



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "A smile is the light in the window of your face that tells people that your heart is at home." ~ Unknown

October 24, 2012

YMCA Fall Running Classic – Nov. 10

Volunteer for a morning of fun at the Monroe County YMCA's Fall Running Classic on Sat., Nov. 10th! Assist with registration, water stations, course timing, finish line operations, the Kids Fun Run and more! This is a great opportunity for groups of people who want to volunteer together. Time commitment varies by position, but most require being at the YMCA by 7:30 a.m., with everyone finishing by 11 a.m. Minimum age is 16, or 8 with an adult. Please contact Mandy McGhee at mmcghee@monroecountyyymca.org. (www.monroecountyyymca.org)

WonderLab Volunteer Training – Nov. 13

Volunteers encourage visitors of all ages to explore hands-on exhibits and programs at the WonderLab Museum of Science, Health, and Technology. You can join this group of more than 900 individuals who contribute each year as volunteers. The next training is from 3:30 - 5 p.m. on Tues., Nov. 13 at the museum, 308 W. 4th St. A background in science is not needed, as volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds, some with a wide range of expertise while others learn new skills on the job! Adults of all ages and youth as young as 12 are encouraged to volunteer. Please contact Jeanne Gunning at jeanne@wonderlab.org. (www.wonderlab.org)

Brown County Humane Society

Spend a few extra hours a week to help out a homeless pet and give some love to shelter cats. The Brown County Humane Society staff members need extra help from 9 a.m. to noon every morning to get the cats ready for the day by providing food and water, cleaning cages, and giving the cats attention and care. If you love cats, this is a fun thing to do with a friend. It's also great if you just want a surrogate pet for a few hours! Minimum age is 15, or 10 with an adult. Please contact Mary Jean Holwager at (812) 988-0893 or bchumanevolunteer@gmail.com. (www.bchumane.org)

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Shopping Volunteers

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard shopping volunteers take weekly trips to the Hoosier Hills Food Bank to choose food for the Cupboard. Volunteers meet Mon. or Wed. at 10:30 a.m. or Thurs. at 9:30 a.m. to load and weigh carts with food, then unload the truck at the Cupboard. Volunteers should have their own transportation and the ability to lift a minimum of 25 pounds. It is a great workout, a lot of fun, and an important step in the food distribution process. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Erin Marshall at (812) 355-6843 or erin@mhcfoodpantry.org. (www.mhcfoodpantry.org)

Caring Companions

Many seniors reach the point where it is starting to get difficult to remain in their homes without some assistance. Caring Companions provides that bit of assistance while being a friendly face and an ongoing contact with the Area 10 Agency on Aging and the outside world. This program matches individuals very carefully with senior citizens, taking location, schedules, needs, and interests into consideration. Volunteers then go to a senior's home, once a week for an hour, using their own transportation. All applicants must undergo criminal history and sexual offender checks. The minimum age is 18. Please contact Holly McLaughlin or Cecelia Trueblood at (812) 876-3383 or trueblood@area10agency.org. (www.area10agency.org/rsvp)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Bloomington Meals on Wheels

Provides nutritious meals to those unable to cook for themselves due to accident, illness, or disability, whether temporary or permanent. To grant a wish, contact Kathy Romy at (812) 323-4982 or mow@bloomingtonhospital.org (www.bloomingtonmealsonwheels.org; 727 W. 1st St.)

Wishes: small plastic or styrofoam coolers, re-freezable ice packs

Use the [Community Wish List](#) to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

