



# VolunteerBloomington!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit. ~Nelson Henderson

July 8, 2015

## VITAL Literacy Tutor Orientation – July 23

To become a VITAL literacy tutor, the first step is to attend an introductory orientation. These are held on a regular basis; the next one will be from 10-11:30 a.m. on July 23. VITAL literacy tutors provide adults, including non-native language learners, with instruction in basic to intermediate reading, writing, and math. Volunteers are provided with free training after which they are matched with adult learners. The expected commitment is two to three hours a week. The VITAL office is located near the checkout area on the second floor of the Monroe County Public Library. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Bethany Terry at (812) 349-3173 or vital@mcpl.info. ([www.mcpl.info/vital](http://www.mcpl.info/vital))

## Harvest Fest – Aug. 1

What could be better than sharing the fruits of our labors? At Harvest Fest on Aug. 1, the Bloomington Community Orchard will have face painting, live music, and family-friendly activities to enjoy the peaches, plums, berries, and whatnot that are grown there. While they cannot predict what will be ripe that day, they can predict that it will be a great time! Volunteers will assist with set-up, serving food, special activities and clean-up. The rain date is Aug. 2. The orchard is located at 2120 S. Highland Ave. Minimum age is 14; 12 if with an adult. Please contact Lauren Haney at [getinvolved@bloomingtoncommunityorchard.org](mailto:getinvolved@bloomingtoncommunityorchard.org). ([www.bloomingtoncommunityorchard.org](http://www.bloomingtoncommunityorchard.org))

## Midweek Construction

Habitat for Humanity's midweek construction volunteers are an important part of the build schedule, helping with tasks small and large! Volunteers build from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, with a break during the lunch hour. Volunteers arrive on time and stay all day. Volunteers do not need previous construction experience, just a willingness to learn and have fun! Minimum age is 16. To sign up for an upcoming build day, go to: <http://vols.pt/k7t8Ta> or contact the office at (812) 331-4069 or [volunteer@monroecountyhabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@monroecountyhabitat.org). ([www.monroecountyhabitat.org](http://www.monroecountyhabitat.org))

## Music therapy with hospice patients

SouthernCare Hospice is looking for volunteers to play music or lead musical activities in nursing homes and assisted living facilities where hospice patients are living. All activities are scheduled with the facilities ahead of time. The facilities have pianos, but volunteers bring other instruments if they choose. Minimum age is 16. To share your musical talent with hospice patients, please contact Abbey Bucy at (812) 334-8343 or [abbey.bucy@southerncaresinc.com](mailto:abbey.bucy@southerncaresinc.com). ([www.southerncaresinc.com](http://www.southerncaresinc.com))

## Indiana Sheltie Rescue

If you love Shelties and would like to join in their rescue, you can assist Indiana Sheltie Rescue by fostering a Sheltie in your home, transporting a Sheltie to pre-adoption home visits, regularly checking local shelters for Shelties, identifying purebred Shelties, or assisting with fundraising, marketing, publicity or events. They would be happy to discuss their program and the various volunteer opportunities with you. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Teresa Cotton at (317) 984-5737 or [ipdctcotton@yahoo.com](mailto:ipdctcotton@yahoo.com). ([www.indianasheltierescue.org](http://www.indianasheltierescue.org))

## Community Wish List Spotlight

### Monroe County Solid Waste - Materials for the Arts

A center for not-for-profit groups to shop for supplies, from art supplies to clothing to bottle caps. To grant a wish, contact Mary Hunter at [mhunter@mcswwd.org](mailto:mhunter@mcswwd.org) or (812) 349-2022. (3400 S. Walnut St.; [www.gogreendistrict.com](http://www.gogreendistrict.com))

**Wishes:** assorted educational materials, cases/shelves, locking cabinet, gardening supplies, office supplies & equipment, old jewelry, watches, chains, license plates, play props, costumes, decorations, toys, games, frames, matte/poster board, assorted canvases, health & beauty items

*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 [BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org](http://BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org) or call 812-349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.*

