



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark." ~ Howard Ruff

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Opportunities for English Language Learners

Not confident with your English language fluency? You can improve your own English skills and get connected with the Bloomington community at the same time through volunteering! There are many opportunities that are a great fit for English language learners. Featured postings include meal preparation and delivery at the Community Kitchen of Monroe County, garden program assistance with Hoosier Hills Food Bank and mentoring at Big Brothers Big Sisters. Browse or download the complete list at (bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org/EnglishLanguageLearners). Please contact Lucy Schaich at schaichl@bloomington.in.gov or (812) 349-3433.

Shelter Site Supervisor

New Hope Family Shelter needs weekly site supervisors. Volunteers serve shifts of two to six hours. During a shift, supervisors spend time with the families, make sure the shelter is secure and log activities. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Cindy Oberle at (812) 709-0021 or cindy@nhfsinc.org. (www.newhopefamilyshelter.org)

Gardening & Nutrition

The Endwright Center (a program of Area 10 Agency on Aging) is seeking enthusiastic volunteers who love to garden! Opportunities include tending to flower beds and assisting with the Nutrition Program's vegetable garden. Garden activities include planting and harvesting, assisting with construction and upkeep of raised beds, and weekly maintenance such as watering and weeding. The garden provides organic, healthy, fresh foods for their food pantry clients. There are many other volunteer opportunities at the Endwright Center and with the Nutrition/Food Party Programs. Minimum age is 18 or 12 if accompanied by an adult. Call 876-3383 for more information. Please contact Jaime Sweany for the Endwright Center at (ext. 582) or jsweany@area10agency.org; Laura Kray for Nutrition (ext. 553) and Chris Bottorff (ext. 535) for Food Pantry. (www.area10agency.org)

Bug Fest – June 22

Learn all about amazing insects at Bloomington's first ever Bug Fest, presented by Bloomington Parks and Recreation, on Saturday, June 22 at Hilltop Garden and Nature Center! Attendees will go on an insect safari, handle cool insects, make a craft, and participate in a mealworm race or cricket-spitting contest. Volunteers engage children in bug exploration by discussing various types of bugs, leading a bug activity, or working with the speaker series. Share your interest in outdoor education with children. Training is provided at the beginning of your shift. Volunteers are needed for two shifts: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or 12:45-4:45 p.m. Minimum age is 18 or 16 if with an adult. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/BugFest2013>. Please direct questions to Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/parks)

Run for the Animals - Leadership Committee

The Monroe County Humane Association has the opportunity for you to join a special committee of individuals who are leading the way for the Run for the Animals. Volunteers will have the chance to be community leaders and help grow this annual fall event. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Sarah DeLone at (812) 335-9453 or sdelone@monroehumane.org. (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 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

Hoosier Hills Food Bank

Collects and distributes food to nearly 100 other non-profits annually, including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and youth programs. To grant a wish, contact Julio Alonso at (812) 334-8374 or julio@hhfoodbank.org (2333 W. Industrial Park Dr., www.hhfoodbank.org)

Wishes: canned food (meat/protein, vegetables, fruit, peanut butter), cereal, other non-perishable food;
For garden: round or square straw/hay, aged manure, wheel barrows, hand pruners, high tunnel/greenhouse, cargo van

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.

