



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

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The Rooftop at Middle Way House

The Rooftop at Middle Way House is seeking garden and education interns. You can be a part of this highly rewarding urban agriculture project that focuses on container gardening, water collection, vermicomposting, and youth education. They are seeking passionate, forward-thinking people interested in both learning how to garden in non-traditional spaces and inspiring the community to engage with their local food system. Garden experience is not required, but the desire to learn is necessary. These unpaid positions are 5-10 hours per week. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Andrea Jobe at (812) 337-4510 or garden@middlewayhouse.org. (www.middlewayhouse.org)

Circles Initiative Childcare

Able to volunteer a bit this summer? Volunteers are needed from 6-8 p.m. on Thurs. nights to provide childcare for the families involved in the Circles Initiative of the South Central Community Action Program, held at St. Marks United Methodist Church. Your volunteer experience will contain lots of friendly interaction, a free home-cooked dinner, and a free Bridges Out of Poverty training. The Circles Initiative is a strategy to build relationships across race and class lines and aid vulnerable families in achieving self-sufficiency - and to ultimately end poverty in Monroe County. Limited criminal history checks are required. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Linda Patton at (812) 339-3447 ext. 206 or lindap@insscap.org. (www.insscap.org)

Clips of Faith Beer & Film Tour – May 30

Sixty-five volunteers, including some with bartending permits, will make it happen at Bryan Park on Fri., May 31 for the Clips of Faith Beer & Film Tour, a fundraiser for Open Streets Bloomington in partnership with New Belgium Brewing Co. The set-up crew will start at 10 a.m.; beer servers, ID checkers, and info booth staffers will go from about 6:30 to midnight. Shift details can be found on the website. Those interested in serving can find the temporary bartender application, which must be returned ASAP, at: <http://www.in.gov/atc/files/TempEmployeeApplication.pdf>. Volunteers receive free raffle tickets for the bicycle drawing, a New Belgium Clips T-shirt and New Belgium Beer as thank you gifts! Minimum age is 21. Please contact Anna Dragovich at (330) 280-2870 or info@openstreetsbloomington.com or sign up on the website. (www.openstreetsbloomington.com/volunteer)

PALS Volunteer Training – June 7

People & Animal Learning Services (PALS) offers regular trainings for new volunteers interested in becoming involved in therapeutic riding. The next training is from 1-4 p.m. on June 7. Volunteers help children and adults with disabilities learn how to ride horses. Responsibilities include leading horses and side-walking riders during lessons. Volunteers also help groom, saddle, train, care for horses and help with barn chores. Volunteers must attend a training and be over age 16; no horse experience is necessary, but a commitment of 3 to 4 hours per week is requested. Please contact Jennylynn Vidas at (812) 336-2798 ext. 15 or jennylynn@palstherapy.org. (www.palstherapy.org)

Open Garden Hours for Food Bank at Will Detmer Park

The Hoosier Hills Food Bank garden program increases the quantity and quality of food provided to food pantries and soup kitchens. The Food Bank is recruiting gardening volunteers for the Will Detmer Park garden on Vernal Pike. Both novices and experienced organic gardeners are welcome. Volunteer hours are 9-11 a.m. on Mon. and Thurs. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wed. Individuals or groups are encouraged to participate. Groups can set up special hours. Minimum age is 14; 12 if with an adult. Email Katie at volunteer@hhfoodbank.org to sign up or contact Emily at garden@hhfoodbank.org or 812-334-8374 for details. (www.hhfoodbank.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Monroe County CASA

To help ensure that the abused and neglected children of Monroe County live in safe, permanent homes and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. To grant a wish, contact Kelli Shannon at kelli.shannon@monroecountycasa.org or (812) 333-2272. (201 N. Morton St.; www.monroecountycasa.org)

Wishes: children's books, arts & crafts materials/kits, bowling gift cards, tickets to children's-related theater productions, gas cards for volunteer advocates, restaurant gift cards to honor volunteer advocates

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.

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.

