

## TIME BANKING: A New Idea for Our Community

Time banking is a way of trading skills in a community. It uses time rather than money. Everyone's time is equal. You give one hour's work; you receive one hour's time credit. Members of the Time Bank share their skills with other members within the community and are given time credits for the work they do. With the credits they gain, each member can "buy" someone else's time, and get a needed service.

*Time Banks weave communities together, one hour at a time.*

### **Why join a Time Bank?**

Time Banking adds richness to members' lives. As a concept, it not only supplies needed services, but it brings "wealth" in the form of friendship and caring for one another.

Time banks help members of all ages get help with things they can't readily do themselves.

### **But I have no spare time!**

Yes, you do! If we share the things that we like to do, and get another member to do things for us that we *don't* enjoy or can't do well, we actually gain time - as well as spending the time we do have more enjoyably. Plus we gain great satisfaction helping others in our community.

### **What skills would Time Bankers offer?**

Cooking, sewing, gardening, pet care, pruning, computer help, transportation, proofreading, tutoring, bicycle maintenance, photography, knitting, resume writing, shopping, minor repairs...the list is endless.

### **What does it cost?**

Adults will pay a small membership fee to help cover administrative expenses such as insurance and background checks.

### **How will the Time Bank be run?**

A part-time Americorps member will serve as coordinator for the first year, supplemented by Time Bank members who can earn time credits for administrative work. A Time Bank software program, *Time and Talents*, will enable members to make trades directly.

To learn more about Time Banking, a world-wide movement, see or [www.hOurworld.org](http://www.hOurworld.org) or [www.timebankusa.org](http://www.timebankusa.org).

## How can I help get Time Banking started in our community?

Participate in our Art Hack 2016 fundraiser (see [www.svvillages.org/timebanking](http://www.svvillages.org/timebanking))

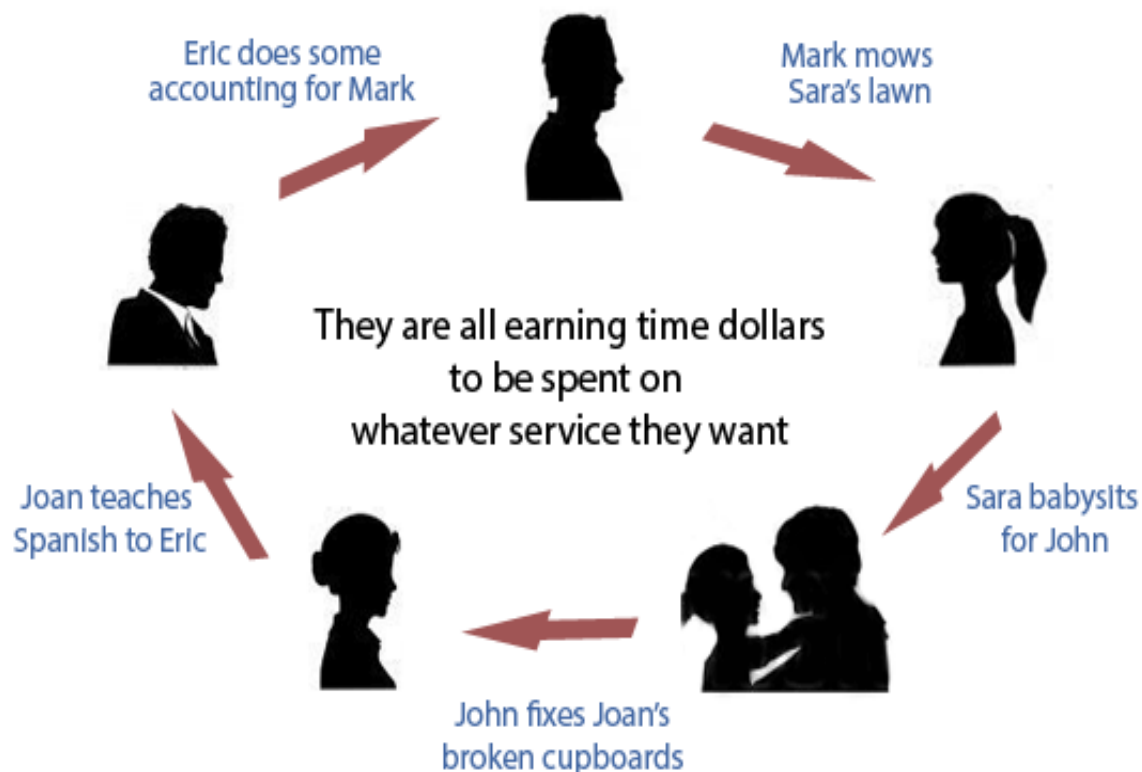
- Submit an entry
- Become a sponsor
- Attend the award ceremony April 9
- Share Art Hack info with your contacts
- Contribute refreshments or prizes

Join our Time Bank development team

Host a Time Bank discussion in your home for friends and family

Sign up for our email list to stay informed of progress and opportunities

## How Time Banking works:



For information contact CommUnity Zone, 417 Market Street, Lewisburg , 570.238.1818  
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The Time Bank is a joint effort of the Donald Heiter Community Center, serving as the fiscal sponsor ([www.donaldheiter.org](http://www.donaldheiter.org)), CommUnity Zone ([www.community-zone.org](http://www.community-zone.org)), & Susquehanna Valley Villages ([www.svvillages.org](http://www.svvillages.org)). Many community members, businesses and organizations are providing time and resources to make this a reality.