



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt the person doing it." - Chinese Proverb

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Girl Scout Leaders

The Girl Scout program develops girls with courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of Central Indiana/Bloomington is looking for creative and passionate volunteers to serve as leaders for these girls. Training is provided and volunteer leaders set their own schedules. Minimum age is 18. Get involved today! Please contact Ashleigh Neal at (317) 924-6854 or aneal@girlscoutsindiana.org. (girlscoutsindiana.org)

Book Pack-A-Thon – MLK Day Jan. 21

The Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project, which sends reading materials to incarcerated men, women, and juveniles, will run an extended letter writing and book packing session from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Jan. 21 to address their five-month backlog. Volunteers interact with each prisoner at an individual level by reading the prisoner request letter, choosing a book suitable to the request, and composing a personal response. Through this interaction, each letter writer receives books and moral support to alleviate boredom, open intellectual possibilities and interact with the world. Volunteers are also welcome to join Pages to Prisoners for any of their regularly scheduled sessions (7-9 p.m. on Mon, 7-10 p.m. on Thurs., 2-5 p.m. on Sun.) Minimum age is 18; 10 if with an adult. Please contact Michael Lewis at (812) 325-1378 or lewismj@umail.iu.edu. (www.pagestoprisoners.org)

Community Gardening Indoors– MLK Day Jan. 21

Volunteers can support the Mother Hubbard's Cupboard Garden Education Program from 10 a.m. to noon on Jan. 21. Volunteers will plant seeds for community garden sites and the Youth Services Bureau garden. These plants will provide fresh, organic produce for people in need. Volunteers will also assemble 150 garden kits to distribute in the food pantry to get folks excited about growing food at home. Kits will include everything a household needs to start a container garden indoors, as well as educational information about community gardening. Minimum age to volunteer is 12. Please contact Stephanie Solomon at (812) 355-6843 or stephanie@mhcfoodpantry.org. (www.mhcfoodpantry.org)

A Day On! Not a Day Off at the Library - MLK Day Jan. 21

The children's department of the Monroe County Public Library will host their annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of children's festivities to honor Dr. King and to promote tolerance in our community. This event features children's movies and books about Dr. King and his ideals, and the Nur Festival provides crafts and other activities that promote peace and justice. Volunteers will make this fun, educational event run smoothly. Groups are welcome! Minimum age is 18. Please contact Ellen Arnholter at (812) 349-3100 ext. 1048 or earnholter@mcpl.info. (www.mcpl.info)

Community Radio Programming for MLK Day – Jan./Feb.

WFHB Community Radio needs volunteers to help produce programming exploring issues and themes relevant to the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Volunteers can participate in up to five different projects, including chaperoning kids who will be acting as reporters on-location at local service projects, serving as a stagehand for their live broadcast of the city celebration at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater (Jan. 21), and collecting oral histories from local African-American elders. All training is provided. Volunteers are needed at a variety of times from Jan. 2-Feb. 25 and between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. on Jan. 21. Minimum age is 8 to be a reporter for a day!! Please contact Chad Carrothers at (812) 323-1200 or manager@wfhb.org. (www.wfhb.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

Crisis Pregnancy Center

A Christian organization dedicated to providing life-affirming support to help meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of people affected by unplanned pregnancies and parenting challenges. To grant a wish, contact Denise Tolbert at (812) 334-0104 or denise@cpcbloomington.org. (808 N. College Ave.; www.cpcbloomington.org)

Wishes: diapers (size newborn to 6), pullups, wipes, children's Bibles, Melissa & Doug Deluxe wire puzzle rack, color cardstock, new diaper bags, new receiving and thicker blankets, new infant bibs, storage totes

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.

