



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal." ~ Albert Piner

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Computer Literacy Teacher

New Leaf - New Life is focused on volunteer-driven programs to help jail inmates and those recently released find support for successfully re-entry into the life and work of the community. Computer literacy volunteers will teach men and women leaving jail the basics in computer use to assist them with creating an email account, typing a resume and applying for jobs online. Minimum age is 18, 16 if with an adult. Interested? Please contact Sam Harrell at (812) 355-6842 or newleaf1010@gmail.com. (www.newleafnewlife.org)

Kick-Off International Babywearing Week - Oct. 5

Join the Babywearing Project in creating a day of learning, community-building, and fun during International Babywearing Week, Oct. 5-11. Volunteers will assist with the kick-off celebration, which will be held from 2-5 p.m. on Oct. 5. Volunteers will start at noon, hanging balloons and setting up refreshments. Event volunteers will staff the popcorn popper or the information tables, greet guests, supervise the photo booth, do face painting, or supervise children's games and activities. Tear-down and clean-up will start at 5:15 p.m. Minimum age is 18; 13 if with an adult. Please contact Anna Haag at (812) 340-0769 or thebabywearingproject@gmail.com. (www.thebabywearingproject.org)

Taste of East Africa - Oct. 11

The fifth annual Taste of East Africa, sponsored by Kilimanjaro Education Outreach, will feature a buffet dinner, silent auction of East African art, and entertainment by Bernard Woma and his African music group. Proceeds will help children orphaned by a ferry disaster and children from a remote Tanzania village. Volunteers will decorate, learn to make exotic food, or assist with tickets, and can volunteer from 3-6 p.m. on Oct. 10, the day before the event, or choose a three-hour shift between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. on event day, Oct. 11. Minimum age is 18, 8 if with an adult. Please contact Megan Rogers at (812) 340-6610 or meganrogers353@gmail.com. (www.kileo.org)

VITAL Tutor Orientation - Oct. 14, Oct. 23, Dec. 11

Volunteers in Tutoring Adult Learners (VITAL) Basic Literacy Tutors provide adults with instruction in basic to intermediate reading, writing, and math. Prospective tutors first attend a mandatory orientation for new VITAL volunteers, which provides an overview of adult literacy issues and the expectations of volunteers, learners, and staff. Upcoming orientations will be from 6:30-8 p.m. on Oct. 14, and from 10-11:30 a.m. on both Oct. 23 and Dec. 11. Registration is required. Volunteers are then provided with free training, are matched with adult learners, and can expect to spend 2-3 hours a week on tutoring and record keeping. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Bethany Terry at (812) 349-3173 or vital@mcpl.info. (www.mcpl.info)

Trick or Treat Trail - Oct. 18

Between 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 18, the wooded trail at RCA Park will come to life with fairy tale and cartoon-land characters and stories during the Trick or Treat Trail! Behind the scenes, the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department will provide the story line and costumes for the character volunteers, as they provide the enthusiasm and creativity. Character volunteers must attend a training sessions at RCA Park, either from 10-11 a.m. or from 4-5 p.m. on Oct. 17. Minimum age is 16. Sign up to volunteer on the website or contact Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov. (<http://bit.ly/TrickorTreatTrail>)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Protective Order Assistance Partnership

Provides assistance for individuals seeking civil orders of protection from the court. Also discusses safety planning with victims and provides referrals for additional assistance. To grant a wish, contact Sarah Hunt at (812) 349-5006 or shunt@co.monroe.in.us or. (301 N. College Ave.)

Wishes: 2-pocket folders, printing services, colored copy paper, tissues, White-Out, children's art supplies and toys, healthy, non-perishable snacks for kids (such as fruit snacks, goldfish crackers)

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.

