



# Ready, Set, Volunteer!

Start volunteering today. Follow these seven easy steps to begin volunteering as a family!

**STEP 1:** Follow your common interests. Discuss with your family the kinds of volunteer activities you all would enjoy doing together. If your family has children, pay particular attention to what they have to say. Consider activities that will allow them opportunities to lead.

**STEP 2:** Determine what times are available for your family members to volunteer. Try creating a family volunteer calendar and setting aside specific times for service together.

**STEP 3:** Use this "Idea Central," and the opportunities, to brainstorm ideas.

**STEP 4:** Once your family has ideas, take the next step and get connected. If you don't have a specific place where you would like to volunteer, contact the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network at 349-3433 to find a specific opportunity, or check out our searchable listings: [www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer).

**STEP 5:** Contact an agency or project where your family would like to volunteer and ask to talk with the volunteer coordinator. Discuss your interest in volunteering and ask any additional questions your family may have.

**STEP 6:** Once your family finds a project, GO FOR IT! Make all the necessary arrangements and start volunteering as soon as possible.

**STEP 7:** When you complete the project, review the experience as a family. Talk about what you did on the drive home and during meal times. You may wish to take photos and start a family volunteer journal to reflect on the experiences that you have. Volunteering as a family is something to be proud of!

