Great Valley Community Organization

What We Do To Help Our Community

Caring Hands volunteers helped the Charlestown township's annual Charlestown Day go smoothly.

Local business Sam Brown's Nursery generously donated 24 trees, delivered by small business Chester County Bamboo. The trees were then planted with the help of local proprietorship Todd Capelli Masonry and Caring Hands volunteers.

Great Valley Community Organization partnered with the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization Cradles to Crayons to gather clothes donations from the community, which Caring Hands volunteers helped organize.

Home of the Sparrow, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that aims to assist homeless women and children, collected winter whiteout cleaning supplies via GVCO from many community members to donate to families who need it the most.

The 4 Great Valley Elementary schools hosted coat drives for the 501(c)(3) [Devereux Foundation](), whose mission is to aid families with behavioral health. 200+ coats were collected for local families in need.

Caring Hands volunteers were hard at work wrapping holiday presents for senior citizens from the Phoenixville Senior Center and Surrey Services for Seniors, both of which are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.
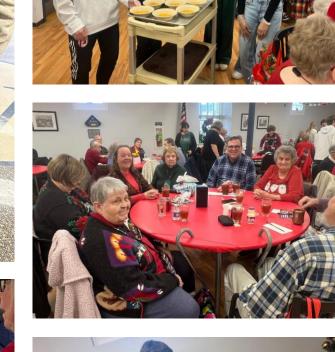
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Services for Seniors

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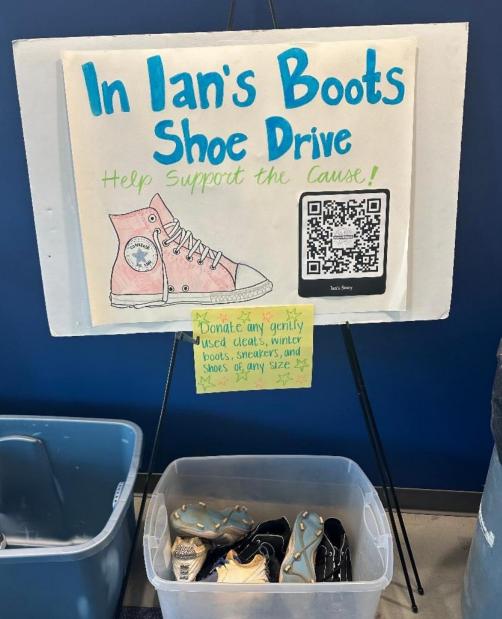area senior center
FRIENDSHIP·LEARNING·ACTIVITY

The presents were also handed out during a luncheon organized by Great Valley High School for the senior citizens.

Caring Hands volunteers, Girl Scouts, Sororities, etc from here at East Whiteland Township all the way to Bucks County gathered on Martin Luther King Jr. Day to make first day of school cards.

In Ian's Boots
Shoe Drive
Help Support the Cause!

*Donate any gently used cleats, winter boots, sneakers, and shoes of any size

IN IAN'S BOOTS
A MISSION FOR SOLES

GVCO organized a shoe drive from which donations went to the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization In Ian's Boots, whose mission is to collect shoes for those in need.

BETTER
DAYS
AHEAD
IN-NEED OUTREACH
FOR SUBURBS & PHILADELPHIA

Caring Hands volunteers packaged 150 homeless care packages to donate to the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization [Better Days Ahead](#), whose mission is to aid the homeless. The packages were then distributed all throughout Chester County.

25 YEARS NIHCM | Homelessness is a persistent public health challenge in the United States.

17 of every 10,000 people experienced homelessness on a single night in 2018

20% reported having a severe mental illness

15.6% reported chronic substance use

Data source: US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Caring Hands volunteers helped make the first annual East Whiteland township Bingo Night successful!

GVCO partnered with <u>Advocate Health Advisors</u>, a veteran-owned national FMO dedicated to raising awareness about Medicare. Together, we hosted free Medicare 101 classes for the local seniors.

A blood drive, held by the American Red Cross, was hosted in the Great Valley Community Center.

The Great Valley community worked together to collect nonperishable food items to donate to the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization People's Pantry at Church Road, who aims to provide food and supplies to families in need.

PEOPLE'S PANTRY
AT CHURCH ROAD

Our first annual Prom Closet, an event for local teenagers to get prom dresses and accessories for free, was held with the help of local nonprofit organization [A Blessing Hand Up](#) for 3 nights at GVCO and 1 night at the local high school.
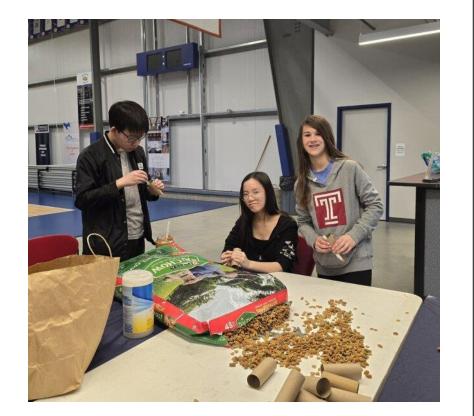
Every fall and spring, GVCO hosts the Challenger Gym, a place where kids of all challenges get together and have fun while doing an assortment of physical activities.

Caring Hands volunteers helped with the first annual East Whiteland Township egg hunt event.

Caring Hands volunteers, in alliance with the 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization Brandywine Valley SPCA, made kongs for dogs.

GVCO partnered with the E-Waste Project, an organization that ensures that unused or gently used electronics get recycled and private electronics such as company hard disks get shredded once retired, to hold an e-recycling drive on Earth Day. Caring Hands volunteers helped keep the traffic flow smooth, move some items, and collected donations.

Caring Hands volunteers helped Senator Carolyn Comitta, the 19th Pennsylvanian State Senate district's senator, hold an event for people to properly shred and recycle important papers such as tax documents, receipts, etc.

Caring Hands volunteers helped the Brandywine Valley SPCA host the donation drive Walk 4 Paws, which helped raise money for animals in need.