

# OPINION

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## LETTERS

### Volunteer matchmaker is close at hand

While it's unfortunate that the levels of civic involvement and volunteerism in our area aren't higher ("Civic service falling short," April 21), the good news is that one solution is already at hand.

Hands on Helpers, the volunteer center for greater Mercer County, helps people who want to volunteer find suitable and stimulating opportunities with nonprofits who need their help. Our website — free to prospective volunteers and nonprofits — lists hundreds of diverse volunteer assignments with more than 200 nonprofits ranging from the AARP tax aide program to the YWCA of Princeton.

All it takes is a few minutes to fill out a simple, confidential survey on our site ([www.handsonhelpers.com](http://www.handsonhelpers.com)) to get a customized list of possible volunteer slots that fit a person's skills, availability and location.

We've been privileged to be a cornerstone of the volunteer process in our area for 10 years, and look forward to continuing to help connect prospective volunteers with nonprofits that need

their help. As The Times' article notes, we all share the responsibility to "boost the region's social capital" — and there's no better way to do it than by sharing our experience and expertise.

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