

2008 guide to community nonprofit groups

To Our Readers:

Voices is an all-volunteer and as such, we celebrate the important work of nonprofits and volunteer groups around our region. We hope this guide helps link individuals with their interests and give these groups more volunteers to help further their important missions.

To Our Local Non-Profit Groups:

This is a growing effort, meant to inform the public and thank you for the good work you do. If we missed you, or if anything in your listing is incorrect, please contact us at Voices@Voicesweb.org so we can make corrections and expand this list next summer. If you'd like to support this effort next year, or have Voices available at your workplace, please e-mail us at circulation@Voicesweb.org.

Acoustic Brew Concert Series

Linda Littleton, Volunteer Coordinator
(814) 238-8048
PO Box 1090
Lemont, PA 16851
Web Site: <http://acousticbrew.org>

The Acoustic Brew Coffeehouse is a nonprofit, volunteer-run concert series committed to providing reasonably-priced, quality folk and acoustic music in an intimate, smoke- and alcohol-free environment.

The AIDS Project

Becky Schrope, Executive Director
(814) 234-7087
315 S. Allen St., Suite 116
State College, PA 16801
E-mail: beckyschrope@hotmail.com
Web site: <http://TheAIDSproject.com>
Office hours: 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Provides educational and support services to residents of Centre and Clinton Counties. Serves those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS through both paid and volunteer staff. Provides accurate and up-to-date educational, and therefore preventive, information to all residents in their service area, including area schools.

Alzheimer's Association, Greater PA Chapter

Shirley Springman, Community Outreach Specialist
(814) 355-3082
2790 W. College Ave., Suite 7
State College, PA 16801

Helpline: (800) 272-3900

E-mail: Shirley.springman@alz.org

Web site: <http://alzpa.org>

The Alzheimer's Association, the world leader in Alzheimer's research and support, is a voluntary health organization dedicated to finding preventions, treatments and eventually a cure for Alzheimer's and related dementias. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research and to enhance quality care and support for individuals, their families and care partners.

American Red Cross - Centre Communities Chapter

Virginia Brown, Executive Director
(814) 237-3162
205 E. Beaver Ave., Suite 203
State College, PA 16801
E-mail: virginia@ccredcross.org
Web site: <http://centre.redcross.org>
Office hours: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Provides disaster relief, blood services, CPR, AED, first aid, babysitting, water safety and lifeguard training, Armed Forces Emergency Social Services and international social services.

Amnesty International

307 HUB-Robeson Center
University Park, PA 16802
(814) 865-2998
Web site:
<http://clubs.psu.edu/up/amnesty>

In keeping with the principles of this international organization, the local chapter of Amnesty International promotes human rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for all people regardless of gender, religion, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, belief, culture, skin color and political affiliation.

The Arc of Centre County PA

Effie Jenks, Executive Director
(814) 238-1444
1840 N. Atherton St.
State College, PA 16803
E-mail: ejenks800@aol.com
Office hours: 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.,
1:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

Provides services to enhance the lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families, including employment services, residential services, family support services, parent support groups and information and referral services.

Artistic Horizon

(814) 234-3441
219 S. Patterson St.
State College, PA 16801
Web site: <http://artistichorizon.org>
Artistic Horizon is a nonprofit integrated art center. Our classes and workshops offer a supportive art environment that will encourage the artist in everyone. Programs are available for 3 year olds through adults. Drawing, painting, clay hand building, metal arts, stain glass, sculpture, theatre programs, music and much more.

Bellefonte Family YMCA

Howard Long, Chief Executive Officer
(814) 355-5551
125 W. High St.
Bellefonte, PA 16823
E-mail: hlong@bfymca.org
Web site: www.bfymca.org
Provides a variety of programs and services that build strong kids, strong families and strong communities

Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association

Mark Houser, Administrator
(814) 353-3459
PO Box 141
Bellefonte, PA 16823
Web site: <http://bellefontearts.org>
The Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the arts in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. The organization presents diverse arts and cultural programming to the community, seeks to attract working artists and strives to increase awareness of the significance of Bellefonte's cultural heritage, as reflected in rich Victorian architecture, and of the value of its preservation.

Bellefonte Historical Railroad

Susan Hochreiter
(814) 355-1053
The Train Station
Bellefonte, PA 16823
E-mail: bhrstickets@aol.com
Web site: <http://bellefontetrain.com>
The Bellefonte Historical Railroad Society is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to promoting, preserving, and fostering a public appreciation of the railroading heritage of Bellefonte and beyond. Our Society provides the funding and volunteer crews for the Bellefonte Historical

Railroads excursion and ride-to-dine trains. There are no paid employees or administrators.

Boy Scouts of America – Bucktail Council

Gregg Bennett, Council Executive
(814) 371-5650
209 First St.
DuBois, PA 15801
E-mail: info@bucktail.org
Gregg's e-mail: gbennett@bucktail.org
Web site: <http://bucktail.org>
Office hours: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Promotes, supervises and administers the educational/recreational programs for Boy Scouts in character development, citizenship training and physical fitness.

Boy Scouts of America – Juniata Council

James Kennedy, Scout Executive
David Council, Jr. District Executive
(717) 667-9236
9 Taylor Dr.
Reedsville, PA 17084
E-mail: jkennedy@bsamail.org
Office hours: 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Promotes, supervises, and administers the educational/recreational programs for Boy Scouts covering character development, citizenship training, and physical fitness.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

PO Box 389
213 E. Bishop St.
Bellefonte, PA 16823
Paula Raynar, Office Coordinator
(814) 353-0502
E-mail: cssaltoona@dioceseaj.org
Paula's e-mail: praynar@dioceseaj.org
Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Financial assistance is offered to those individuals and families existing on a sub-standard income. Aid is given to assist in meeting necessary expenses of daily living.

Center for Alternatives in Community Justice

Bonnie Millmore, Director
(814) 234-1059
411 S. Burrowes St.
State College, PA 16801
E-mail: cacj@choiceonemail.com
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Works with local courts and human service agencies to provide alternatives for

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criminal justice through mediation, pre-trial supervision, training and education.

Center for Arts and Crafts

11 Grange Building
University Park, PA 16802
(814) 863-0611

Web site: <http://sa.psu.edu/usa/craftcenter>

The Center for Arts and Crafts is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to offer quality programs and services that relate to our ever-changing cultural, social, educational and recreational needs.

Center for Sustainability

Lisa L. Brown, Ph.D., Associate Director
(814) 863-5833

Penn State University
104 Engineering Unit A
University Park, PA 16802
E-mail: lisabrown@psu.edu
Web site: <http://cfs.psu.edu>

Our research focus areas include food security, green design architecture and engineering, hybrid energy systems, natural wastewater treatment and engineering education. The Center offers students and faculty educational experiences with "real world" projects, enhancing opportunities for ecological literacy, experiential education, and professional development.

Center for Well Being

Donna Richards, Office Manager
(814) 237-3042
PO Box 644

123 Mt. Nittany Rd.
Lemont, PA 16851
Web site: <http://centerforwellbeing.net>

The Center for Well Being offers services to promote mental and physical health.

CentreConnect / C-Net

(814) 238-5031

243 S. Allen St., Suite 336
State College, PA 16801
E-mail: milcnet@ceinetworks.com
Web site: <http://centreconnect.org>

CentreConnect is an online community of government, education, and nonprofit organizations throughout Centre County.

Centre County Affordable Housing Coalition

George Khoury, Chair
E-mail: gmkhoury3@aol.com

The Centre County Affordable Housing Coalition, made up of 45 social service agencies, developers, lending institutions, realtor and builder associations, churches, and private citizens, is an advocate for affordable housing. Its programs focus on educating the community and its leaders on housing needs. The coalition does not have formal nonprofit status, and contributions to the coalition are not tax-deductible.

Centre County Historical Society

Angela Breeden, Executive Director
(814) 234-4779
Centre Furnace Mansion

1001 E. College Ave.
State College, PA 16801
E-mail: info@centrecountyhistory.org
Web site: <http://centrecountyhistory.org>

The Centre County Historical society is an educational organization that works collaboratively with local, regional, county and state organizations in helping to preserve and promote the area's historic, cultural, and natural resources.

Centre County Library

Lisa Erickson, Director
(814) 355-1516
203 N. Allegheny St.
Bellefonte, PA 16823
Hours: 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. Mon.,
Tues., Thur.; 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Wed.,
Sat.; 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Fri.

E-mail: lerickson@centrecountylibrary.org
Web site: <http://centrecountylibrary.org>
Provides a complete range of library services, historical and genealogical records. Libraries are located in Bellefonte, Aaronsburg, Centre Hall and Philipsburg, while a bookmobile service is provided throughout Centre County.

Centre County PAWS Inc.

(814) 237-8722
1401 Trout Rd.
State College, PA 16801
Web site: <http://centrecountypaws.org>
PAWS (Promotion of Animal Welfare and Safety) is an organization of volunteers committed to providing humane solutions to our area's pet over-population. In order to care for homeless cats and dogs and to promote responsible pet ownership, PAWS maintains a non-euthanasia animal shelter and administers a spay-neuter assistance program, an educational outreach program, and emergency medical aid funding.

Centre County United Way

Pam Long, Communications Director
(814) 238-8283
2790 W. College Ave., Suite 7
State College, PA 16801
Web site: <http://ccunitedway.org>
The mission of the Centre County United Way is to improve lives by prioritizing, mobilizing and creating sustained changes in community conditions, which improve the quality of life in Centre County.

Centre County Women's Resource Center

Anne Ard, Executive Director
Shirley Bishop, Director of Volunteer Services
(814) 238-7066
140 W. Nittany Ave.
State College, PA 16801

Hotline: (877) 234-5050 (toll free) and (814) 234-5050

E-mail: annekard@ccwrc.org
Shirley's e-mail: volcoord@ccwrc.org
Web site: <http://ccwrc.org>
Office hours: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Operates a 24-hour hotline for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Offers free and confidential services including shelter, counseling, support groups, legal advocacy, and community education.

Centre County Youth Service Bureau

Norma Keller, Executive Director
(814) 237-5731
410 S. Fraser St.
State College, PA 16801
E-mail: nkeller@ccysb.com
Web site: <http://ccysb.com>
Office hours: 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Provides early intervention services to youth in need of adult attention and support through a Big Brother/Big Sister program. Maintains a community center in the mountaintop area which offers social, educational and recreational opportunities.

Centre Crest Auxiliary

Sharon Eminhizer
(814) 355-5942
312 Cross St.
Bellefonte, PA 16823
E-mail: bx7@psu.edu

A volunteer service providing equipment and supplies for the county home residents. Beauty parlor services, craft sessions and holiday celebrations are conducted throughout the year.

Centre Homecare, Inc.

Ellen Weaver, Director
(814) 237-7400
2437 Commercial Blvd., Suite 6
State College, PA 16801
E-mail: centrehomecare@hotmail.com



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kids and families.

www.ccysb.com - 814-237-5731



Child Development & Family Council
of Centre County, Inc.

Specializing in:
Child Care and Early Education
Before & After School Care
Summer Camps

Pre-K Counts Programs
Food Reimbursement for Family Day Care Homes

2565 Park Center Blvd., #100
State College, PA 16801

(814)238-5480
E-mail: cdcf@cdcf.org
Web: www.cdcf.org



Financial Assistance
Child Care Resource &
Referral Services
Community Outreach

2565 Park Center Blvd., #100
State College, PA 16801

(814) 231-1352
1-888-440-2247
E-Mail: ccis@cdcf.org
Web: www.cdcf.org

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Ellen's e-mail: meweaver@vnaahs.com
Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

To provide quality, cost-effective home healthcare and related services to all persons or families in Centre County, regardless of ability to pay. Programs include home health skilled care nursing and therapies; hospice and healthy beginnings.

Centre/Huntingdon Tapestry of Health

Mary Jane Isenberg, Executive Director
(814) 355-2762

240 Match Factory Pl.
Bellefonte, PA 16823

E-mail: misenberg@fhccp.org

Web site: <http://tapestryofhealth.org>

Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30p.m.

Provides women's health care including family planning, cancer screenings, pregnancy testing, birth control, annual exams, and pap tests. STD testing and treatment. Adolescent and parent outreach education.

The Centre Region Bike Coalition

Chuck Anderson

P.O. Box 10163

State College, PA 16805

E-mail: cda10@psu.edu

Web site: <http://centrebike.org>

The Centre Region Bike Coalition was founded to help facilitate the vision of a more cycle-friendly Centre County. The organization is a collection of cyclists working for cyclists, with the goals of promoting bicycling as a means of recreation and transportation in the area.

CentrePeace, Inc.

Thomas (Thom) L. Brewster, Executive Director

(814) 353-9081

3013 Benner Pike

Bellefonte, PA 16823

E-mail: contact@centrepeace.org

Thom's e-mail: thom@centrepeace.org

Web site: <http://centrepeace.org>

Office hours: Mon.-Sat.: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Outlet showroom hours: Tues.-Sat.: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Teaches social and vocational skills to individuals incarcerated at the Centre County Correctional Facility. Provides conflict resolution training to individuals incarcerated at CCCF and the State Correctional Institution Rockview. Publishes criminal justice advocacy and support directory. Coordinates these pro-

grams for local and state inmates: prayer-mate program, birthday cards for death row inmates, Christmas cards for inmates. Operates a used household goods and furniture outlet Showroom to generate programming revenue. Collaborates with fellow local social service agencies to Provide used furniture and household goods at low or no cost to Centre Region families in need.

Centre Wildlife Care

Robyn Graboski,

Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator

(814) 692-0004

Centre Wildlife Care

P.O. Box 572

Lemont, PA 16851

E-mail: robyn@statecollege.com

Web site: <http://wildaboutanimals.net>

Centre Wildlife Care is an organization dedicated to caring for injured, orphaned, sick and displaced wildlife for the purpose of releasing them back into the wild. CWC is run on a volunteer basis and is funded solely by donations.

Child Care Information Services of Centre County

Ann Walker, Executive Administrator

Nichol Sheridan, Program Director

(814) 231-1352

2565 Park Center Blvd., Suite 100

State College, PA 16801

TDD: (800) 654-5984

(ask for 814-231-1352)

E-mail: ccis@cdfc.org

Web site: <http://centrecis.org>

E.O.E and Language Line available

Provides free child care resource and referral services to anyone who is looking for quality child care and education services through a state-wide data base. We can refer; but not recommend, so we provide extensive counseling and resource material to assist in locating the quality placement that best meets your needs. Financial assistance for child care costs is available to families who meet eligibility requirements set by the state and is based on a sliding fee scale related to income and family size. Eligible parents, caretakers, guardians or foster parents can participate in this "parent choice system." Outreach activities are offered to the community, businesses, and initiatives/groups at no cost and can inform people about all of the State's programs for children and families. Visit us by phone, e-

mail, and Web site or at our central office. This program is funded in full by the Pa. Department of Public Welfare, Office of Child Development and Early Learning.

Child Development & Family Council of Centre County

Ann Walker, Executive Administrator

Paula Thornbloom, Program

Administrator

(814) 238-5480

2565 Park Center Blvd. Suite 100

State College, PA 16801

Web site: cdcf@cdfc.org

E-mail: <http://cdfc.org>

E.O.E and Language Line available

Provides the following services to Centre County families: Quality child care and education programs, including before and after school and summer camp programs. Free pre-kindergarten programs for eligible children age 3 & 4 years. Head Start and Early Intervention services available on-site. United Way member agency offering a Scholarship program for qualifying families with children from 6 weeks through middle school, we welcome inquiries. Administration of Food Reimbursement Program for Family Day Care Homes (CACFP) offered. Administration and funding for Child Care information Services of Centre County provided. Education and consultation services which includes training and technical assistance for those who work in child care and education programs.

Children's Aid Society

Bonnie Floro, Executive Director

(814) 765-2686 ext. 230

1008 S. Second St.

Clearfield, PA 16830

E-mail: bonnief@childaid.org

Angela Hassinger, Program Director

765-2686 ext. 222

E-mail: angelah@childaid.org

Web site: <http://childaid.org>

Office hours: 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Provides special needs and private Adoption services in a 14 county area in central PA including a majority of children and families in Centre County. Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network affiliate (SWAN). Other services include child care, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Healthy Marriage programs, the Nurturing parenting program and Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts preschool.

ClearWater Conservancy

Jennifer Shuey, Executive Director

(814) 237-0400

2555 N. Atherton St.

State College, PA 16803

E-mail: Jennifer@clearwaterconservancy.org

Web site:

<http://clearwaterconservancy.org>

ClearWater Conservancy of Central Pennsylvania, Inc. is a Centre County-based land trust and natural resource conservation organization. Its mission is to promote conservation and restoration of natural resources in central Pennsylvania through land conservation, water resource protection, and environmental outreach to the community.

Community Help Centre

Tammy Gentzel, Director

(814) 237-5855

139 S. Pugh St.

State College, PA 16801

Help line: (800) 494-2500

E-mail: information@communityhelpcentre.org

Web site:

<http://communityhelpcentre.org>

Is a volunteer-based, nonprofit organization that provides services, resources, education, training, and information to people who are in need of support and to people who are seeking volunteer opportunities in our community. With a drop-in center and 24-hour hotline as their foundation, we work to coordinate and deliver services throughout Centre County.

Concerned Voters of Centre County

Web Site:

<http://www.concernedvoters.org>

E-mail: concernedvoters@gmail.com

A nonpartisan group devoted to election integrity issues. We reject paperless touch screen voting and advocate voter-verified paper ballots that can be used for mandatory random audits and recounts.

Creative Oasis

(814) 237-1982

133 E. Beaver Ave.

State College, PA 16801

E-mail: info@thecreativeoasis.com

Web site: <http://thecreativeoasis.com>

The Creative Oasis is a nonprofit public studio offering art classes for children and

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adults, summer art camps, memberships, and serving the needs of professional, semi-professional, and amateur artists in the Centre Region.

Easter Seals Central PA

Kathleen Zdenek, Child Development Director
(814) 238-4434
383 Rolling Ridge Dr.
State College, PA 16801
E-mail: kzdenek@eastersealscentralpa.org
Web site: <http://eastersealscentralpa.org>
Office hours: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Operates an integrated pre-school/child care program and summer day camps for children and adolescents with disabilities. Provides support programs for families, weekend recreation activities, and disabilities awareness education. Offers low cost rental of wheelchairs and car seats.

Food Bank of State College Area

Linda Tataliba, Executive Director
(814) 234-2310
276 W. Hamilton Ave.
State College, PA 16801
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 907
State College, PA 16804
E-mail: ltataliba@gmail.com
Web site: <http://foodbank.centreconnect.org>
Office hours: Mon., Wed., Fri.: 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sat.: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Provides emergency food to those in need in the State College and Upper Bald Eagle Valley and assists the network of food pantries in Centre County.

Friendship Community Library

Susan Gibson
(570) 962-2048
P.O. Box 478
Main St.
Beech Creek, PA 16822
E-mail: friendship@rosslibrary.org
Provides library services, book lending, audio-visuals and audio phonics reading programs to community residents, as well as a biweekly story hour for preschoolers.

Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA

Jeannette Archer-Simons, CEO
E-mail: jarcher-simons@gshpa.org
Donna Evans, Chief Development

Officer
State College Service Center
(814) 231-4077
164 Rolling Ridge Dr.
State College, PA 16801
E-mail: devans@gshpa.org
Web site: <http://gshpa.org>
Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Provides learning activities that help girls discover their leadership potential, connect with others to appreciate diversity and make a difference in the community.

Global Connections

Merrill David, Executive Director
(814) 863-3927
404 A Boucke Building
University Park, PA 16802
E-mail: globalconnections@ip.psu.edu
Web site: <http://international.psu.edu/gc>
Offers programs that promote intercultural community and understanding by assisting people from other countries through English-as-second-language classes, conversation partners, tax filing assistance and individual assistance, bringing Americans and internationals together with cultural exchanges and friendship programs; and educating the community about other cultures and international issues through school speakers programs and other regular and special events.

Goodwill Industries of North Central PA

Business office: (814) 371-2821
Local store: (814) 237-8006
Westerly Park Plaza
State College, PA 16801
Web site: <http://goodwillinc.org>
The mission of Goodwill Industries of North Central PA, Inc. is to provide vocational services and employment opportunities for all people, who, because of disabilities, disadvantages, or employment displacement, face barriers to competitive employment. Goodwill takes gently used items and recycles them into communities while keeping them out of our landfills. Eighty-four percent of every dollar from the sale of these items contributes to funds to put individuals to work.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County

Tom Mesko, Executive Director
(814) 353-2390
1155 Zion Rd.

Bellefonte, PA 16823
E-mail: susan@habitatgcc.org
Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, faith-based ministry building affordable homes for those in need. Family selection is nondiscriminatory, based on housing need, ability to make payments to purchase the home, and willingness to work in partnership with Habitat. Homes are energy-efficient and easy to maintain.

Hope for Kids

Brenda Goldman, President
(814) 353-0200
E-mail: info@hopeforkidsinc.net
1400 Fox Hill Rd., Suite 200
State College, PA 16803
P.O. Box 1331
State College, PA 16804
Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Hope for Kids is a high quality specialized foster care program serving children birth through 18 years of age whose needs are too intense to be served in traditional foster care. The agency serves children who have been neglected, physically or sexually abused, mental health or mental retardation, children with autism, and special medical needs.

Housing Transitions, Inc.

Ron Quinn, Executive Director
(814) 237-4863
217 E. Nittany Avenue
P.O. Box 1391
State College, PA 16804
E-mail: rquinn@housingtransitions.com
Web site: <http://housingtransitions.com>
Assists families and individuals who are homeless or near-homeless achieve a more independent lifestyle by providing an array of effective services and housing alternatives. Programs include the Centre House emergency homeless shelter located in State College.

Interfaith Mission

Matt Hall, Executive Director
(814) 234-7731
215 Robin Alley
State College, PA 16801
E-mail: interfaithmission1@juno.com
Web site: <http://interfaithmission@centreconnect.org>
Office hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Provides financial assistance to meet emergency basic needs for low-income residents of primarily the State College

School District and Port Matilda areas. Provides a free furniture recycling program to low-income residents of Centre County.

Keystone Human Services

Charles Hooker III, Chief Executive Officer
State College Office: Kristine Royer, Director
(814) 231-0138 ext. 205
915 Benner Pike
State College, PA 16801
E-mail: kroyer@keystonehumanservices.org
Web site: <http://keystonehumanservices.org>
Delivers early intervention services as well as support the facilitation of their existing programs.

Leadership Centre County

Georgia Abbey, Executive Director
(814) 238-5559
P.O. Box 10265
State College, PA 16805
E-mail: lcc@leadershipcentrecounty.org
Web site: <http://leadershipcentrecounty.org>
The mission of Leadership Centre County is to increase the community's leadership pool. The organization brings diverse individuals together for networking and exposure to community issues, opportunities and needs, encourages increased participation for leadership in civic service, and creates a support network for present and future leaders.

Local Help & Transient Fund

Donna Brooks, Representative
(814) 355-5834
P.O. Box 541
Bellefonte, PA 16823
E-mail: dbrooks48@comcast.net
Provides emergency overnight lodging, dinner and breakfast for transients experiencing a variety of situations.

Master Gardeners

Pam Calkins, Program Coordinator
(814) 355-4897
Willowbank Building, Room 322
420 Holmes Ave.
Bellefonte, PA 16823
E-mail: pfc105@psu.edu
Web site: <http://extension.psu.edu/cnregion/mg>
CCMG provides gardening information

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and programs throughout Centre County. The organization participates in the planting and maintenance of gardens at local schools, parks, and museums.

MidPenn Legal Services

Rhodia Thomas, Esq., Executive Director
Brent Frank, Regional Manager
(814) 238-4958 ext. 1132
2054 E. College Ave.
State College, PA 16801
E-mail: bfrank@midpenn.org
Web site: <http://midpenn.org>
Office hours: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Makes free legal services available to low income people in a variety of civil matters. Provides community education events and materials to the public and client populations in order to prevent the need for direct representation in a variety of civil matters. Network with local private bar associations to promote pro bono referrals for various civil matters.

Mid-State Literacy Council

Monica Mathews, Director
(814) 238-1809
248 Calder Way, #307
State College, PA 16801
E-mail: mmathews@mid-stateliteracy-council.org
Web site: <http://mid-stateliteracycouncil.org>
Office Hours: 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Trains volunteers to tutor adults and young adults who read and write below a fifth grade level. Non-English speaking persons are also tutored through a one-on-one reading program.

Moshannon Valley YMCA

William Beezer, Executive Director
(814) 342-0889
103 N. 14th St.
P.O. Box 426
Philipsburg, PA 16866
E-mail: ymca73@verizon.net
Web site:
<http://movalleyymca.org>

Offers more than 50 programs and services which promote good health and strong children and families.

Mount Nittany Conservancy

Web site: <http://mtnittany.org>
E-mail: Info@MtNittany.org
The Mount Nittany Conservancy seeks to

preserve Mount Nittany for future generations of Centre County residents. The organization builds and maintains trails and overlooks while seeking to prevent further encroachment on the region's wildlife.

The Next Stage

Mary Skees and Jay Shuchter, Co-founders and Producing Artistic Directors
Join mailing list by calling
(814) 404-2649 or
(814) 360-0556
E-mail: playsplus@yahoo.com

The Next Stage, in its 12th year, offers three mainstage productions each season. The company produces important contemporary plays emphasizing acting and thought-provoking stories. It also offers acting classes taught by professional actors, and occasional readers' theatre productions, as well as an outreach program that contracts with clients for training sessions that use tailor-made scenes as a springboard for discussion.

Ni-Ta-Nee NOW

(814) 364-9391
(814) 355-5712
P.O. Box 162
Bellefonte, PA 16823
E-mail: ni-ta-teenow@verizon.net

The local chapter of the National Organization for Women whose mission is to "bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society NOW."

Areas of concern include reproductive justice, economic justice, health care, lesbian rights, ending violence against women, ending racism and other issues that impact women and children's lives. Meets at Webster's Bookstore Café, 128 S. Allen St., State College, 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month, February through December. No meeting in January.

PA Home Energy

Web site: <http://pahomeenergy.org>
(800) 832-3327

PA Home Energy is a program that is focused on helping Pennsylvania consumers reduce home energy use while improving comfort.

If you own a home or are building or buying new, learn what you can do to reduce your energy use and save money. The program integrates the general princi-

ples of whole house performance with green home design. At the heart of PA Home Energy is ENERGY STAR, a widely recognized brand that is easy to understand. PA Home Energy will be providing a modest financial incentive to the Pennsylvania residents whose electric service is provided by Allegheny Power.

Park Forest Day Nursery

Gloria Horst Rosenberger, Director
(814) 231-8492
1833 Park Forest Ave.
State College, PA 16803
E-mail: jimgloria@juno.com
Office hours: 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

A tuition-free preschool for children from low income families, many of whom are at risk.

The comprehensive program includes education, social skills and developmental motor skills taught by qualified teachers in a safe environment. Nutritious breakfast and lunch are provided/planned by a dietitian.

Penns Valley Conservation Association

Gary Gyekis, President
(814) 349-5205
P.O. Box 165
Aaronsburg, PA 16820
E-mail: info@pennsvalley.net
Web site: <http://pennsvalley.net>

PVCA serves as a steward of the Upper Penns Creek watershed and all its communities. PVCA works to protect and conserve Penns Valley's waters, farmlands, forests, and the heritage upon which its vibrant rural quality of life depends. The group organizes and supports activities that promote healthy natural systems and foster local economies.

Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture

Brian Snyder, Executive Director
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114 W. Main St.
P.O. Box 419
Millheim, PA 16854
E-mail: brian@pasafarming.org
Web site: <http://pasafarming.org>

PASA works to improve the economic prosperity, environmental soundness and social propriety of Pennsylvania food and agricultural systems.

PASA works with farmers, consumers and those concerned with the ecological

well-being of our environment and natural resources, among others. The association seeks to address the sustainability of the entire food and agriculture industry, and places great value on efforts to build bridges between various and disparate participants in the food system.

PICCC, Inc.

Cheryl M. Johnson, Executive Director
(814) 237-8998
2595-1 Clyde Ave.
State College PA 16801
E-mail: cjohnson@piccc.org
Web site: <http://piccc.org>
Hours: 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Summer youth career development program which enables youth to make career decisions, plan for the future and transition successfully to the workplace.

Planned Parenthood

137 S. Pugh St., Suite 7
State College, PA 16801
(814) 867-7778
Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; Wed.: 12:00–7:00 p.m.
STI Walk-In Clinic: Thurs.: 12:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Planned Parenthood provides confidential information, medical exams, and contraceptive supplies and Emergency Contraception. We provide cancer screening for women including Pap smears and breast exams and the Gardasil vaccine. We provide testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS testing. Pregnancy testing and referral for all options. If you're under 18 years old, and not covered by medical insurance, our services are free. We take most insurance including Medicaid and SelectPlan.

Second Mile

Bill Speakman, Vice President of Development
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State College, PA 16801
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The Second Mile challenges young people to achieve their potential as individuals and community members by providing opportunities for them to develop life skills and self-esteem as well as by providing education and support for parents and professionals addressing the needs of youth.

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The Sight Loss Support Group of Central PA

Rana Arnold, Co-founder and Director
(814) 238-0132

111 Sowers St., #310
State College, PA 16801

E-mail: slsg1@verizon.net

Office Hours: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Offers support and referral services to those coping with any stage of sight loss at any age. Program consists of self-help, emotional support, peer counseling, community education and advocacy.

Skills of Central PA

David M. (Mike) Rice, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer
(814) 238-3245 ext. 304

341 Science Park Rd., Suite 6
State College, PA 16803

E-mail: mrice@corp.skillsgroup.org

Web site: <http://skillsofcentralpa.org>

Office hours: 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Provides community-based homes, jobs, training and long-term support services for persons with disabilities.

Smart Start Centre County

Eileen Wise, Executive Director
(814) 238-0331

2790 W. College Ave., Suite 7
State College, PA 16801

E-mail: smartstart@ccunitedway.org

Engages a wide network of volunteers to promote awareness, educate, and affect positive change in the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive health and development of all young children in Centre County.

State College Area Family YMCA

Dennis J. Ditmer, Chief Executive Officer
(814) 237-7717

677 W. Whitehall Rd.
State College, PA 16801

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Web site: <http://scaymca.org>

Provides a variety of programs and services that build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities.

State College Community Land Trust

Ron Quinn, Executive Director
Colleen Ritter, Projects Coordinator
(814) 867-0656

420 W. College Ave.

State College, PA 16801

Web site: <http://scclandtrust.org>

Since 1996, the SCCLT has been working to address the need for affordable housing in the borough of State College. We are a nonprofit organization of volunteers that purchase, rehab and sell decent housing to income-qualified, first-time home buyers. Our houses meet all building codes and are always owner-occupied.

State College Friends School

(814) 237-8386

1900 University Dr.

State College, PA 16801

Web site: <http://statecollegefriendsschool.org>

A Quaker kindergarten through eighth grade independent school, nurturing intellectual growth with a stimulating academic curriculum in a spiritually-enriching environment. We celebrate diversity and welcome families of all faiths and perspectives.

State College Peace Center

P.O. Box 483

State College, PA 16804

E-mail: scpeacecenter@gmail.com

Web site: <http://www.scpeacecenter.org>

The Peace Center provides the community with educational opportunities on the issues of social justice, nonviolence and world events. The Peace Center also seeks to support local and national peacemaking efforts.

Strawberry Fields, Inc.

Cindy Pasquinelli, Executive Director
(814) 234-6023

3054 Enterprise Dr.

State College, PA 16801

E-mail:

sfields@sfionline.org

Cindy's e-mail: ckpasq@aol.com

Web site: <http://sfionline.org>

Office hours: 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Provides Early Intervention Services for children birth to 3. Casework services for children and adults with mental illness and adults with developmental disabilities. Organization operates eight residential programs for adults with development disabilities and a residential program for adults with mental illness.

United Nations Association

Norma Keller, President

(814) 684-4720 or

(814) 360-5818

1900 University Dr.

State College, PA 16801

The United Nations Association of the United States of America is dedicated to educating, inspiring, and mobilizing Americans to support the principles and vital work of the United Nations, strengthening the U.N. system, promoting constructive U.S. leadership in that system, and achievement of the goals of the U.N. Charter. Public meetings are biannual and a U.N. Day dinner is held in October.

Voices of Central Pennsylvania

Suzan Erem, General Manager

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(814) 466-2263

133 S. Allen St.

State College, PA 16801

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Web site: <http://voicesweb.org>

Voices of Central Pennsylvania seeks to use high quality journalism to educate the

people of Central Pennsylvania about issues that affect them and their community. Effective democracy depends upon informed citizens.

Voices of Central Pennsylvania fulfills the press's role as a guardian of democracy by investigating issues that receive inadequate attention in the commercial media and by providing a platform for alternative viewpoints.

The philosophy of *Voices of Central Pennsylvania* is that democracy should incorporate the voices of all people, regardless of their race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, political affiliation, age or wealth.

Women's Welcome Club

(814) 238-9492

E-mail: jajw55@aol.com or

ckochj@aol.com

Web site:

<http://geocities.com/wwcstatecollege>

Women's Welcome Club exists to offer those who are new to our area or long term residents the opportunity to actively participate in activities that promote civic, social, and humanitarian aspects of this community.

We welcome newcomers and invite long-time residents of State College and the surrounding area to join us, make new friends, and share common interests.

Youth Services Bureau

Norma Keller, CEO

(814) 237-5731

410 S. Fraser St.

State College, PA 16801

E-mail: nkeller@ccysb.com

Web site: <http://ccysb.com>

The Youth Services Bureau strives to ensure that children, youth and families will have opportunities to realize and fulfill their potential for growth and development through a continuum of services.



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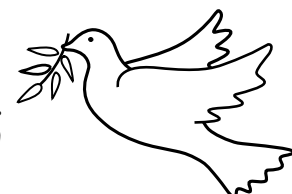
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State College Peace Center

www.scpeacecenter.org

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at "The Gates"
College Ave. & Allen St.
Wednesdays 5:00-6:00
Saturdays 1:30-2:30



Donations can be sent to the SCPC at P.O. Box 483, State College, PA 16804