



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "The work an unknown good man has done is like a vein of water flowing hidden underground, secretly making the ground green." ~ Thomas Carlyle

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Screeners for AccessAbility Decal Project

The City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility (CCA) is recruiting volunteers to survey a variety of locations to determine their accessibility for people with disabilities. Screeners use established criteria for parking, paths, entrance, elevators, stairs, railings, common areas, restrooms, and customer service. Qualifying businesses are then presented with a decal to display on their storefronts. Screeners perform each survey when they wish and, if desired, with a partner. Screeners are asked to complete at least one survey per month. Training and mentoring provided; minimum age is 18. Please go to: <http://bit.ly/CCASurveyors> or contact Michael Shermis at (812) 349-3471 or cca@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/cca)

Girls Inc. After-School Program

Girls Inc. is seeking fun, energetic volunteers to assist with after-school activities from 3-6 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Volunteers help with structured programs and general supervision of school-aged girls. The programs vary each semester and also include homework help with opportunities to tutor and read with girls. All volunteers attend an orientation session and undergo a criminal background check. Minimum age is 18. Please contact June Taylor at (812) 336-7313 or jtaylor@monroe.girls-inc.org. (www.girlsinc-monroe.org)

"Safe at Home" Team Members – Oct. 24

To reduce risks from falls and allow older adults to remain in their homes safely, the Area 10 Agency on Aging is sponsoring "Safe at Home" on Oct. 24 in Owen and Monroe Counties. After a kickoff breakfast at 8 a.m., volunteers will do repairs and light construction for seniors. Projects include installing carbon monoxide detectors, hand rails and extended toilet seats, tightening faucets, installing shower grab bars, patching a concrete pad, cutting brush, cleaning gutters, and raking leaves. Minimum age is 18; 16 if with an adult. Please contact Chris at 812-876-3383 ext. 508 or cmyers@area10agency.org or go to www.area10agency.org/safeathome. (www.area10agency.org/rsvp)

CASA Child Advocates Training – Nov. 2-23

When home is no longer safe, children are placed in foster care. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is seeking a two year commitment from community members aged 21+ who care about these children and are interested in learning about family dynamics, the juvenile court system and how to write reports for the judiciary. In CASA, everyday citizens are appointed by judges to speak up for a child's safety and well-being. CASAs are well-supported after completing 33 hours of training. There are over 40 children on the wait-list. Ideal candidates will have a fairly flexible schedule, reliable transportation and 12-15 hours available a month. The next series of trainings will be from 5:30-8:30 p.m on Mon., Wed. and Thurs. from Nov. 2-23. Please contact Amber Shride at amber.shride@monroecountycasa.org or (812) 333-2272. (www.monroecountycasa.org)

Join the Quarryland Men's Chorus!

All men who are advocates for the LGBT community and passionate about music, regardless of musical background, can join the Quarryland Men's Chorus, a cadre of supportive, enthusiastic performers. The Chorus also relies on a dedicated team of off-stage men and women for assistance with fundraising, ticket sales, audience development, member recruitment and ushering. All members can also serve on the Board of Directors or a committee. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Robert Ping at (812) 876-4175 or recruitment@quarryland.org. (www.quarryland.org)

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.

Community Wish List Spotlight

People & Animal Learning Services (PALS)

Provides high-quality, safe, fun and therapeutic animal-assisted activities to children and adults with physical, learning or emotional disabilities. To grant a wish, contact Lindsay Nash at (812) 336-2798 or lindsay@palstherapy.org. (7644 W. Elwren Rd.; www.palstherapy.org)

Wishes: calm horses, leather halters, lead ropes, grooming supplies, bridles, girths, saddles, stirrup leathers, Rainbow reins, joint supplements, Purina impact pellets with lysine, round hay bales, wireless microphone system, horse coloring books, laptops, flatbed trailer, wheelbarrows, muck rakes/plastic pitchforks, fence supplies, gift cards for gas, helmets (new ASTM/SEI certified), truck, copy paper, paper towels, toys (matching games, balls, textured toys)

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or purchase a few items yourself! It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

