



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention." ~ Oscar Wilde

April 22, 2015

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. Thanks to the Community Foundation, ten award recipients will earn \$500 each for the nonprofit organizations to which they devote their volunteer energy! Co-sponsors include the IU Credit Union, United Way, City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department, and WTIU Public Television.

Join the IU Cinema Usher Corps!

As a volunteer usher at the IU Cinema, you can see great movies, welcome guests, and get hands-on experience with day-to-day cinema operations. Ideal traits include excellent customer service skills, positive attitude and cheerful smile, the ability to deal discreetly and sensitively with disruptive or disgruntled guests and to work well under pressure, and a love of film, a love of people, or both. Usher responsibilities include tearing tickets, showing guests to seats, distributing programs, ensuring guest safety (including emergency evacuations), answering questions about the cinema or the films, completion of the orientation and training session and attendance at volunteer meetings. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Jessica Tagg at (812) 855-7632 or jtagg@indiana.edu (www.cinema.indiana.edu)

Tagging & Steaming at My Sister's Closet

At My Sister's Closet of Monroe County, volunteers work with the store managers to tag and steam new donations for their boutique. If you like clothes and enjoy making them look good for the customers and clients, you will enjoy this volunteer opportunity. All volunteers receive a 25% discount in the store and also earn \$1.00 per hour in store credit. Minimum age is 16; 12 if with an adult. Please contact Julie Tobin at (812) 333-7710 or volunteer@sisterscloset.org (www.sisterscloset.org)

Special Olympics Softball Coach

Softball players who are in Special Olympics of Monroe County are seeking coaches for the lower-skills team and also for individual athletes. This is a wonderful opportunity to share something you know while making a big difference for those with intellectual disabilities. Volunteer coaches must be available for practices from 6-7:30 p.m. on Mondays, as well as games, which will be scheduled at a later date. The Special Olympics state games will be held on Sat., Sept. 26 in Indianapolis. Minimum age is 18; 16 if with an adult. Please contact Devin Hillenburg at (812) 606-3695 or Denise Brown at (812) 340-0955. (www.soimc.org)

Bryan Park Creek Maintenance Days – May 6 to Oct. 7

Bloomington Parks and Recreation has earned Community Wildlife Habitat certification from the National Wildlife Federation in large part because of the Bryan Park Creek naturalized area. Its upkeep requires periodic maintenance to control invasive plant species and ensure native plant success. Bryan Park Creek maintenance days are held on the first Wed. of the month from 5:30-7 p.m. from May 6 to Oct. 7. Volunteers maintain native plants by cutting back overgrown brush, remove invasive plants, and collect native plant seeds. Volunteers are trained on-site at the Woodlawn Shelter. Minimum age is 12; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. This is a great opportunity for both individuals and groups. To sign-up, go to: bit.ly/BryanParkCreek or contact Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/parks)

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

Monroe County YMCA

The nation's leading nonprofit committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. To grant a wish, contact Gayle Ebel at (812) 961-2171 or gebel@monroecountymca.org (2125 S. Highland Ave.; monroecountymca.org)

Wishes: soft yarn, yoga mats, pool accessories (goggles, dive sticks, non-inflatable water toys), iPod dock, playground equipment (for northwest YMCA), iTunes cards, Swiffer mops and pads, batteries (AA, AAA),

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.

