



# Volunteer Bloomington!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves." ~ Helen Keller

January 23, 2013

## 'First Book-Monroe County' Advisory Board Members

'First Book-Monroe County' is seeking advisory board members - people who are passionate about the well-being of children who believe that education and literacy are the keys to breaking out of poverty. Members elevate the community's awareness of the organization, participate in fund raising, develop relationships with key children's literacy programs, and select book award recipients. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Akola Krishnan at [monroecounty\\_in@firstbook.org](mailto:monroecounty_in@firstbook.org) or (812)322-7918. ([www.firstbook.org](http://www.firstbook.org))

## Prepare a Sunday Community Meal

Trinity Episcopal Church, which hosts a community meal on Sundays at 2 p.m., is seeking a group or faith community to consistently prepare the meal on the fourth Sun. of each month starting in Feb. and doing every other month from then on (April, June, Aug., Oct., Dec.). The group will be responsible for planning, purchasing, and preparing the meal as well as serving and clean up. The Trinity kitchen is available for preparation on Sat. prior to the meal. Approximately 4-5 people are needed for Sat. prep work and 10-13 are needed for Sun. serving and clean up. The meal is served at 2 p.m.; clean-up is complete by about 4 p.m. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Connie Pepler at (812)336-4466 or [dcncpep@att.net](mailto:dcncpep@att.net). ([www.trinitybloomington.org](http://www.trinitybloomington.org))

## Children's Expo – Feb. 15, 16

"Under the Big Top" is the theme for the annual Children's Expo and Health Fair, held at Fairview School, featuring free health screenings for children ages 10 and younger, interactive booths, live entertainment, and exhibitors with products and services just for children and families. Volunteers are needed to decorate and setup from 4-7 p.m. on Feb. 15 as well as during the event, either from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or from 2-6 p.m. on Feb. 16, to assist with registration, provide vendor hospitality, help the professionals perform health screenings, and more. Click here to sign up: <http://bit.ly/ChildrensExpo> or contact Kim Ecenbarger, Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department, at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov). ([www.bloomington.in.gov/parks](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/parks))

## English as a Second Language (ESL) Tutor Training – Feb. 16, Mar. 23

You can learn how to teach English as a Second Language through the Monroe County Public Library's tutor training workshop. This two-session workshop introduces language acquisition and the variety of ESL learner needs in Session 1, when tutors will learn techniques and activities to support a learner's reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Session 2 occurs after tutors and learners have met and covers goal-setting, lesson planning, and English language learning resources suited to each tutor/learner match. Session 1 will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 16; session 2 will be from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on March 23. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Jackie Lovings at (812) 349-3173 or [jlodings@mcpl.info](mailto:jlodings@mcpl.info). ([www.mcpl.info](http://www.mcpl.info))

## Join Committee for 'Tails on the Town'

The Monroe County Humane Association is seeking committee members to assist with preparation for their annual benefit auction and dinner, 'Tails on the Town: Spring in Paris', on April 6 at the Bloomington Convention Center. You can be a part of planning this virtual visit to Paris, where attendees will dine on a Parisian-themed meal, complete with wine and dessert, and bid on a wide array of silent and live auction items, including a photo safari trip to Africa! One of the duties of committee members is to secure beautiful, interesting or fun items for the auction. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Sarah Hayes at (812) 332-0123 or [shayes@monroehumane.org](mailto:shayes@monroehumane.org). ([www.monroehumane.org](http://www.monroehumane.org))

*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.*

## Community Wish List Spotlight

### RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program

Matches adults 55 and older with meaningful volunteer opportunities in any area, based on interests, passions, experiences and abilities. To grant a wish, contact Rebecca Nunley at [rsvp@area10agency.org](mailto:rsvp@area10agency.org) or (812) 876-3383 (631 W. Edgewood Dr., ([www.area10agency.org/rsvp](http://www.area10agency.org/rsvp)))

**Wishes:** greeting cards, gift certificates for tools to repair homes, brightly colored paper or card stock, blank DVDs for recording veterans' stories, small gifts for homebound seniors, blankets, lap robes

*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.*

