



Volunteer Bloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."
~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

April 2, 2014

New Hope Family Shelter

Would you like to volunteer for a great cause and gain experience in a human services/social work related field? Join the New Hope Family Shelter team as they work to address the crisis of family homelessness. Dedicated volunteer staff cover a four hour shift each week as a site supervisor, and attend a bi-weekly staff meeting. Because of the level of commitment required, New Hope is selective in choosing volunteers, requiring an interview, training, and a background check. Current volunteer shifts are available on Sat. and Sun. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Heather Perry at (812) 292-0910 or heather@nhfsinc.org. (www.newhopefamilyshelter.org)

Promote Green Rental Housing – April 5-20

In many cities, there is not enough information available for renters to consider sustainability concerns such as utility usage, access to transportation, or the availability of recycling facilities, and to change their behavior accordingly. Bloomington and other partner cities around the United States are now developing online tools to collect such information, called RentRocket. This information will also help landlords grasp the value of sustainability investments as a marketable asset. The data collection phase will launch from April 5-20. Launch volunteers will be given a short orientation, then will hang fliers and speak with renters in specific areas of Bloomington on foot and in small groups. Minimum age is 18; 16 if with an adult. Please contact Matthew Resner at (317) 908-7301 or mresner@indiana.edu. (<http://bit.ly/RentRocketTools>)

VITAL Volunteer Orientation – April 10

Volunteers in Tutoring Adult Learners (VITAL) will host an orientation for new volunteers from 10-11:30 a.m. on April 10. Attendees will learn about volunteering at the Monroe County Public Library and VITAL, the expectations of volunteers, learners, and staff involved, and will be given an overview of adult literacy issues. Registration is required. A more extensive training is necessary before volunteering as a VITAL tutor. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Bethany Terry at (812) 349-3173 or vital@mcpl.info. (www.mcpl.info)

Middle Way House Volunteer Training - Campus Location – April 12

Middle Way House regularly trains new volunteers to maintain the level of service that they provide to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Both women and men are strongly encouraged to attend the next training, which will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 12 in Room 100 of Woodburn Hall on the IU campus. There are volunteer opportunities in many different program areas including: crisis line, childcare, tutoring, legal advocacy, community reception, and youth mentoring. This training is a prerequisite for those interested in volunteering, but it is also very appropriate for anyone interested in learning more about the dynamics of gender and domestic violence. Complete the volunteer application on their 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)

Buskirk-Chumley Theater Orientation – April 14

From a family play by a local theater company, 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 visitors, taking tickets and assisting patrons. Ushering requires a commitment of about four hours, with most events on evenings and weekends. Ushers must be friendly and able to work with a wide variety of people. 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 7-8:30 p.m. on April 14. Minimum age is 12. Please contact Regine Richter-McClain at (812) 323-3020 or volunteer@buskirkchumley.org. (www.buskirkchumley.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Indiana Youth Musicians

Indiana Youth Musicians cultivates a lifelong appreciation of excellence in music by offering youth in six Indiana counties, including Monroe, the opportunity to create and perform in a variety of ensembles. To grant a wish, contact Helen Levesque at hlevesqu@indiana.edu or (813) 331-7314; www.iymusicians.org

Wishes: music stands, music folders, sheet music for orchestra/small ensembles, string/wind instruments, instrument strings, 20-24 inch monitor, 3-ring binders, sheet protectors, manilla folders, laser printer, computer, ink

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.

