



Volunteer Bloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "If you look for it, I've got a sneaky feeling you'll find that love actually is all around." ~*Love Actually*, the movie

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AmeriCorps Position – Apply by Dec. 23!

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is accepting applications for two AmeriCorps members to work with the Network as part of the Community Emergency Preparedness Corps, an AmeriCorps program. Corps members receive a living allowance of \$12,100 over the ten month term of service (Jan. 15-Nov. 17), an Education Award of \$5,645 upon successful completion of service, health benefits and child care assistance if qualified, and the opportunity to make a difference. Applicants must be able to participate in training in Atlanta, GA on Jan. 15-16 and begin service on Jan. 17. Members will average 40 hours per week, which may include some evening and weekend hours. Deadline to apply is Dec. 23. Click the "What's New" tab at www.BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org for details and the application. For more information, please contact Bet Savich at (812)349-3472 or volunteer@bloomington.in.gov.

Stairwell Mural Project – Jan. 20

On Dr. King Day, First Christian Church will host a day of artistic work and thoughtful reflection for Bloomington youth as they paint murals which will inspire homeless guests entering the building for the Interfaith Winter Shelter. Pictures and inspirational phrases related to the work of Dr. King will form the basis for the murals, with the focus on enhancing the hospitality which the church offers our homeless neighbors, while helping community youth incorporate Dr. King's wisdom and commitment to service in their lives. Please contact Bruce Ervin at (812) 332-4459 or chisox5654@yahoo.com. (www.fccbloomington.org)

Volunteers for Change Community Food Drive – Jan. 20

The Volunteers for Change Community Food Drive will be held on Mon., Jan. 20 to honor Dr. King's legacy of service. This is an easy opportunity to make a real and immediate difference in the lives of our neighbors who are struggling to put food on their tables. Meet at Rachael's Café at 300 E. Third St. at 1 p.m. and they will treat you to fabulous hot chocolate and give you everything you need to go out in teams, door to door, collecting food for Hoosier Hills Food Bank. Drivers are also needed. The food drive lasts until 3 p.m., with parking available on Lincoln St. This family- friendly activity has a minimum age of 12, but no minimum if with an adult. Please contact Anne McLaughlin at (812) 327-3804 or annetm@att.net. (www.facebook.com/home.php#!/groups/49407465090/?fref=ts)

Adopt a Stream – Jan. 20

The Monroe County Parks and Recreation Department, Solid Waste District, and Community School Corporation are partnering with the City of Bloomington to initiate an integrated volunteer stream clean-up program, called Adopt a Stream. To kick it off, from 1-3 p.m. on Jan. 20, volunteers are asked to join an Environmental Science class from Bloomington High School South to remove trash from a section of Cascades Creek at the north end of Lower Cascades Park. This will be an ongoing, year-round program, involving volunteers and streams from throughout the county. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Cathy Meyer at (812) 349-2800 or cmeyer@co.monroe.in.us. (www.karstfarmpark.com)

Girls Inc. Renovation Project – Jan. 20

Girls Inc. will hold a day of service in honor of Dr. King from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 20. Volunteers will assist with the installation of new fixtures in the bathrooms and cabinetry in the art center. Improvements to their facilities will help them continue their mission of inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Kristi McCann at (812) 336-7313 or kmccann@monroe.girls-inc.org. (www.girlsinc-monroe.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

New Hope Family Shelter

Provides temporary shelter for homeless families in Monroe County. To grant a wish, contact Cindy Oberle at cindy@nhfsinc.org or (812) 334-9840. (newhopefamilyshelter.org)

Wishes: fixings for holiday dinners, cookies, candies, gift certificates, hats, gloves, scarves, blanket throws, movies, books, games, shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene products, slippers, socks, pillows, bicycles, bike locks, trailer, Wii games

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.

