



Volunteer Bloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We all have an obligation as citizens of this earth to leave the world a healthier, cleaner, and better place for our children and future generations."
~ Blythe Danner

December 5, 2012

Be a Santa to a Senior – Dec. 7-9, 13

'Be a Santa to a Senior' provides holiday cheer and gift-giving to seniors who are least likely to receive a gift during the holiday season, are lonely or financially challenged, and often reside in nursing home facilities. Volunteer "elves" will post themselves at the Christmas tree at Marsh on E. 3rd St. from Fri. morning, Dec. 7 to Sun. evening, Dec. 9, to spread excitement about the "Santas for Seniors" program. From 12-3 p.m. on Dec. 13, volunteers are invited to a gift wrapping party at Bell Trace. Minimum age is 18; 14 if with an adult. Please contact Joe Yonkman at (812) 961-2222 or joe.yonkman@homeinstead.com. (www.beasantatoasenior.com)

Future Homeowner Outreach

Habitat for Humanity's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live, and they need your help to make this goal a reality. They currently have the capacity to increase the number of families they partner with to build decent, affordable homes, so are launching a neighborhood-focused future homeowner outreach effort. They are in need of volunteers--individuals or groups-- to dedicate one to two hours to visit the thirty-plus trailer parks in Bloomington to distribute fliers with information on becoming a Habitat homeowner. Many of these trailers are substandard and fail to keep families safe, healthy, warm, and sheltered. Many of these families have the potential to qualify for home-ownership through Habitat for Humanity. Your efforts will bring critical information to these residents! Minimum age is 18. Please contact Miranda Ettinger at (574)253-1985 or mettinge@indiana.edu. (www.monroecountyhabitat.org)

RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program

If you are 55 or older and are knowledgeable about meteorology, you can lend a hand to the Tri-North Middle School Science Olympiad team as they study all things meteorological to compete at the regional, state, and national tournaments! The four youngsters studying this topic meet from 3-4:30 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs. until the tournament in March. Attending at least half of the meetings would be necessary to have an impact. Support and training materials are provided, including past tournament exams. Help the kids go all the way to nationals this year! Please contact Rebecca Nunley at (812) 876-3383 ext. 523 or rsvp@area10agency.org. (www.area10agency.org/rsvp)

Fill the Volunteer Gap

Think beyond the holidays and fill the volunteer gap over IU's winter break when many IU students and community residents leave town. The need is no less great on the day before, the day after and the days that follow our seasonal holidays. Read more about where your help is needed most at www.bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org/fillthegap or contact Bet Savich at (812) 349-3472 or volunteer@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer)

Discardia Store Sales Clerk

The Discardia project creates an environment for local designers to sell upcycled items they have created and to teach people in the community how to upcycle their own items. They are looking for a few people to help them staff their small retail store. People are asked to commit to a four-hour shift per week. Minimum age is 18; 12 if with an adult. Please contact Jeanne Leimkuhler at (812) 361-1351 or jeanneleim@gmail.com. (<http://discardia.org>)

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.

Community Wish List Spotlight

Amethyst House

Provides a foundation for sober living through outpatient treatment and residential services for individuals suffering from drug and alcohol abuse. To grant a wish, contact Gina Lovell at glovell@amethysthouse.org or (812) 336-3570 (www.amethysthouse.org)

Wishes: gently used couch or loveseat, vacuum, large food storage containers, pots and pans, silverware, dishes, baking dishes, mixing bowls, measuring cups, pitchers, glasses, dish towels, bath towels, blankets, bathroom rugs, shower curtains with rings

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.