



AS THIS FISCAL YEAR WINDS DOWN FOR FRIENDS OF DONEGAL THIS IS OUR LAST MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THIS YEAR. BE LOOKING FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT— A REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AROUND JULY 1, 2026. THIS REPORT WILL PROVIDE A YEAR IN REVIEW AND HIGHLIGHT OUR GOALS FOR FY 2027.



GETTING AHEAD

Next class starts August 2026



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JOIN US FOR A 16-WEEK CLASS ON:

GETTING AHEAD IN A JUST GETTIN'-BY WORLD

The secret to getting ahead is getting started!

- Become an investigator of your life and your community
- Build your stability and resources
- Investigate how poverty impacts you and your community
- Rewrite your future story: create a plan based on your goals
- Participate in problem solving discussions

WEDNESDAYS 6-8:30 PM

JANUARY 14 - MAY 13 OR AUGUST 15 - DEC 19

WEEKLY DINNER, CHILDCARE, AND GIFT CARDS PROVIDED

TO ENROLL CALL: (223) 341-3592 OR EMAIL INFO@FRIENDSOFDONEGAL.ORG

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**CLASSES HELD AT:
FLORIN CHURCH
815 BRUCE AVE.
MOUNT JOY, PA 17552**



DONEGAL COMMUNITY GARDENS



Big Spring Plant Day at Florin Church and Donegal Presbyterian Church on May 16th. Over 60 volunteers came out to help get the garden planted. The last piece we have to do is get the flowers in-the annuals and perennials. Florin Gardens had about 10 volunteers who showed up there to mulch and put compost in the planting areas.



WE ALSO HAD A VOLUNTEER DAY WHERE FCNB EMPLOYEES CAME OUT TO HELP WATER THE GARDEN DURING THE 95 DEGREE DAYS AFTER OUR BIG PLANT DAY WHEN OUR PLANTS WERE A LITTLE DROOPY. THEY HELPED US SAVE MANY PLANTS. THANK YOU MARIEL AND STEVEN. WE HAD A GREAT DAY.





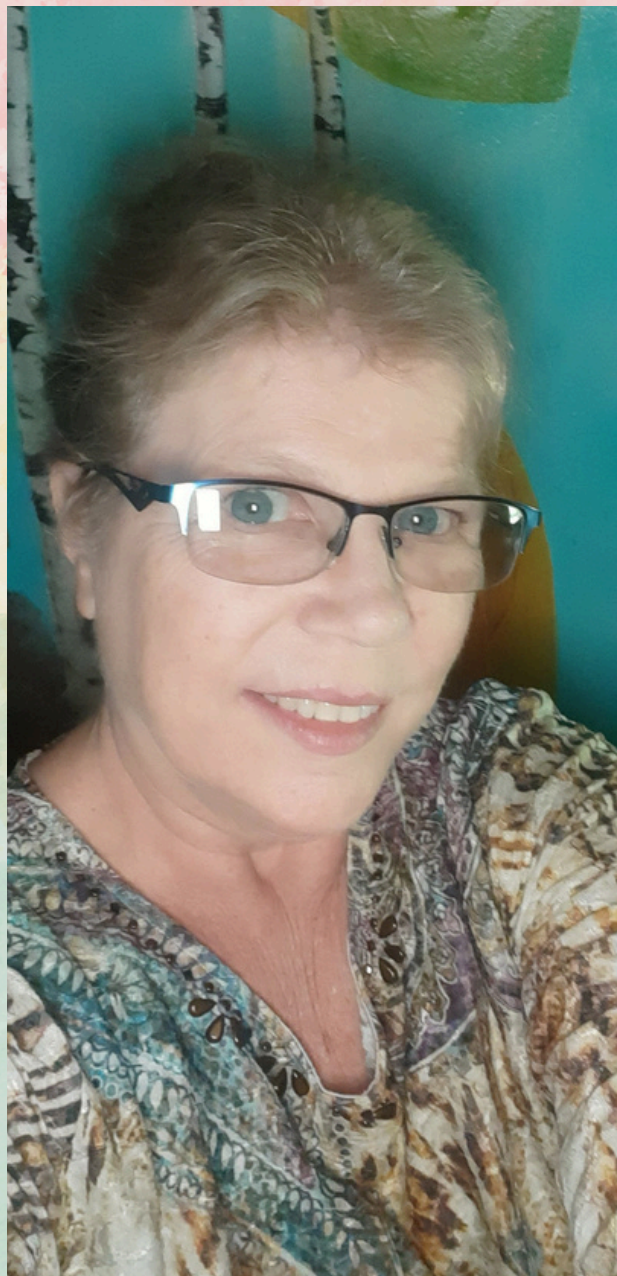
DONEGAL POWER PACKS

Volunteer Spotlight

Wendy Gayle

You know and love her as the Choice Pantry Lady. Thank you Wendy for all you do to help our families feel supported in their shopping experience.

Hello! I'm Wendy. I've been a volunteer with Donegal Power Packs (DPP) since summer 2023. I was preparing for my July retirement when I saw an article in the local Merchandiser about DPP. I was familiar with Power Packs through my sister-in-law who had been volunteering with the organization in the Hempfield school district for years. I knew I wanted to be of service to my local community. It seemed like perfect timing for me to get involved with DPP so I reached out and met the group less than a week after I retired. The coordinator and other volunteers were so welcoming and there was such positive energy from the group that I knew I wanted to be a part of the DPP family! With growing need in the community, the service we provide is so meaningful to the families we serve, which makes it very rewarding to me. I truly enjoy meeting and serving the DPP families, and also the camaraderie of our caring, dedicated group of volunteers. I'm proud to have been a part of the growth and evolution of DPP for the past few years and I look forward to continuing to serve the organization and our customers for years to come. Outside DPP, I enjoy lots of time with my family, especially my preschool grandchildren. They keep me active and mentally engaged (or at least trying!). I feel so blessed to live near so many family members and to be a close presence in their lives. I also love nature and animals. My spouse and I foster senior dogs, especially those with socialization issues, for a few local rescues. We are happy to be able to offer them a peaceful, stable home with much love, and we find we get so much joy and love from them in return! We are also both retired from the Air Force and we enjoy being involved in local VA programs for military veterans.





Hope you can come out and enjoy our powerpack volunteer picnic July 16th at 4:00pm. Please meet us at Lake Grubb Park, Hempfield Hill Rd, Columbia, Pa. Feel free to bring a guest. Bring a dish to share. There are grills so we can have burgers and hot dogs. Hope to see you there. Contact info@friendsofdonegal.org for questions.

Thank You's :

WE APPRECIATE ALL THE WONDERFUL
VOLUNTEERS WHO CAME OUT TO HELP
US GET THE GARDEN PLANTED!

FCNB

OCEAN STATE JOB LOTS

DONEGAL BOYS BASEBALL TEAM

LCBC

DONEGAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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