



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "One is not born into this world to do everything but to do something." ~ Henry David Thoreau

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Home Cleaning Help

The Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living is seeking a volunteer to assist a client with occasional apartment cleaning. The client does most of the cleaning herself, but some things are just a bit too hard for her to do alone. You can contribute to this person's health and well-being with just a little bit of elbow grease! Minimum age is 20; 9 if with an adult. If you can help, please contact Lynne Argent at (812) 335-6702 or lynne@sicilindiana.org. (www.sicilindiana.org)

'Paint A Dream' on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Jan. 19

The be.CAUSE Gallery and Studio is gathering volunteers to remove graffiti and create positive Martin Luther King, Jr.-inspired mini-murals in its place. The 'Paint a Dream' project will take place between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Jan. 19; volunteers don't need to stay for the entire time. Volunteers will paint quotes from Dr. King's teachings, as well as portraits of Dr. King. In addition to beautifying areas of town that have been vandalized, these mini-murals will spread the MLK-love on the walls of local businesses that give permission. Minimum age is 17; 12 if with an adult. Please contact Sarah Zinn at (317) 431-6626 or experience.because.gallery@gmail.com. (www.becausebloomington.com)

Fill the Volunteer Gap During School Breaks!

The decorations will soon be coming down – but the volunteer needs continue! Fill the gap by volunteering on a short-term basis during IU and MCCSC's vacation breaks, when so many people are out of town! Volunteering during winter, spring, and summer breaks is a huge help to those agencies which depend on volunteers to maintain their services year round. Please contact Bet Savich at (812) 349-3472 or savichb@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org/fillthegap)

Repack Assistants

As part of the Meal Share Program of the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, small groups and individuals repackage prepared foods that were donated by local restaurants, catering companies and cafeterias. This food was held at the proper temperature prior to donation and was never served on a plate. 'Repack' occurs Mon., Wed., and Fri. from 5:30-7 p.m. Sign up your group for a once-a-month commitment (i.e. first Friday of the month) or go just once! Minimal training will occur at arrival. Due to health and safety issues, minimum age is 12. Please contact Ryan Jochim at (812) 334-8374 or volunteer@hhfoodbank.org. (www.hhfoodbank.org)

Pet Therapy

Do you have a well-loved, well-behaved pet that you could share? SouthernCare Hospice is seeking volunteers to provide pet therapy to people who have terminal illnesses. Studies show that pet therapy diminishes emotional and physical pain, reduces boredom and anxiety and makes people happy! Pets must have all vaccinations and have a very good temperament. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Abbey Bucy at (812) 334-8343 or abbey.bucy@southerncareinc.com. (www.southerncareinc.com)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Susie's Place Child Advocacy Center

Provides a neutral, child-friendly center to investigate alleged child abuse and neglect, keeping the comfort and safety of the child the first priority. To grant a wish, please contact Elise Headley at (812) 822-1570 or elise@susiesplace.org. (www.susiesplace.org)

Wishes: scrapbooking materials, stickers, new children's winter clothing (esp. sizes 2t-5t), coat/umbrella holder, Speedway gas cards, gift cards, manila folders, travel-size toiletries, Barbie dolls, action figures, children's puzzles, board games, DVDs (G & PG)

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.

