What Will You Do?

During our meeting with Greg Mortenson, we were told that you do not have to go and build schools internationally to make a difference. You can contribute to society by helping stray animals in your area or making a patient's day at a local hospital. All you need is passion. It is your desire to make a difference that will ultimately lead you to impact the lives of others. So use our list as a guide and find something you care about. Find a way to make a tangible change in the world.

Sports

Southern Delaware Therapeutic And Recreational Horseback Riding Inc: Using horseback riding as a progressive form of therapy for individuals with physical and emotional challenges. www.sdtrhr.com/

The Wilmington Skate Project: Demonstrating dedication to youth and showing support for a healthy young activity by building a skate park.

www.wilmingtonskateproject.org/ The YMCA: www.ymcade.org/

Special Olympics Delaware: Providing an opportunity for people with intellectual disability to strengthen their character, develop their physical skills, display their talents, and fulfill their human potential. www.sode.org/

Arts, Culture, and Food

Newark Arts Alliance: Greeting and help people as they come in, making sales, taking memberships and class registrations as you work as a gallery monitor. www.newarkartsalliance.org

New Castle Historical Society: Working on conservation and registration of artifacts, researching artifacts, and helping with exhibits as a curatorial assistant. <u>www.newcastlehistory.org</u>

Hagley Museum and Library: Supporting the organization's mission and work by working as discovery assistants, helping with holiday decorations, helping at special events, and greeting visitors. www.hagley.org

Jazz Bridge Project: Assisting jazz musicians and vocalists in times of crisis by providing confidential and caring support and by building an awareness of the local jazz community. www.jazzbridge.org

Valley Forge Children's Theatre: Enriching the lives of young people through responsible and edifying theater and education. www.vfct.org

Emily P Bissell Hospital: Volunteering as musical entertainers or sing along leaders www.volunteermatch.org/search/org52885.js p

Meals on Wheels: <u>www.mowaa.org</u> Maysie's Farm Conservation

Center: Developing a community based on the local food supply and a commitment to ecological living. <u>www.maysiesfarm.org</u> **Food Bank of Delaware**: <u>www.fbd.org</u>

Healthy Foods for Healthy Kids, Inc: Inspiring and motivating youth to develop lifelong wholesome eating habits by experiencing the joy of growing, cooking, and eating garden-fresh produce.

healthyfoodsforhealthykids.giving.officelive.co m/

Politics and Civil Service

League of Women Voters of Delaware (LWV): Working to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influencing public policy through education and advocacy. <u>http://de.lwv.org/</u> Delaware Democratic Party: http://deldems.org/

Delaware Country Republican Party: www.delawaregop.org/

Public Allies: Working to inspire more citizens to believe in themselves, step up and act. <u>www.publicallies.org/</u>

Animals

TreeTops Animal Rescue: Rescuing adoptable animals and supplying needed care and medical attention. <u>www.treetopsrescue.org</u>

Animal Rescue League of Western Pennsylvania: Fostering a humane spirit among the general public through education and kindness toward animals. www.animalrescue.org/

Open Paws: Helping people and animals build successful relationships with each other and the community at large by giving volunteers classical conditioning and reward training ability. <u>www.animalrescue.org/</u>

The Brandywine Zoo: Providing support for education activities, school tours, live animal presentations, on-site live animal exhibit interpretation, weekend traveling zoo programs, informal public presentations and special events. www.brandywinezoo.org

Faithful Friends: Help end the routine killing of dogs and cats through rescue and adoption of homeless pets, affordable spay/neuter programs, and outreach programs. www.faithfulfriends.us/

Environment

Elk Neck State Park: Helping manage the natural, cultural, historic, and recreation resources to provide the best benefit of people.

www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/central/elk neck.html

Delaware State Parks: www.destateparks.com

Beautification at Eastlawn Playground: Planting 16 trees at Eastlawn Playground. www.dehort.org/

Tree Planting at Clayplain Forest: Helping restore the rare ecosystem of the forest by planting trees.

www.nature.org/Delaware/ **Nature Abounds:** Educates and empowers citizens to take ownership of their community through environmental stewardship. www.natureabounds.org

Education

Communities in Schools of

Delaware (CSIS): Helping kids succeed in school and be prepared for life. <u>www.cisdelaware.org/</u>

Delaware Charter Schools Network (DCSN): Promoting excellence in public education throughout Delaware. www.decharternetwork.org/home.html

Delaware Children's Museum (DCM): Inspiring children to explore, discover and celebrate the power of their notential.

www.delawarechildrensmuseum.org/ourmission/

Delaware Foundation for Science and Mathematics Education

(DFSME): Encouraging excellence in science and math education. <u>www.dfsme.net/</u>

Delaware Futures: Helping at-risk, economically disadvantaged youth develop the skills needed for college and life. www.delawarefutures.org/

Innovative Schools: Promoting outstanding student achievement in Delaware by developing excellent schools. <u>www.innovativeschools.org/</u>

Literacy Volunteers Serving Adults: Helping adults improve literacy skills and realize their potential. www.litvolunteers.org/

New Castle County Head Start INC: Promoting early education programs. www.ncchs.org/

Health Care

American Red Cross Blood Donor: www.givelife.org/

Christiana Care Health System: Helping support the needs of patients, family, and staff. www.christianacare.org/

Franklin Square Hospital Center: Working in the waiting areas and gift shop, providing clerical assistance, mentoring breast cancer survivors, and participating in reading programs. <u>www.franklinsquare.org/</u>

Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad: Delivering emergency medical and rescue services to the community by serving on ambulance and medic crews.

www.sterlingrescue.com/

Medi Home Hospital: Helping patients live life to the fullest by improving their quality of life. www.msa-corp.com/

Mental Health Association in

Delaware: Promoting improved emotional well-being through education, supports, and advocacy. <u>www.mhainde.org</u>

