



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." Benjamin Franklin

Dec. 11, 2013

Support Food Production at Hinkle-Garton – Jan. 20

The Hinkle-Garton Farmstead of Bloomington Restorations will host its Martin Luther King Day of Service from 2-4 p.m. on Mon., Jan. 20. The day will feature winter activities focusing on the site's maple syrup production and vegetable garden. Volunteer opportunities will continue throughout the 40 Days of Peace. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Danielle Bachant-Bell at (812)336-6141 or lordandbach@gmail.com. (www.bloomingtonrestorations.org)

Hoosier Hills Food Bank Service Day – Jan. 20

Three projects await volunteers at the Hoosier Hills Food Bank on Jan. 20, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Some volunteers will assist with the USDA Commodity Supplemental Food Program. In an assembly line fashion, volunteers will fill boxes with commodities given to low-income seniors in three rural counties. Other volunteers will repackage cereal or pasta into smaller family size bags for agencies to distribute to their patrons. Volunteers will also assist with the Meal Share Food Rescue Program, repackaging prepared food into family size portions. Minimum age is 8. Please contact Katie Haddad at (812) 334-8374 or volunteer@hhfoodbank.org. (www.hhfoodbank.org)

Pet Overpopulation Doorhanger Distribution – Jan. 20

Also on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Jan. 20, Pets Alive Spay/Neuter Clinic educational doorhangers throughout the community. This project requests 50 volunteers, who will arrive at 9 a.m. at the previous 'In a Yarn Basket' location (1907 S. Walnut St.) for coffee, bagels, and a brief introduction to the work of Pets Alive. They will then receive instructions, doorhangers and maps of the area to be canvassed. Volunteers will use their own vehicles. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Charlotte Walker at (812) 349-1349 ext. 15 or charlotte@petsaliveindiana.org. (www.petsaliveindiana.org)

Dunn's Woods Restoration – Jan. 20

Volunteers are encouraged to join the Bloomington Urban Woodlands Project for a restoration session on Dr. King Day, Jan. 20, as they build upon past efforts in Dunn's Woods, a 10-acre woodland located on Indiana University's campus. Volunteers will have the opportunity to propagate native wildflowers and woody plants in the IU greenhouse, to be planted later in the spring. Volunteers will also remove purple wintercreeper (euonymus), an invasive plant, from the woodlands. Purple wintercreeper poses a threat to native plant life, and its removal will benefit future plantings in the woods. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Natalie Christian at (615) 500-4904 or buwproject@gmail.com. (www.indiana.edu/~sustain/programs/buwproject)

Books for Prisoners Pack-A-Thon – Jan. 20

The Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project, which sends reading materials to incarcerated men, women, and juveniles, will run an extended letter writing and book packing session from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Jan. 20., Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, which will address their six-month backlog of book requests. Volunteers will directly serve others by reading the letters requesting books and then choosing a book and composing a response to each person. Through this interaction, each volunteer can relate to a prisoner at an individual level. Incarcerated letter writers receive much-needed books and moral support to help alleviate their boredom, open intellectual possibilities, pursue self-education, and interact with the outside world. Volunteers are also welcome to join Midwest Pages to Prisoners for any of their regularly scheduled sessions, which are from 7-9 p.m. on Mondays, from 7-10 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 2-5 p.m. on Sundays. Minimum age is 18, but 10 if with an adult. Please contact Michael Lewis at mwpp@pagestoprisoners.org or (812) 325-1378. (www.pagestoprisoners.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

American Red Cross - Monroe County Chapter

A humanitarian organization which provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. To grant a wish, contact June Taylor at (812) 332-7292 or june.taylor@redcross.org (411 E. 7th St. www.redcross.org/in/bloomington)

Wishes: clean, working refrigerator for their chapter, space to warehouse inventory for their Book Fair, projection screen, gift certificates for volunteer appreciation events

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.

