



TODAY'S YOUTH "MAKING A DIFFERENCE"

December 2018



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 six 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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Jacob Doyle, Shannon Young, Nina Wright, Program Leaders



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!

"A Christmas Story"

A Christmas Story is a live adaptation of the hugely popular film, an annual holiday tradition for millions! This story is presented in a series of vignettes, with narration provided by the adult Ralphie Parker reminiscing on one particular Christmas as when he was nine years old. Ralphie wanted only one thing for that Christmas: a Red Ryder Carbine Action 200-shot Range Model air rifle. Ralphie's desire is rejected by his mother, his teacher, and even Santa Claus at Higbee's department store, all giving him the same warning, "You'll shoot your eye out."



Saturday, December 1.....1:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, December 1.....6:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

Sunday, December 2.....1:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Friday, December 7.....6:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

Saturday, December 8.....1:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, December 8.....6:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

Sunday, December 9.....1:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.



"The Night Before Christmas"

Set in Christmastown 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 14.....6:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.
Saturday, December 15.....10:00 a.m. – 1:15 pm.
Saturday, December 15.....1:30 p.m. – 4:45 pm.
Saturday, December 15.....6:30 p.m. – 9:15 pm.
Sunday, December 16.....10:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Sunday, December 16.....1:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.



"Pat Shea: Christmas With Family and Friends"

Pat Shea, winner of Star Search, returns to the Lancaster Opera House with some very special guests to perform a concert filled with all of your holiday favorites. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a very special evening with this talented performer.

Friday, December 21.....6:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

"Carnival Kids Steel Orchestra - A Caribbean Christmas"

The *Carnival Kids Steel Orchestra* consists of student musicians from Lancaster High School. Please join them for this steal drum Christmas treat !!



Saturday, December 22.....6:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.

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!

DATES/TIMES: Dates and 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.





Collections and Donations



ACTIVITY: Lancaster Manor Prize 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 nursing home! Every month we go to Lancaster Manor and play Bingo with the residents. We have been notified that they are low on funds and will no longer be able to supply prizes for the residents when they win Bingo. In order to reward the winners, we are collecting items that we can hand out as prizes!! We are looking for new or gently used items such as stuffed animals, cologne/perfumes, jewelry, puzzles, large print word searches, hygiene products, candy, anything that you would think that they would like!! For every bag (at least 6 items) that you bring in, you will receive 1 hour of volunteer credit, up to 10 credits!!! Donations will not count as CAP or ISP hours for Lancaster Students.

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!!! Donations will not count as CAP or ISP hours for Lancaster Students.

ACTIVITY: Holiday Toy Drive!

DATE: Any week day before Friday, December 14, 2018

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, up to 10 credits. Donations will not count as CAP or ISP hours for Lancaster Students.

ACTIVITY: Lancaster Youth Foundation Fundraiser-Bottle Drive!

DATE/TIMES: Drop off dates: December 28th, 9:00-5:00 trough January 4th, 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, up to 10 credits. Please keep in mind that these hours will not count as CAP or ISP hours for Lancaster Students.





ACTIVITY: Portraits with Santa!

DATES: Sunday, December 2, 2018

TIME: 9:45 a.m. - 2:10 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, crafts, and snacks. Please report to Mrs. Karen Overhoff for instructions. You must supply your own transportation.

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

DATES: Sunday, December 2, 2018

TIME: 3:00 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 or Bernadette for instructions. You must supply your own transportation.

ACTIVITY: William Street School's Fall Fundraiser Pick-Up!

DATES: Monday, December 3, 2018

TIME: 3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: William Street School, 5201 William Street, Lancaster

DESCRIPTION: Volunteers are needed to help assist with the William Street Fall Fundraiser pick up. Volunteers will help pass out orders and other operational tasks. There will be no Youth Bureau staff present at this activity. Please report to Michelle Ertl for instructions. You must supply your own transportation.

ACTIVITY: Hillview Elementary "Evening with Santa"

DATE: Tuesday, December 4, 2018

TIME: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Hillview Elementary School, 6401 Transit Rd., Lancaster.

DESCRIPTION: "Santa Claus is on his way to Hillview Elementary!" Come and make this a wonderful celebration! Volunteers will be helping with photos, crafts, refreshments, and other operational tasks. There will be no Youth Bureau staff present at this activity. Please report to Mrs. Andrea Pusateri in the cafeteria for instructions. You must supply your own transportation.

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

DATE: Wednesday, December 5, 2018

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: J.A. Sciole's "Story Time with Santa and Merry Moose Shop"
DATE: Friday, December 7, 2018
TIME: 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
PLACE: J.A. Sciole Elementary School, 86 Alys Drive, Depew.
DESCRIPTION: "Santa Claus is on his way to J.A. Sciole Elementary!" Come and make this a wonderful celebration! Volunteers will be helping with set-up/clean-up, helping students shop at the Merry Moose Shop, gift wrapping, cookie decorating, and other operational tasks. There will be no Youth Bureau staff present at this activity. Please report to Mrs. Cindy Burger in the cafeteria for instructions. You must supply your own transportation.

ACTIVITY: Terrace View's Christmas Concert!
DATES: Friday, December 7, 2018
TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
PLACE: 462 Grider Street, Buffalo, NY, 14215
DESCRIPTION: If you like Christmas Carols then this is the activity for you!! A local church will be visiting the residents of Terrace View as they sing and give praise to the holiday season. We will help transport residents to and from the activity room, pass out refreshments, and help out as needed! 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 8:30 p.m. at the YB!



ACTIVITY: St. Vincent De Paul Society- Servers
DATE: Saturday, December 8, 2018
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 4 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/short shorts, 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: Terrace View's Live Entertainment!
DATES: Monday, December 10, 2018
TIME: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
PLACE: 462 Grider Street, Buffalo, NY, 14215
DESCRIPTION: If you like live entertainment than this activity is for you!! Come out and socialize with the residents of Terrace View! We are looking for volunteers who are friendly, outgoing and who would like to spend time with the residents. We will help transport residents to and from the activity room, pass out refreshments, and help out as needed! 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 8:30 p.m. at the YB!



ACTIVITY: Lancaster Manor BINGO!
DATES/TIMES: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 **TIME:** 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
 Thursday, December 27, 2018 **TIME:** 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Lancaster 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 Lancaster Manor. You must supply your own transportation.



ACTIVITY: Craft Day at the Lancaster Library

DATE: Wednesday, December 12, 2018

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: The Belvedere- Christmas Helpers

DATE: Thursday, December 13, 2018

TIME: 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: 375 Harris Hill Road, Williamsville, NY 14221

DESCRIPTION: *The Belvedere- A Renaissance in Active Adult Living*, is a brand new state of the art living complex featuring a variety of amenities and activities for people who are 55 years and older. Volunteers are needed to help get ready for CHRISTMAS! Volunteers will help with wrapping Christmas Gifts, writing out Christmas cards, decorating for the holidays and passing out hot chocolate! 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. Please have your parents pick you up at 5:30 from the Youth Bureau.

ACTIVITY: Volunteering as a FAMILY at the Western New York Food Bank!!

DATE: Saturday, December 15, 2018

TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: 91 Holt Street, Buffalo NY

DESCRIPTION: The WNY Food Bank is opening its doors to families who would like to give back to their community. If you are interested in volunteering as a family (parents, grandparents, younger siblings) then this is your opportunity! Volunteers will help sort food donations in the warehouse. Please wear comfortable clothing and closed toe shoes such as sneakers, NO flip flops or sandals allowed. There will be no Youth Bureau Staff present at this activity. **If you are interested in signing up for this activity, please contact the WNY Food Bank's Volunteer Coordinator, Justina Cincotti at 852-1305 or email her at jcincotti@foodbankwny.org.**

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

DATE: Monday, December 17, 2018

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! Ten 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 18th. You must provide your own transportation.

ACTIVITY: Christmas Distribution "Day of Caring"

DATE: Tuesday, December 18, 2018

TIME: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Lancaster Youth Bureau, 200 Oxford Ave.

DESCRIPTION: Only six 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's "Surprise" Activity

Thursday, December 20, 2018

TIME: 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 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 spend time with the residents. 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 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. Please have your parents pick you up at 5:30 from the Youth Bureau.

ACTIVITY: Lancaster Manor's Christmas BINGO Party and Happy Hour!

DATES: Friday, December 21, 2018

TIME: 12:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

PLACE: Lancaster Manor, 5539 Broadway, Lancaster

DESCRIPTION: Come out and enjoy the Christmas Spirit with the residents of Lancaster Manor! You know how much they love their BINGO, well this will be a special Christmas Bingo! Prizes will be giftwrapped so every winner will get a surprise present! Happy Hour will start after Bingo, where residents will enjoy special cocktails and treats. Volunteers will assist those who need help, calling Bingo numbers, handing out prizes and refreshments. Meet in the activity room at Lancaster Manor. You must supply your own transportation.

ACTIVITY: Building Blocks Days Preparation!

DATE: Thursday, December 27, 2018

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.



