



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."
~ African proverb

Jan. 29, 2014

Family Fun Night – Feb. 8

Volunteers will make the difference at the YMCA's Family Fun Night from 4-10 p.m. on Feb. 8 at the Northwest Y. Volunteers will help with games, crafts, concessions or clean-up. Dinner will be provided. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Laura Dahncke at (812) 961-2184 or ldahncke@monroecountyyymca.org. (www.monroecountyyymca.org)

CASA Child Advocate Training – Feb. 25-Apr. 8

Court Appointed Special Advocates, or CASA volunteers, change the lives of abused and neglected children by representing their best interests in court. CASA volunteers monitor the child's health and education, help identify the best interests of the child, submit recommendations to the court, and are sworn officers of the court. CASA urgently needs community members like you to become child advocates, as children are on a waitlist. Applications are being accepted for the upcoming training, which will be from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Tues. and Thurs. from Feb. 25 to April 8. Applications are due prior to session start. Child advocates must be 21 and have reliable transportation and daytime flexibility. The average time commitment is 10-15 hours a month. Please contact Kelli Shannon at kelli.shannon@monroecountycasa.org or (812) 333-2272 ext. 11. (www.monroecountycasa.org/volunteer.shtml)

Quilt Show Hostesses and Greeters – March 6-8

This year's Indiana Heritage Quilt Show is March 6-8 at the Monroe County Convention Center and expects attendance in the thousands! You don't need to be a quilter to volunteer! Two or three hour assignments are available for White Glove Hostesses, Ticket and Merchandise Sales, Entry Gate Monitors, KRC Merchant Mall Greeters, and the Stow & Go coat check room. Sit-down positions can be requested. Volunteers receive a free one-day admission to the show - an \$8.00 value! Volunteering at the show is a fun way to meet people and share the hospitality that is Bloomington's hallmark. Register online at www.ihqs.org/volunteer-information/, email volunteers@ihqs.org indicating your preference for day, time, and assignment, or call Susan Brewer at 812-322-6956. Minimum age is 16; 13 if with adult. (www.ihqs.org)

Homeward Bound Walk – April 13

April 13 marks the 12th anniversary of Homeward Bound - a fundraising 5K walk to fight homelessness in Bloomington! The walk will begin and end at Waldron, Hill, and Buskirk Park (formerly Third Street Park) with festivities and music. Over 100 volunteers will join in the effort, helping with media, musicians, speakers, registration, t-shirts, team photos, refreshments, and walk route monitoring. Shifts are 2-3 hours in length. Minimum age is 18, with the exception of students accompanied by an adult. Groups are always welcome! Please contact Kathy Mayer at (812) 349-3467 or homewardboundbloomington@gmail.com. (www.homewardboundindiana.org/bloomington)

Volunteer Orientation at Buskirk-Chumley – Feb. 16

The show can't start without you! From a family play by one of Bloomington's local theater companies to the Lotus World Music Festival, the Buskirk-Chumley Theater gives you up to 200 opportunities a year to usher. Ushers are the face of the theater, greeting patrons, taking tickets and assisting patrons. Ushering requires a commitment of about four hours, with most events taking place evenings and weekends. Ushers must be friendly and able to work with a wide variety of community members. If you volunteer twice or more in a month, you get a complimentary ticket for a show the following month! The next volunteer orientation is from 7-8 p.m. on Feb. 16. Minimum age is 12. Please contact Regine Richter-McClain at (812) 323-3020 or volunteer@buskirkchumley.org. (www.buskirkchumley.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

USA International Harp Competition

Committed to promoting the harp as a concert instrument, bringing its repertoire to a broader audience, encouraging composers to write new works, and promoting friendship among harpists. To grant a wish, contact Megan Landfair at harpcomp@indiana.edu or (812) 856-5715. (www.usaih.org)

Wishes: Paper shredder, Cannon ink cartridges (black 210 XL, color 211), Post Its, locking file cabinet, copy paper, laptop computer

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.

