



# VolunteerBloomington!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "I've seen and met angels wearing the disguise of ordinary people living ordinary lives." ~ Tracy Chapman

December 26, 2012

## Construct Planter Boxes – Jan. 19

You can make the Shalom Center beautiful for everyone, and celebrate King Day a bit early, by volunteering between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 19. Volunteers will assemble and install three long flower boxes for the front patio, and construct protective guards around the trees in the front yard. This would make a great group project, as about 15 people are needed. Youth are particularly encouraged to volunteer. You can sign up with your family, Scout troop or youth group. Minimum age is 16; 10 if with an adult. Please contact Mark Emerson at (812) 334-5734 or [volunteer@shalomcommunitycenter.org](mailto:volunteer@shalomcommunitycenter.org). ([www.shalomcommunitycenter.org](http://www.shalomcommunitycenter.org))

## Community Food Drive – Jan. 21

Join the Volunteers for Change food drive on Mon., Jan. 21 to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy of service. This is an easy opportunity to make a real and immediate difference in the lives of our neighbors struggling to put food on their tables. Volunteers will meet at 1 p.m. at Rachael's Café (300 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.) and Volunteers for Change will have everything you need to go out in teams, door to door, collecting food for Hoosier Hills Food Bank. There is free parking on Lincoln St. Afterwards, you will be treated to some of Rachael's fabulous hot chocolate! This is a family friendly activity! The minimum age is 12; there is no minimum if with an adult. Drivers are also needed. Please contact Anne McLaughlin at (812) 327-3804 or [annetm@bloomington.in.us](mailto:annetm@bloomington.in.us). ([www.volunteersforchange.us](http://www.volunteersforchange.us))

## Refurbish Storage Area – Jan. 21

Girls Inc. of Monroe County is organizing a day of service on Jan. 21. in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. This is an opportunity to support a local nonprofit serving youth. About ten volunteers are requested; the project involves making improvements to their storage facilities. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Lucy Berger at (812) 336-7313 or [lberger@monroe.girls-inc.org](mailto:lberger@monroe.girls-inc.org). ([www.girlsinc-monroe.org](http://www.girlsinc-monroe.org))

## Paint Dunn Street Children's Home – Jan. 21

The LifeDesigns children's home for kids with autism and developmental disabilities is looking for about seven volunteers to paint and refresh three bedrooms and the lower level activity area. Included in the project will be the completion of a cheerful mural that was started about three years ago but never finished! This makeover will provide the boys who live there a fresh and enjoyable place to relax or play. The project is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 21, but scheduling is flexible if necessary. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Marianne Stemm at (812) 332-9615 ext. 209 or [mstemm@lifedesignsinc.org](mailto:mstemm@lifedesignsinc.org). (<http://lifedesignsinc.org>)

## Stepping Stones Board Member

Looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of youth experiencing homelessness? If so, consider joining the Stepping Stones Board of Directors! Directors serve for a three year term. Regular board meetings are held bi-monthly while subcommittee meetings are held monthly. No previous experience on a board is necessary, although it is a plus! Board members must be passionate about working with and on behalf of the most vulnerable youth of our community. The board develops and enacts a shared vision for the future of the organization that includes strategic planning, networking, fundraising and more. The board embraces a diversity of opinions and experiences, and believes that everyone has expertise to share! Minimum age is 18. Please contact Sheri Benham at (812) 339-9771 or [sbenham@steppingstones-inc.org](mailto:sbenham@steppingstones-inc.org). ([www.steppingstones-inc.org](http://www.steppingstones-inc.org))

## Community Wish List Spotlight

### Farmer House Museum

Located in an historic 1869 residence, the museum seeks to preserve and interpret family life in Monroe County. To grant a wish, contact Emily Purcell at [purcellemily@gmail.com](mailto:purcellemily@gmail.com) or (812) 336-5597 (529 N. College Ave.)

**Wishes:** clothing mannequins

*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](http://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.*

