational tasks. Please report to Mr. John Trojanowsky for instructions. You must supply your own transportation.



**ACTIVITY:** J. A. Sciole's Breakfast With Santa and Holiday Gift Shop!

**DATES:** Saturday, December 3, 2016

**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** 86 Alys Drive, Depew, Buffalo, NY, 14043

**DESCRIPTION:** Christmas is right around the corner and the J.A. Sciole Elementary needs your help to get ready! This will be a fun and exciting event. 10 volunteers are needed to help students purchase gifts for family and friends from the Holiday Gift Shop while having breakfast with Santa! Volunteers will help with food, wrapping gifts, crafts, and crowd control! There will be no Youth Bureau staff present at this activity! Please report to Mrs. Jen Martin in the cafeteria for instructions. You must supply your own transportation.



**ACTIVITY:** Hull Family Home & Farmstead's Tea Party Take-Down!

**DATES:** Sunday, December 4, 2016

**TIME:** 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Victorian House Headquarters next to Hull House, 5976 Genesee Street, Lancaster

**DESCRIPTION:** The Hull Family Home and Farmstead is hosting a Holiday Tea Event and needs your help in taking it down after the event is finished. Volunteers will be putting away tea tables, dishes, etc. into the basement storage. Volunteers are asked to wear flat shoes and casual clothes. There will be no Youth Bureau staff present at this activity. Please report to Mrs. Donna Schmidle for instructions. You must supply your own transportation.

**ACTIVITY:** Symphony Manor BINGO!

**DATES/TIMES:** Tuesday, December 6, 2016

**TIME:** 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Monday, December 19, 2016

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Symphony Manor, 5539 Broadway, Lancaster

**DESCRIPTION:** We will be playing B-I-N-G-O! We will be assisting those who need help, calling the numbers and handing out prizes. Meet in the activity room at Symphony Manor. You must supply your own transportation.



**ACTIVITY:** "CHC Learning Center Holiday Party!!!

**DATE** Wednesday, December 7, 2016

**TIME:** 5:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

**PLACE:** Leonard Post, 2450 Walden Avenue (at Nagel Drive), Cheektowaga

**DESCRIPTION:** CHC Learning Center, the Center for Handicapped Children is a small non-profit school serving students with multiple disabilities. The center provides educational and therapeutic programming for pre-school and school age children with multiple disabilities. They are looking for some outgoing and cheerful volunteers to help them with their family holiday party! They are expecting 250 guests and they need your help to make it a success. Three special volunteers are needed for this event! Volunteers will be helping out at the refreshment table, clean-up and other operational tasks. Since this is a holiday party, volunteers are asked to dress nice, please no jeans. There will be no Youth Bureau staff present at this activity. Please see Mrs. Sue Piersa or staff from CHC for instructions. You must supply your own transportation.

**ACTIVITY:** St. Vincent De Paul Society- Soup Kitchen

**DATE:** Saturday, December 10, 2016

**TIME:** 8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** St. Vincent De Paul Society, 1298 Main Street, Buffalo

**DESCRIPTION:** In March of 1982 some members of the Society opened their doors to feed three needy guests. By the end of that year, the Society had served more than 12,000 meals. Ten years later, the Dining Room of the St. Vincent De Paul Society was serving over 100,000 meals a year. Volunteers who are 14 years and older are invited to help out in the Dining Room. We are looking for 3 Volunteers who are helpful, responsible, and compassionate. Volunteers will help prepare and serve food to the homeless as well as clean-up. **Please bring a baseball cap or you will be required to wear a hair net. DRESS CODE: sneakers or shoes- no sandals, pants- no shorts/skirts, Do Not Wear anything that is form fitting- no bare mid-drifts, displays of undergarments, or low cut shirts.** Please be at the Lancaster Youth Bureau at 8:45 sharp and have your parents pick you up at the Youth Bureau at 1:00.

**ACTIVITY:** Food Bank of Western New York

**DATE:** Tuesday, December 13, 2016

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** 91 Holt Street, Buffalo NY

**DESCRIPTION:** Volunteers must be 16 years and older to attend this activity. We will help sort and package food items in the warehouse at the Food Bank. The Food Bank would like volunteers to wear orange this month if you have it, in support of the WNY Food Bank and to help spread awareness! **Please dress in comfortable clothing, sandals and shorts are not allowed.** Please be at the Youth Bureau by 2:30 p.m. sharp or YB staff will be picking up volunteers from DHS at 2:45 p.m. and LHS at 3:00 p.m.. When you call please indicate whether or not you will need to be picked up at DHS or LHS. Transportation will be provided home afterwards.



**ACTIVITY:** Craft Day at the Lancaster Library

**DATE:** Wednesday, December 14, 2016

**TIME:** 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Lancaster Library, 5466 Broadway, Lancaster

**DESCRIPTION:** We will be hosting a craft day at the library making "Christmas" related crafts with children between the ages of 5-12 years old. If you like working with children or making crafts we could use your help. You must supply your own transportation.



**ACTIVITY:** Terrace View Surprise Activity!

**DATES:** Thursday, December 15, 2016

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** 462 Grider Street, Buffalo, NY, 14215

**DESCRIPTION:** Come out and socialize with the residents of Terrace View! We are looking for volunteers who are friendly, outgoing and who would love to spread some holiday cheer. We will help transport residents to and from the activity room and pass out refreshments, while enjoying some live entertainment! Please be at the Youth Bureau by 5:30 p.m.. Transportation will be provided to Terrace View and then back to the Youth Bureau. Please have your parents pick you up at 8:00 p.m. at the YB!

**ACTIVITY:** Court Street Elementary "Family Christmas Event"!

**DATE:** Friday, December 16, 2016

**TIME:** 6:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

**PLACE:** Court Street Elementary School, 91 Court Street, Lancaster.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Holidays are here!!!! Court Street Elementary School is looking for responsible volunteers who would like to spread some holiday cheer! Volunteers are needed to help Santa, the elves, making crafts, and monitoring games! Come and join the festivities! There will be no Youth Bureau staff present at this activity! Please report to the school cafeteria and see Mrs. Amy Jackson for instructions at this activity. You must supply your own transportation.

**ACTIVITY:** Set-Up for "Day of Caring" Christmas Distribution

**DATE:** Monday, December 19, 2016

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Lancaster Youth Bureau, 200 Oxford Ave.

**DESCRIPTION:** This will be a fun way to start the holiday season! Six volunteers are needed to help sort toys and clothes that will be given to local families in need. We will be setting up for the holiday distribution that occurs on December 20th. You must provide your own transportation.



**ACTIVITY:** Christmas Distribution "Day of Caring"

**DATE:** Tuesday, December 20, 2016

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Lancaster Youth Bureau, 200 Oxford Ave.

**DESCRIPTION:** Only four volunteers are needed for this special activity. We will help with the distribution of Christmas items to local families in need. You will help carry items out to the cars as well as other operational tasks. These Christmas items will include presents, food, and Christmas trees. Please dress warm and wear gloves. You must provide your own transportation.

**ACTIVITY:** Terrace View Surprise Activity!

**DATES:** Wednesday, December 21, 2016

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** 462 Grider Street, Buffalo, NY, 14215

**DESCRIPTION:** Come out and socialize with the residents of Terrace View! We are looking for volunteers who are friendly, outgoing and who would love to spread some holiday cheer. We will help transport residents to and from the activity room and pass out refreshments, while enjoying some live entertainment! Please be at the Youth Bureau by 6:00 p.m.. Transportation will be provided to Terrace View and then back to the Youth Bureau. Please have your parents pick you up at 8:30 p.m. at the YB!



**ACTIVITY:** Building Blocks Days Preparation!

**DATE:** Thursday, December 29, 2016

**TIME:** 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Lancaster Youth Bureau, 200 Oxford Ave.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Lancaster Youth Bureau will begin their character education program again this January for 6th grade students! During Building Blocks Days students learn about the importance of resistance skills, self esteem and positive peer influences. We need some volunteers who would like to help prepare the materials for the workshops. We will be tracing, cutting and putting together our Katie dolls and other needed supplies. You must supply your own transportation.



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|  |   |  |  | 1  | 2   | 3<br><i>Pictures with Santa</i><br>10:00-2:00<br><br><i>J.A.Sciole</i><br><i>Breakfast with Santa</i><br>8:30-1:30 |
| 4<br><i>Hull House</i><br><i>Tea Party</i><br><i>Take Down</i><br>3:30-4:30                            | 5   | 6<br><i>Symphony Manor</i><br><i>Bingo</i><br>3:45-4:45                            | 7<br><i>CHC</i><br><i>Learning Center</i><br><i>Holiday Party</i><br>5:45-8:15 | 8  | 9<br>    | 10<br><i>St. Vincent</i><br><i>De Paul</i><br><i>Soup Kitchen</i><br>8:45-1:00                                     |
| 11   | 12<br>   | 13<br><i>WNY</i><br><i>Food Bank</i><br>3:00-6:00                                  | 14<br><i>Library</i><br><i>Craft Day</i><br>4:30-5:30                          | 15<br><i>Terrace View</i><br><i>Surprise Activity</i><br>5:30-8:00 | 16<br><i>Court Street</i><br><i>Family Christmas</i><br><i>Event</i><br>6:15-8:45           | 17   |
| 18   | 19<br><i>Christmas</i><br><i>Distribution</i><br><i>Set-Up</i><br>3:00-5:00<br><i>Symphony Manor</i><br><i>Bingo</i><br>6:30-7:30 | 20<br><i>Day of Caring</i><br><i>Christmas</i><br><i>Distribution</i><br>3:00-6:00 | 21<br><i>Terrace View</i><br><i>Surprise Activity</i><br>6:00-8:30             | 22   | 23<br> | 24 Christmas Eve   |
| 25 Christmas Day<br> | 26  | 27   | 28   | 29<br><i>Building Blocks</i><br><i>Preparation</i><br>12:00-1:30   | 30  | 31 New Years Eve   |