



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "You give but a little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give. ~ Khalil Gibran

July 16, 2014

Fourth Street Festival of Arts & Crafts – Aug. 29-31

Volunteers play a huge role in contributing to the success of Bloomington's Fourth Street Festival of Arts and Crafts! Volunteers are needed for Fri. night setup (Aug. 29), as well as Sat. and Sun. to booth-sit for artists while they take lunch breaks, deliver water to artists, sell T-shirts, and other varied and sundry tasks. Volunteer shifts are: Aug. 29 (any two hours – or more – between 5-9 p.m.), Aug. 30 (any two hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.) and Aug. 31 (any two hours between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.) Volunteers will receive this year's collectible festival T-shirt. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Juliet Roberts at julietcroberts@gmail.com or 812-345-1531. (www.4thstreet.org)

Literacy Tutoring

Volunteers in Tutoring Adult Learners (VITAL) is offering a three-session class called Basic Literacy Tutor Training in September. This training provides tutors with the skills and resources needed to help struggling adult readers. Literacy Tutors provide adults with instruction in basic to intermediate reading, writing, and math, along with other related skills. Volunteers are expected to attend all sessions. After this free training, volunteers are matched with adult learners and asked to commit 2-3 hours per week. The VITAL office is located on the second floor of the Monroe County Public Library. Minimum age is 18. Please register prior to the first session by contacting Jackie Lovings at (812) 349-3173 or jlodings@mcpl.info. (www.mcpl.info)

School Bigs Program

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana has kids waiting but not enough Bigs! A School Big is a volunteer who spends time mentoring a middle or elementary school student. School matches enjoy card games, reading, shooting baskets, journal writing or just sharing a laugh. These simple activities and the friendships that develop make coming to school fun and rewarding for both the Little and the Big. School matches meet during the school day on school grounds only. Minimum commitment is one year. An interview and training are required; a car is strongly recommended. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Deborah Meader at (812) 334-2828 ext. 231 or schoolbigs@bigsindiana.org. (www.bigsindiana.org)

Dog Walkers at Brown County Animal Shelter

The Brown County Humane Society is looking for volunteers to help with walking their shelter dogs. Volunteers enjoy the outdoors with a canine companion on their three-acre property, complete with barn, fenced in play area, and babbling brook. You might walk alone and help a shy dog gain confidence, or join a play group and teach the dogs to socialize properly. You will also meet other volunteers and animal-lovers, and get to know more about the shelter and programs. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. A commitment of at least four hours per month on a regular schedule is requested. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Erika Imhoof at (812) 988-7362 or volunteer@bchumane.org. (www.bchumane.org)

Project Safe Place

The Youth Services Bureau of Monroe County is seeking interested persons to check up on their "Safe Place" sites. This would entail making sure all signs are correct and also ensuring that employees are informed about the Safe Place program for youth in crisis. This project can be scheduled to fit your availability and can be a one time or an on-going service project. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Vanessa Schmidt at (812) 349-2507 or vschmidt@co.monroe.in.us. (www.youthservicesbureau.net)

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

Community Kitchen of Monroe County

Provides nutritious meals to anyone in need in our community. To grant a wish, contact Tim at (812) 332-0999 or director@monroecommunitykitchen.com (1515 S. Rogers St.; www.monroecommunitykitchen.com)

Wishes: grocery store gift cards, corn brooms, poly/white cutting boards, aprons, bar towels, spoons & forks, shovel, spade, snow shovel, trowel, pressure washer, commercial mop handles, butter, onions, spices

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.

