



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kindness." ~ Seneca [Roman philosophe, approximately 4 B.C. – A.D. 65]

Sep. 9, 2015

Open Streets at Prospect Hill – Sept. 20

Open Streets will take place from 12-5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 20 in the Prospect Hill neighborhood, on 4th Street from Madison to Fairview! Open Streets brings together neighbors to bike, walk, socialize, play and shop in a car-free environment. It's free, fun, and family-friendly! From group exercise in the street to live music and kids play zones, there's something for everyone at Open Streets! Volunteers will be able to contribute their time to making this event a success in a variety of ways in short shifts between 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Please contact Anna Dragovich at info@openstreetsbloomington.com or (330) 280-2870. (www.openstreetsbloomington.com/volunteer)

Walk MS Bloomington – Sept. 26

Walk MS, which will be held on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 26 at Ivy Tech Community College, is the rallying point of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, a community which comes together to raise funds in support of life-changing programs and services and cutting-edge research for a cure. Walk MS also connects people living with MS and those that care about them. Volunteers are engaged in multiple areas of the walk, including registration, serving food and beverages, cheering walkers at the start and finish lines, staffing rest stops and set-up or clean-up. Volunteers will be able to enjoy the refreshments and vendors. Minimum age is 14; 6 if with an adult. Please contact Tricia Bishop at (317) 870-2501 or tricia.bishop@nmss.org. (www.nationalMSSociety.org)

Lotus Festival Saturday Night Positions – Sept. 26

From Sept. 24 through 27, the Lotus World Music and Arts Festival will flower in downtown Bloomington, and you can attend in exchange for your volunteer time! If you are a late night kind of person with plenty of energy, tear-down shifts are available on Saturday night, Sept. 26. In exchange, you will be able to attend the festival, partying to the best music in town, plus you will receive an awesome volunteer T-shirt! Minimum age is 18. To apply, go to <http://tinyurl.com/saturdaylotus>, then click on "Sat. late night" and choose tear-down as your first choice or contact Tamara Loewenthal at (812) 337-0417 or tamara@lotusfest.org. (www.lotusfest.org)

Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome – Sept. 27

The Down Syndrome Family Connection's annual Buddy Walk in Bloomington will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27 at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. It will feature fun for the whole family before and after the walk, with live music, a carnival area, and more. Registration is free for walkers, but donations are encouraged. There are many opportunities for individuals and groups to help out before, during, and after the walk, including set-up, parking, walk route assistance, and clean up. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Cyndi Johnson at volunteer@downsyndromefamilyconnection.org and she will share a selection of volunteer jobs and shifts. (www.downsyndromefamilyconnection.org)

YMCA Youth Soccer Coaches

The Monroe County YMCA is looking for youth soccer coaches for the Fall session in Sept. and Oct. for children ages 5 and 6. Sessions are from 5:15-6:30 p.m. on either Tuesdays or Thursdays (or both). No formal coaching experience is needed. All teams meet on the soccer field at the Southeast YMCA branch. Minimum age is 17. Please contact Matt Osgood at (812) 961-2157 or mosgood@monroecountyymca.org. (www.monroecountyymca.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

MCCSC Adult Education - Broadview Learning Ctr.

Offers individualized instruction, guidance, and GED testing for teens and adults who seek to learn or improve basic skills to create better job opportunities for themselves and their families. To grant a wish, contact Diana Hoffman at dhoffman@mccsc.edu or (812) 330-7731. (705 W. Coolidge Dr.; www.mccsc.edu/adulted)

Wishes: colored pencils, markers, string, sheet protectors, protractors, tape, easel graph pads, pencils, erasers, graph paper, rulers, pads of paper, plastic pencil sharpeners, yard sticks, copy paper (white and color), compasses

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or buy a few items yourself. 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 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.

