VOLUNTEERISM – PROMOTION/REFERRAL

1) AMERICAN RED CROSS – BERKSHIRE COUNTY CHAPTER
www.redcrossberkshirecounty.org

480 West Street
P.O. Box 644
Pittsfield, MA 01202
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
413-442-1506
1-800-332-2030

24-hour assistance for disaster victims, medical transportation, blood services, HIV/AIDS education and assistance for individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Service for the military and their families, homelessness prevention services and sheltering. First Aid, CPR, AED, water safety, babysitting and lifeguard education. Nurse assistant training and caregivers program. Food pantry and Berkshires Bounty perishable food distribution. International tracing services. Volunteer development and youth leadership program.

2) BERKSHIRE UNITED WAY

200 South Street 413-442-6948
P.O. Box 3808
Pittsfield, MA 01202
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Information and referral, community planning and fundraising. Provider of funding for many programs and services in the county. Publishes Berkshire County Human Services Directory.

3) ELDER SERVICES OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY. INC.
www.esbci.org

66 Wendell Avenue 413-499-0524
Pittsfield, MA 01201
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Services for elders 60 years and older. Case management, information and referral, homemaker/personal care, home health services, nutrition, “Meals on Wheels” program, housing, adult family care, ombudsmen (advocacy for elderly patients in long term care facilities) and money management program. Nursing home prescreening, protective services, employment opportunities for elders, volunteer opportunities (transportation, shopping and companionship) and transportation resources. Support group for family caregivers of the elderly.
4) JUNIOR LEAGUE OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY

75 S. Church Street 6-9 413-443-3151
Pittsfield, MA 01201 (24 hour answering machine)
Hours: Tuesday 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for first three weeks of the month
Friday 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for the last week of the month

Educational and charitable organization that promotes voluntary action and develops potential for its members to participate in voluntary activities and community affairs. Reaches out to all women and children who reside in Berkshire County. Provides scholarships and community programs. Coordinates weekly Volunteers Needed column in The Berkshire Eagle.

5) RETIRED & SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)

330 North Street 413-499-9345
Pittsfield, MA 01201
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Volunteer opportunities for persons who are 55 years of age and older.

6) SERVE N. E. (NEW ENGLAND)

SERVE N.E. can be accessed by contacting the following:
Pittsfield – Shirley McDonald – Berkshire Community Action Council – 413-445-4503
Lenox – Eloise Richards – 413-637-2274
North Adams – Donna Goodell – 413-663-5219

SERVE is a food buying cooperative for people who volunteer at least two hours per month anywhere in their communities. Each month SERVE participants can order top quality meats, fruits, vegetables and monthly specials at a savings of 30-40% off the retail price. Cash, checks and food stamps accepted. All are eligible regardless of income. People who already volunteer at least two hours per month in their communities do not need to work any additional hours to participate.