



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "It's time for greatness, not for greed. It's a time for idealism, not ideology. It is a time not just for compassionate words, but compassionate action."
~ Marion Wright Edelman

January 11, 2012

America Reads!

If you are 55+ years of age and can read, you can change a life through the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program called America Reads! The problem? One out of four children entering fourth grade cannot read at grade level. The solution? Prepare students for lasting success by tutoring one hour/week during the school year and/or summer. You make your own schedule with the teacher and student(s). All training is provided and no experience is necessary. America reads occurs in schools and libraries throughout Monroe and Owen Counties. You may find your life positively changed as well! Please contact Jordan Miller at (812) 876-3383 ext. 520 or jmiller@area10agency.org. (www.area10agency.org/rsvp)

Ready for Bowling?

Bowling is the most popular sport in the Special Olympics Indiana – Monroe County program, with never a dull moment and plenty of "high fives". Volunteers help bowlers stay on track with turns and assist with lane problems. Some brave volunteers even bowl a game or two! Bowling is held on Tues. at 6 p.m. at Classic Lanes. This is a great opportunity for volunteer groups and individuals who are 18 or older. Please contact Denise Brown at (812) 325-1548 or soimc.cc@gmail.com. (www.specialolympicsmonroecounty.org)

Tutor Middle Schoolers

You can help local middle school students who are experiencing difficulty excel in academics. Whether you simply enjoy working with youth or have professional aspirations to do so, this service opportunity gives you hands-on experience in tutoring. Volunteers are asked to commit to two days per week from 3:45-4:45 p.m. until May 25. Tutoring takes place at the historic Banneker Community Center. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Kim Ecenbarger, City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Dept., at (812) 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/parksvol)

YMCA Family Fun Night – Jan. 28

The Monroe County YMCA's Family Fun Night has a "Wild, Wild, West" theme this year - so volunteers can bring out those cowboy hats and blue jeans! Fun Night will take place on Sat., Jan. 28 from 6-10 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up, lively activities, concessions and more. This is a perfect opportunity for groups, teens and adults. Please contact Mandy McGhee at (812) 332-5555 ext. 235 or mmcghee@monroecountyyymca.org. (www.monroecountyyymca.org)

Hoosier Hills Food Bank

The Food Bank just received 30,000 pounds of rice and needs your help bagging it into smaller size portions to give to local food pantries and hungry Hoosiers. They are also trying to get their Meal Share program caught up from the holidays. In this program, small groups and individuals repackage prepared foods donated from local restaurants, catering companies, and cafeterias. This food was never served on a plate, but was kept from going into the trash. Due to health and safety issues, Meal Share welcomes volunteers over 12 years of age. Please call or email in advance so they can have food thawed out and ready to go when you arrive. These are good group and individual projects and hours are very flexible! Please contact Nicole Richardson at (812) 334-8374 or volunteer@hhfoodbank.org. (www.hhfoodbank.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Jill's House

Provides affordable, temporary housing in a home-like environment for caregivers and patients receiving medical treatment for physical illnesses at health care facilities in the Bloomington area. To grant a wish, contact Janice Conder at (812) 339-5455 or volunteer@jills-house.org. (751 E. Tamarack Trail; www.jills-house.org)

Wishes: paper towels, toilet paper, Folgers filter pack coffee, postage stamps, disinfecting wipes, trash bags (33-gallon), DVD players, bleach, bird food, Sharpie pens, copy paper

Use the [Community Wish List](#) to start a drive within your school, group or faith community or take the list along shopping, add a few extra items to your cart, and 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.

