

Voices 2007 Resource Guide to Centre County's Nonprofit Organizations

To Our Readers: *Voices* is an all-volunteer organization 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 editors@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

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.

www.acousticbrew.org

Linda Littleton, Volunteer Coordinator
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PO Box 1090
Lemont, PA 16851

Amnesty International

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.

www.clubs.psu.edu/up/amnesty

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University Park, PA 16802

Artistic Horizon

Artistic Horizon is a non-profit integrated art center. Our classes and workshops offer a supportive art environment that will encourage the artist in everyone. Programs

are available for 3 years old through adults. Drawing, painting, clay hand building, metal arts, stain glass, sculpture, theatre programs, music, and much more.

www.artistichorizon.org
(814) 234-3441
219 S. Patterson St.
State College, PA 16801

Bears that Care

The Bears that Care program was founded by Michele Rivera during September 2001. This program reaches out to children in crisis both nationally and internationally by distributing local donations of stuffed toys. Our goal is create a touch of love and caring for a child in a difficult place in their lives. The toys have also played a role in making a connection in communities through law enforcement and fire department distribution to children on behalf of the Bears that Care program.

(814) 234-3441

Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association

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.

www.bellefontarts.org
Donna Rochon, President
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BHCA
P.O. Box 141
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Center for Arts and Crafts

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.

www.sa.psu.edu/usa/craftcenter
(814) 863-0611
11 Grange Building
University Park, PA 16802

Center for Sustainability (American Indian Housing Initiative)

The American Indian Housing Initiative is a collaborative effort to adapt and deploy

sustainable building technologies on American Indian reservations. AIHI partners seek an educational exchange of cultural values and sustainable building technologies through collaborative and interdisciplinary partnerships.

www.engr.psu.edu/greenbuild
email: aihi@psu.edu

Center for Well Being

The Center for Well Being offers a variety of services designed to promote mental and physical health.

www.centerforwellbeing.net
Donna Richards, Office Manager
(814) 237-3042
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123 Mt. Nittany Rd.
Lemont, PA 16851

CentreConnect / C-Net

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

www.centreconnect.org
email: cnet@ceinetworks.com
(814) 238-5031
243 South Allen Street, Suite 336
State College, PA 16801

Centre County Affordable Housing Coalition

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.

George Khoury, Chair
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Centre County Historical Society

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.

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Centre Furnace Mansion
1001 E. College Ave.
State College, PA 16801

Centre County PAWS Inc.

PAWS (Promotion of Animal Welfare and Safety) is an organization of volunteers committed to providing humane solutions to our area's pet overpopulation. In order to care for these 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.

www.centrecountypaws.org
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State College, PA 16804

Centre County United Way

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.

www.ccunitedway.org
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State College, PA 16801

Centre County Women's Resource Center

The Centre County Women's Resource Center (CCWRC) provides services for people who have experienced domestic and or sexual violence. Counselor/advocates are available 24 hours a day.

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www.artistichorizon.org



Artistic Horizon

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Centre Media Values

Centre Media Values (CMV) is a community-based, volunteer, progressive, grassroots organization located in Centre County, Pa. Members believe that the future of democracy in our country requires that all points of view be balanced and heard. Their goal is to reach that state of balance by bringing a broader and more diverse range of ideas to the region through the media.

www.heptune.com/cm.html
www.centremediavalues.blogspot.com
email: black.bj@gmail.com

The Centre Region Bike Coalition

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.

www.centrebike.org
Chuck Anderson
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State College, PA 16805

CentrePeace

CentrePeace promotes a restorative justice system by modeling programs within our communities and correctional facilities that are based on healing brokenness rather than on vengeance, centering on peace rather than on fear, and offering avenues of accountability rather than alienation. Our goal is to reduce the return-to-crime rate (recidivism) by providing inmates with the skills that will enable them to eventually lead productive and fulfilling lives.

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Bellefonte, PA 16823

Centre Wildlife Care

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.

www.wildaboutanimals.net
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Centre Wildlife Care
P.O. Box 572
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ClearWater Conservancy

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.

www.clearwaterconservancy.org
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State College, PA 16803

Community Help Centre

Community Help Centre provides services, resources, education, training and information to people 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 our foundation, they work to coordinate and deliver human services throughout Centre County.

www.communityhelpcentre.com
Tammy Gentzel.
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(814) 272-1542

Concerned Voters of Centre County

A nonpartisan group devoted to election integrity issues. We reject paperless touch screen voting and advocate voter-verified paper bal-

lots that can be used for mandatory random audits and recounts.

concernedvoters.org
email: concernedvoters@gmail.com

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Centre County

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, faith-based ministry building affordable homes for those in need. Family selection is non-discriminatory, 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.

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1155 Zion Rd.
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Creative Oasis

The Creative Oasis is a non-profit public studio offering art classes for children and adults, summer art camps, memberships, and serving the needs of professional, semi-professional, and amateur artists in the Centre Region.

www.thecreativeoasis.com
email: info@thecreativeoasis.com
(814) 237-1982
133 E. Beaver Ave.
State College, PA 16801

Interfaith Mission

Interfaith Mission provides situational emergency assistance to meet basic human needs for low-income residents of primarily the State College Area School District and the 692 exchange in Port Matilda.

interfaithmission.centreconnect.org
Matthew Hall, Executive Director
(814) 234-7731
Interfaith Mission, Inc.
215 Robin Alley
State College, PA 16801

Leadership Centre County

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.

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Georgia Abbey, Executive Director

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Master Gardeners

Centre County Master Gardeners are volunteers trained to provide gardening information and programs throughout Centre County, Pa. The organization participates in the planting and maintenance of gardens at local schools, parks, and museums.

www.extension.psu.edu/cnregion/mg
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MidPenn Legal Services

MidPenn Legal Services is a non-profit public-interest law firm dedicated to providing equal access to justice and high quality legal services to low income persons and survivors of domestic violence in central Pennsylvania. Our client community includes low-income individuals and families, the elderly, the disabled, children and survivors of domestic violence. We seek results that will improve the lives of our clients by providing individual representation and assistance as well as by seeking solutions to systemic problems that affect our clients.

www.midpenn.org
Brent Frank, Manager
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State College, PA 16801

Mount Nittany Conservancy

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 regions wildlife.

www.mtnittany.org
email: Info@MtNittany.org

The Next Stage

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 con-

Concerned Voters of Centre County

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<http://concernedvoters.org>

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tracts with clients for training sessions that use tailor-made scenes as a springboard for discussion.

Mary Skees and Jay Shuchter
Co-founders and Producing Artistic
Directors
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Join mailing list by calling
(814) 404-2649 or (814) 360-0556

Ni-Ta-Nee NOW

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.

Ni-Ta-Nee NOW
e-mail: ni-ta-noonow@verizon.net
(814) 364-9391, (814) 280-8571,
(814) 466-3096, or (814) 355-5712
P.O. Box 162
Bellefonte, PA 16823-0162

Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture

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.

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Millheim, PA 16854

Penns Valley Conservation Association

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.

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Second Mile

The Second Mile challenges young people to achieve their potential as individuals and community members by providing opportunities for them to develop positive 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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State College, PA 16801

State College Community Land Trust

Since 1996 the SCCLT has been working to address the need for affordable housing in the borough of State College. We are a non-profit 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.

www.scclandtrust.org
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State College, PA 16801

State College Friends School

A Quaker kindergarten through 8th 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.

www.statecollegefriendsschool.org
(814) 237-8386
1900 University Dr.
State College, PA 16801

State College Peace Center

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

scpeacecenter@gmail.com
State College Peace Center
P.O. Box 483
State College, PA 16804

Voices of Central Pennsylvania

This 14-year-old independent community newspaper is a liberal journal of news and opinion, written by and for Central Pennsylvania residents. We strive to create a community that accepts and cares about men and women of diverse ages, classes, nationalities, opinions, religions, sexual orientations, and racial or ethnic identities.

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Women's Welcome Club

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.

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Youth Services Bureau

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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United Nations Association

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 held twice annually and a U.N. Day dinner is held in October.

Norma Keller, President
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