

Boyertown Area Multi-Service

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available until April 15, 2014

Multi Service will be closed the following dates:
April 18, 2014, in observance of Good Friday
May 26, 2014, in observance of Memorial Day



From the Director's Desk

For 33 years, I had the pleasure of working with Boyertown area residents who were 55 and over. I met many wonderful people...there were those who enjoyed the meals and activities that the center had to offer; others who graciously volunteered their time and help to make these center programs available. Without either group, our program could not have existed and flourished.

As I have always been familiar with the other programs at Multi-Service, I must admit that I never had a full understanding of what role the community had in assisting our agency with the services that we provide. We have a unique partnership with a community that consists of individuals, organizations, churches, schools, and businesses that are kind, compassionate, and willing to help.

Supportive in many ways... whether volunteering to deliver meals to the homebound, making a monetary donation to our fuel assistance program, or a donation of food to our community food pantry, working in the kitchen to help provide the congregate meal at the senior center, or volunteering to provide income tax assistance...our volunteers and community members are very special and very much appreciated.

We look forward to saying "thank you" to our volunteers at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner on April 3rd at Morning Star Fellowship. Please do not hesitate to call if you did not receive an invitation. It is important to us to recognize everyone for their contribution to our agency.

We definitely could not do it without you! Your support of Boyertown Area Multi-Service has been amazing!

Angel ornaments are available for Mother's Day!

Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner

The Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner and Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2014, at Morning Star Fellowship, 100 Limekiln Road, Bechtelsville, PA. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m.

Volunteers are guests of the Multi-Service Board of Directors and all Multi-Service members who are not volunteers are invited to attend for a fee of \$7.00 per meal. If you did not receive an invitation, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing all of you on April 3rd.



Easter Baskets

Every year Boyertown Area Multi-Service gives Easter baskets to children of clients if parents are unable to provide them on their own. Donations of Easter baskets will be accepted until April 7th. Baskets are given to children, as young as infants, to children as old as preteens. Baskets can be made for girls, boys or non-gender specific. If you are interested in donating Easter Baskets, please contact Amy Davies at 610-367-6957.

Did you know?

- Boyertown Area Multi-Service has an Endowment Fund?
- As this Fund grows it will help to off-set losses in County funding?
- The Multi-Service Endowment fund accepts contributions of any size?
- You can include Multi-Service in your planned giving?
- The Multi-Service Endowment fund is made up of gifts and bequests and the principal remains intact and invested to create a source of income for Multi-Service from the Fund's earnings?

For more information about the Endowment Fund, please contact us at 610-367-6957.

The Mission of the Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Inc.
is to provide resources and services to meet unfulfilled human and community needs in the greater Boyertown area.

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Boyertown Area Multi-Service, Inc.
is a member agency of the Boyertown Area United Way and is also funded in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging through Berks County Area Agency on Aging, Montgomery County Aging and Adult Services, and the generosity of the individuals, churches, and organizations of the Boyertown Area.

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Program Highlights

39TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR THE CENTER AT SPRING STREET

Thursday, March 27th Theme – “It’s Mardi Gras Time” – Special Menu – Fresh Fruit Medley, Shrimp, Chicken & Sausage Medley, Rice Pilaf, Buttered Carrots, and Banana Pudding Tarts - Cost: \$6 per person.

FRIDAY NITE DANCE

Friday, March 14, 2014 – The Majestics
Friday, April 11, 2014 – Bill Murray & The Crossover Band

SENIOR/SENIOR PROM

May 30, 2014 – 7-10 p.m. – The Clayton Moore Band

BINGO NITE: 6-9 P.M.

Tuesday, March 11, 2014
Tuesday, March 25, 2014
Tuesday, April 8, 2014
Tuesday, April 22, 2014
Tuesday, May 6, 2014
Tuesday, May 20, 2014

AAA DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

8 Hour “First Timers” Course

Wednesday, March 19 & Thursday, 20, 2014 – 9:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9 & Thursday, 10, 2014 – 9:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

4 Hour “Renewal” Course

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 – 9:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23, 2014 – 9:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

4 Hour “Renewal” Course

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 – 9:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR – “Fun in the Sun”

Tuesday, May 13th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.



Staff Spotlight



Meet Debra Brauner

A little over a year ago, Debra Brauner was hired by Boyertown Area Multi-Service to be the Program Coordinator for The Center at Spring Street. Her primary duties include planning the activities that will entertain, educate and promote the general well-being of the older adults in attendance at the Center. Deb invites performers and presenters and coordinates the logistics for their visits. She communicates with other staff members and advertises the events on bulletin boards and in the monthly calendar. Organizing tournaments, overseeing volunteers, and maintaining relationships with local organizations are tasks that Deb performs on an ongoing basis. She interacts with everyone at the Center and listens to their opinions about current programs and solicits ideas for future activities.

Deb has had a great deal of experience helping people of all ages. Previous jobs included working for Headstart and as an activities assistant in a nursing home. Just prior to her job here, she was employed at two area churches in Christian education and as a youth worker. She continues to work part time in Christian education at one of those churches.

Born and raised in the Boyertown vicinity, Deb was happy to make her home here when she met and married Tom. They will soon celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary and are the parents of two daughters. Stephanie currently lives in San Francisco, while Tracy calls Baltimore home.

Though Deb enjoys crocheting, she is more likely to pick up a book in her spare time. She is a fan of the beach and treasures time with her family.



Meet Diane Joyce

In March of 2013, Diane Joyce was hired as the Meals on Wheels Case Manager for Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Diane takes referrals for Meals on Wheels which require a home visit to determine eligibility. She maps the routes and makes the necessary changes as often as two or three times a week as new people are added and others removed from routes. In addition, Diane conducts volunteer training for drivers and runners. From about 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. on weekdays, she greets the scheduled volunteers and makes sure all of the routes are covered. It is Diane's responsibility to make sure emergency snow packs are delivered in advance of bad weather conditions. She recruits volunteers to deliver holiday meals on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day to the few recipients who will not be with family on those holidays. All of these tasks require a substantial amount of paperwork, as well as, reports to both Berks and Montgomery counties.

Previously, Diane worked at Siemens as a Webcast Event Manager. Her computer and office skills, as well as her ability to multi-task, landed her the position as Receptionist/Transportation Coordinator for Multi-Service. Having happily served in that capacity for over 1 1/2 years, she became the Meals on Wheels Case Manager and is enjoying her new role caring for the homebound.

Diane has lived in New Hanover Township for almost 30 years. She and her husband, Joe, are the proud parents of four children: Mike, the twins, Joey and Tommy, and Mandy. 2014 will be a big year for her family, as both Joey and Tommy will be getting married. In addition, Mandy will be giving Diane and Joe their first grandchild!

In Diane's spare time, she is a massage therapist. When not working, she enjoys exercising, decorating, sewing, and entertaining. Spending time with family and friends and trips to the beach are favorite activities, too.



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Veteran's Program

Are you a caregiver? Did you know that most of the caregivers in this country are unpaid family members? Some reports indicate that about one in four adults are caregivers, two-thirds of them women. And many of them are 65 and older. Family caregivers are often "unsung heroes". Many of them have to juggle care giving tasks with other responsibilities (e.g. jobs and/or children). Some have had to give up their full time jobs to take care of a family member. Some have chronic health conditions themselves. They may be providing daily hands-on personal care, providing transportation to medical appointments, balancing the checkbook and managing finances, etc. For some it is a 24/7, 365 day a year job...unpaid.

It is important that caregivers have resources and supports to make their job a little easier. One of many helpful resources is the Tri-County Community Network Caregiver Support Committee. They have organized several Caregiver Resource Workshops to be held throughout the year at various locations. These workshops are designed to provide information that may be helpful to caregivers and to also provide a venue to meet other caregivers. The Center will be hosting a Caregiver Resource Workshop for caregivers of veterans on Thursday, April 3rd at 6:00. Liz Graybill from Berks County Veteran's Affairs Office will be the presenter. Please note that although we are targeting caregivers of veterans, the program is open to all veterans and their families.

You can find out about other programs of interest on the Caregiver Support Committee's calendar at <http://www.tcnetwork.org/programs/care>.

Staff

Executive Director: *Karen Youse*
Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant: *Jill Howard*
Receptionist/Transportation Coordinator:
Karen Trout
Over 60 Case Manager: *Virginia Cox*
Under 60 Case Manager: *Amy Davies*
Meals on Wheels Case Manager: *Diane Joyce*
Energy Case Manager: *Barbara Bernier*
**Food Program Manager/Public Relations
Coordinator:** *Nancy Kremm*
Center Director: *Lori Bernhard*
Assistant Center Director: *Pat Petrauskas*
Center Program Coordinator: *Debra Brauner*
Center Receptionist: *Fran Doaty*
Bus Drivers: *Joy Harner/Bob Eichert*
Chef: *Richard Mackey, Jr.*
Prep Chef: *Ursula Wieland*
Facility Manager: *Greg Rothenberger*
Custodian: *Russell Bouchat*
MOWS Volunteer Coordinator: *Elaine Bangs*
Rental Staff: *Norma Smith*