



Volunteer Bloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "The job of a citizen is to keep his mouth open." ~Gunter Grass

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Bilingual Volunteers for Free Community Tax Service

Bilingual community members with proficiency in Spanish, Korean, and Chinese are needed as tax preparers with the Free Community Tax Service of Monroe County United Way. This service gives low and moderate income taxpayers assistance with the electronic filing of federal and state tax returns. Other volunteer positions, which are not bilingual, include site greeters, tax preparers, and site coordinators. A January training will be conducted by Ivy Tech and Internal Revenue Service representatives. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve a community need while learning new skills! Minimum age is 18. Please contact Ashley Hall, Monroe County United Way, at (812) 334-8370 or ash@monroeunitedway.org. (www.monroeunitedway.org)

Red Kettle Bell Ringers

Join the many churches, service clubs and families who ring Red Kettle Bells to support the Salvation Army's food pantry, Child Development Center and other programs for those in need in Monroe County. Volunteer bell ringers are stationed at 21 red kettles and bells ring for six weeks - that's thousands of ringing hours every year - with volunteers taking two-hour shifts. It's fast, easy and rewarding. All ages are welcome. Just visit www.RegisterToRing.com to reserve your volunteer shift or contact Peter Iversen at (812) 336-4310 ext.102 or peter_iversen@usc.salvationarmy.org. (www.bloomington.salvationarmyindiana.org)

Backline Pregnancy Counseling

Backline is a volunteer-run peer counseling talk-line offering a confidential, judgement free space for individuals to talk about their decisions and experiences with pregnancy, parenting, abortion, adoption and pregnancy loss. Based on the West coast and expanding to Bloomington, Backline is seeking volunteers to provide support to callers before, during or after a pregnancy. Bilingual individuals, women of color, and people with personal experience with these topics are especially encouraged to apply. Interested in learning more? Complete a volunteer application at www.surveymonkey.com/s/MSXK6VT. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Shelly Dodson at 503-287-4344 or shelly@yourbackline.org. (www.yourbackline.org)

Hospice Volunteers through RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program

Volunteering for Hospice through the RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program provides joy and support to families at a very special time in their lives. Volunteer opportunities include assisting with office work, assisting the non-denominational spiritual counselor, delivering goodie bags, running errands, providing snacks, giving emotional support, or visiting with, reading, writing or playing games with patients. Training is provided, including grief counseling. This opportunity is for those age 55 or older. Please contact Rebecca Nunley at (812) 876-3383 ext. 523 or rsvp@area10agency.org. (www.area10agency.org/rsvp)

Middle Way House Volunteer Training - Dec. 7

Middle Way House is seeking new volunteers to maintain the level of service they provide to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Both women and men are strongly encouraged to attend the training from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 7, which is a prerequisite for those interested in volunteering with Middle Way but is also appropriate for anyone interested in learning more about the dynamics of gender and domestic violence. Volunteer opportunities exist in crisis line, childcare, tutoring, legal advocacy, community reception, and youth mentoring. The training will take place on the IU campus at Woodburn Hall, Room 101. Please complete the volunteer application on the website and bring it to the training. Minimum age is 18; 16 if with an adult. Please contact Debra Morrow at (812) 337-4510 or volunteer@middlewayhouse.org. (www.middlewayhouse.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

MCCSC Adult Education, Broadview Learning Ctr.

Offers individualized instruction, guidance, and GED testing for teens and adults who seek to learn or improve basic skills to create better job opportunities for themselves and their families. To grant a wish, contact Diana Hoffman at dhoffman@mccsc.edu or (812) 330-7731. (705 W. Coolidge Dr.; mccsc.edu)

Wishes: textbooks (Azar's Grammar, 4th edition, with answers), large cart, useable laptops, college-ruled notebooks, pocket folders, graph paper

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.

