

## LANCASTER COUNTY JUROR DONATION PROGRAM

Your service is greatly appreciated. The Lancaster County Board of Judges would like to thank you once again for contributing your time for jury duty.

As a juror, you are allowed to be compensated for your service. Each juror receives \$9.00 a day for the first three (3) days of service. Beginning on the fourth day, the rate increases to \$25.00 per day. You also are entitled to receive mileage for each day of service. The amount is 17¢ per mile, which is calculated based on your zip code.

Since jurors have expressed an interest in donating the compensation they receive, the Lancaster County Juror Donation Program has been established. Arch Street Center, Compass Mark, CASA of Lancaster County, the Lancaster County Reentry Coalition, the Lancaster Law Foundation, the Veterans Court Community Partnership, and the Youth Aid Panels are the designated recipients. The program allows you to direct your compensation to one of these worthwhile causes. **This program is entirely voluntary.**

Should you choose to direct your compensation to one of these organizations, an acknowledgement will be mailed to you for your records. **If your employer requires you to return to work with a check, please refrain from donating your compensation unless you are authorized to do so.**

If you are interested, hopefully the following organizational information will be useful in making your decision.

### Arch Street Center

Arch Street Center (ASC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit day-program that is open 7 days/week to support adults living with serious mental illness. ASC provides a safe, caring, and judgment-free space with a focus on socialization, recreation, and empowerment. Many adults with mental health issues find themselves isolated, with few close friends or family to rely on and at high-risk for being neglected or forgotten by the communities in which they live. Members of ASC can meet with peers, form new friendships, and enjoy themselves without the burden of stigma or other outside pressures.

Members enjoy a spacious game room, two TV rooms, computers to safely access the internet, laundry, and shower facilities. Our compassionate staff form supportive relationships with members while interacting with them through our many activities: crafts, games, art classes, meditation, educational programs, a monthly block cleanup project, as well as off-site trips that include bowling, sporting events, movies, nature hikes, laser tag, and annual trips to the beach. Lastly, ASC provides snacks and restaurant quality meals daily. Attendance is voluntary, therefore it's up to us to create a program that makes our members want to keep coming back. Arch Street Center isn't just a place to go, it's a place to BELONG.

### CASA of Lancaster County

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Lancaster County, a 501(c)(3) organization, provides a qualified and compassionate court-appointed volunteer advocate to every child who is abused and neglected, to ensure the fundamental human right of having a safe, nurturing, and permanent home is met.

CASA Volunteer Advocates are appointed to one child or sibling group who are in the foster care system. CASA Volunteer Advocates work to ensure that every child is treated with dignity and respect and ultimately is able to grow up in safe and loving home. CASA is always looking for interested volunteers. For more information call 717-208-3280 or visit them at [casalancaster.org](http://casalancaster.org).

### Compass Mark

Compass Mark, a 501(c)(3) organization, works to prevent addiction from the abuse of alcohol, drugs and gambling. They do so by keeping both kids and adults safe by teaching how to make healthy choices when faced with difficult decisions or situations. They give people much needed direct support while connecting them with an array of community resources.

The Children of Incarcerated Parents program provides a supportive caseworker for children who are missing mom or dad and struggling with daily needs. The advocate makes sure that they have access to health insurance, shelter, food, clothing and care.

The Student Skills for Life (SSFL) program also works with the Lancaster legal system. Teens arrested for underage drinking can be referred by the judge for SSFL classes and may have charges or fines reduced. These classes ask teens to take a hard look at their use of alcohol and other drugs, and teach many ways to cope with the stress of growing up without drinking or drug use.

### Lancaster County Reentry Coalition

The Mission of the Lancaster County Reentry Coalition (LCRC), a community initiative of the Community Action Partnership of Lancaster County 501(c)(3) organization, is to achieve safer communities through reduced recidivism by providing support and assistance to people with criminal records through an intentional network of partners from all sectors of the community.

The Vision of the Lancaster County Reentry Management Coalition (LCRC) is that people with criminal records will have access to the support and assistance needed to become productive citizens and remain crime-free.

## Lancaster Law Foundation

The Lancaster Law Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, is the charitable arm of the Lancaster Bar Association. We use knowledge of the legal system and local communities to generate the biggest impacts. We invest in projects that improve people's lives, empower them for the future, and achieve basic fairness in our legal system. Your support delivers legal help to struggling people and families with legal problems affecting vital needs, like housing, family stability, and protection from abuse. Your aid helps to ensure that everyone, regardless of financial resources, receives meaningful access to our justice system. We help fund the Safe at Home Child Custody Project at MidPenn Legal Services, which keeps kids in safe, stable home/school environments by negotiating clear custody agreements among family members. We also administer an annual Community Grants Program, funding vital public interest law programs for low-income families: mediation, language access services, criminal record expungement clinics for job seekers, and more.

## Veterans Court Community Partnership

The Veterans Court Community Partnership (VCCP), a 501(c)(3) organization, consists of a group of volunteers committed to the vision of "Honor, Respect and Justice for Veterans." The VCCP's function is to provide support for the Lancaster County Veterans Court by raising funds to assist the veterans it serves. The VCCP is comprised entirely of community volunteers, as a result, there are no administrative expenses and so 100% of the contributions benefit the Veterans Court participants. Please see below for a description of the Veterans Court:

Veterans Court: The Lancaster County Veterans Court is a treatment-based court that provides honorably discharged veterans an opportunity to pursue appropriate treatment while simultaneously addressing their associated legal problems. This program is designed to promote public safety and reduce recidivism in a cost-effective way by providing veteran offenders with intensive Court supervision and a comprehensive, Veterans Administration-driven treatment program.

## Youth Aid Panels

The Youth Aid Panel is comprised of volunteer members of the community. It provides a diversionary way to deal with juvenile first time summary and misdemeanor offenders and is an alternative to the juvenile court system and an alternative to receiving a criminal record. The juvenile must admit guilt in order to participate in the program. It provides the means for the community to be directly involved in the process of holding youth accountable for their delinquent acts. The goal of the panel is to prevent youth from becoming more deeply involved in delinquent acts and poor decision making and to hold youth responsible for their actions through specific good services to the victim and/or community. While participating in the program, a juvenile may be required to pay any restitution owing to the victim, to participate in individual or family counseling, and to perform community service.

*If you would like to direct your compensation to one of these organizations, you must complete and sign a form. An acknowledgement will be issued to you the month after your service is complete. A check will not be issued to you and the funds you were to receive will be forwarded to the Arch Street Center, Compass Mark, CASA of Lancaster County, Lancaster County Reentry Coalition, The Lancaster Law Foundation, Veterans Court Community Partnership, or the Youth Aid Panels, as you directed.*



# Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas

Juror

## Donation Program

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