



# Volunteer Bloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "A life without purpose is an early death." ~ Goethe

Aug. 7, 2013

## Community Volunteer Fair at Farmers' Market

Come to the Community Volunteer Fair between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sat., Aug. 17 at the Farmers' Market at 8<sup>th</sup> and Morton Streets. This is a great way to meet the people working and volunteering at our local nonprofit organizations, to learn the ins and outs of what they do and how you can contribute! Over 40 nonprofits will be there, each offering ways that citizens can make a difference. Looking to volunteer right away? Come help set up and tear down the Fair between 8-9:30 a.m. and 1-1:45 p.m. Please contact Bet Savich at (812) 349-3472 or [savichb@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:savichb@bloomington.in.gov). ([www.BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org](http://www.BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org))

## Bloomington Worldwide Friendship Host

Bloomington Worldwide Friendship offers the opportunity to local residents to share their kindness and their community with those who are far from home. BWF is not a home-stay program. Instead, volunteers help international students and IU scholars learn about the Bloomington community and American culture through shared activities three or four times a semester. These are planned at your own convenience and may include activities such as planning meals together, hiking in state parks, and attending community events. Individuals and families are welcome to volunteer. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Anne Bright at (812) 334-9954 or [annebrightmi@yahoo.com](mailto:annebrightmi@yahoo.com). ([www.bloomingtonworldwidefriendship.org](http://www.bloomingtonworldwidefriendship.org))

## Access Database Specialist for Food Bank

The Hoosier Hills Food Bank is seeking a volunteer who can help their office with its computer needs, particularly their Microsoft Access database. This could include helping staff adjust the design to enhance abilities, trouble-shooting, and training staff on the program. This can be short-term or longer-term, depending on your interest and schedule. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Katie Haddad at (812) 334-8374 or [volunteer@hhfoodbank.org](mailto:volunteer@hhfoodbank.org). ([www.hhfoodbank.org](http://www.hhfoodbank.org))

## Volunteer Orientation at Buskirk-Chumley Theater – Aug. 18, Sept. 22 and 23

Volunteer ushers at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater see the arts in action! From a family-oriented play to the Lotus World Music Festival, you will have up to 200 ushering opportunities a year. If you volunteer two or more times in a month, you will receive a complimentary ticket for a show the following month at this beautifully restored performance venue. Orientation will be offered on Aug. 18, Sept. 22 and 23 from 7-8:30 p.m. Minimum age is 13; 12 if with an adult. Please contact Regine Richter-McClain at (812) 323-3020 or [volunteer@buskirkchumley.org](mailto:volunteer@buskirkchumley.org). ([www.buskirkchumley.org](http://www.buskirkchumley.org))

## Monroe Lake Shoreline Cleanup – Sept. 8

A summer of fun at Monroe Lake creates more than memories - it also results in a lot of trash! On Sept. 8, volunteers will clean up the Cutright State Recreation Area to restore the lakeshore to an inviting habitat for people and wildlife. Check-in for registered volunteers begins at 2:30 p.m.; the cleanup begins at 3 p.m. and ends with a 'thank you' cook-out at 7 p.m. Gloves, trash bags, and snacks provided. Some volunteers will be placed on foot crews, but most will be transported by boat to isolated areas along the shoreline. Minimum age is 10; those under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian, or be part of an organized group with an official group leader, such as the Boy Scouts. Registration is limited to the first 100; volunteers must register by Aug. 30. Please contact Dana Wilkins at (812)349-2960 or [dwilkinson@co.monroe.in.us](mailto:dwilkinson@co.monroe.in.us). ([www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2954.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2954.htm))

*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

### Middle Way House

Provides crisis intervention, safe shelter, legal and rape victim advocacy, case management, information and referral, and programming for women and their dependent children as they flee situations of domestic violence. To grant a wish, contact Debra Morrow at [volunteer@middlewayhouse.org](mailto:volunteer@middlewayhouse.org) or (812) 337-4510 ([www.middlewayhouse.org](http://www.middlewayhouse.org))

**Wishes:** art supplies, children's games, globe, large diapers, blankets, towels, washcloths, gift cards, pots, pans, quart/gallon Ziplock bags, strollers, carseats, sheets, sippy cups, socks

*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.*

