



# Volunteer Bloomington!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "Hope has no meaning unless we are prepared to work to realize our hopes and dreams." ~ Aung San Suu Kyi

April 15, 2015

## Spring Luncheon – April 26

The *Spring Into Action Luncheon and Auction* on April 26 is Monroe County United Ministries' biggest fundraising event, and your help is needed to make it a success! Volunteer shifts are available between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Volunteers will assist with set-up, serve as greeters, or assist with check-in, the auction, wrapping or clean-up. It is easy and lots of fun! Minimum age is 16. Please contact Katie Broadfoot at (812) 339-3429 ext. 18 or [kbroadfoot@mcum.org](mailto:kbroadfoot@mcum.org) for more information or to choose a time that works for you! ([www.mcum.org/springluncheon](http://www.mcum.org/springluncheon))

## Be More Awards – April 28

Make your plans now to attend the Be More Awards, which will be held at 7 p.m. on April 28 at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater. This is a free community-wide celebration of the fantastic volunteer spirit that makes Bloomington thrive. Sponsored by the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network, the awards will honor 60 individuals and groups nominated for their outstanding service. Ten award recipients will earn \$500 each for the nonprofit organizations to which they devote their volunteer energy. Co-sponsors are the Community Foundation, IU Credit Union, United Way, City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department, and WTIU Public Television.

## 50+ Expo – May 12 & 13

The 50+ Expo on May 13 will feature free health screenings, plus an expo hall filled with exhibitors with information about products and services. Ten volunteers are needed on May 12 to set up. On May 13, some volunteers are needed from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and others for two-hour shifts between 2:30-8 p.m. Volunteers will decorate, direct exhibitors, greet participants, distribute information, collect feedback, and tear down. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Kim Ecenbarger, Bloomington Parks and Recreation Dept., at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov). ([www.bloomington.in.gov/parks](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/parks))

## Reality Store

Volunteering for a Reality Store is a fun way to interact with middle school students and help them learn important life lessons. It is a simulation that helps students connect academic achievement with the kind of lifestyle they envision for themselves after graduation. First, students are assigned salaries based on their actual GPAs. Then they proceed from table to table to "buy" things like housing, transportation, groceries, insurance, furniture, clothing, electronics, vacations, utilities, child care, pets, and electronics, with volunteers staffing each table. Each year, Reality Stores are held at Batchelor, Edgewood, Jackson Creek, and Tri-North middle schools, reaching more than 1,000 students. Students consistently report having a greater appreciation of the importance of grades and education, as well as of the many challenges and opportunities they will face as adults. Join the Reality Store volunteer corps now! Minimum age is 21. Please contact Macy Hughes, Chamber of Commerce Franklin Initiative, at (812) 336-6381 or [mhughes@chamberbloomington.org](mailto:mhughes@chamberbloomington.org). ([www.chamberbloomington.org](http://www.chamberbloomington.org))

## Marketing and Communications Volunteer or Intern

LIFEDesigns is seeking a marketing and communications volunteer or intern to assist with content development, produce newsletters, manage social media content and interview clients. The schedule is flexible and many duties can be performed remotely, but there are deadlines which must be met. Specific tasks will be flexible depending on the qualifications of the individual who fills the role. A commitment of at least three hours per week is requested. Minimum age is 18. If interested, please send your resume to Stephanie Shelton at (812) 332-9615 or [support@lifedesignsinc.org](mailto:support@lifedesignsinc.org). ([lifedesignsinc.org](http://lifedesignsinc.org))

*The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit [bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://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

### Middle Way House

Provides crisis intervention, safe shelter, legal and rape victim advocacy, case management, information and referral, and programming for women and their dependent children as they flee situations of domestic violence. To grant a wish, contact Debra Morrow at [volunteer@middlewayhouse.org](mailto:volunteer@middlewayhouse.org) or (812) 337-4510. ([www.middlewayhouse.org](http://www.middlewayhouse.org))

**Wishes:** art supplies, cots for children's naps, women's sleepwear, desk computer, laptop computers, lamps, utility/garden cart, gift cards, brooms, mops, shower curtains, trash cans, alarm clocks, chalk/white boards, educational games, outdoor toys

*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.*

