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## CITY OF BLOOMINGTON VOLUNTEER NETWORK

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & SPOUSES AS VOLUNTEERS

**Volunteering can help you be of assistance to people in need, share your culture, improve your English skills and engage you as an active member of the Bloomington community. Start volunteering today!**

*For more information go to [www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer) or contact 349-3433 or [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov)*

### **USA - A country known for volunteerism**

About 60.8 million people volunteered in the USA in 2007, over 26 percent of the population. [Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor] Volunteering – contributing time, effort and expertise without financial benefit - is an essential part of the lives of many Americans and works to build on community assets and solve community problems.

### **Bloomington - A city with a strong volunteer tradition**

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network had its beginnings in 1980. At this time Bloomington was only the second municipality in the country to sponsor such a facility, the other being New York City. Now, over 200 community organizations request volunteers every year.

### **Why volunteer?**

Volunteering is a great way -

- To meet new people
- To connect you to the community
- To help people in need
- To share your culture
- To use your skills or learn new ones
- To keep your resumé current
- To practice English
- And to have fun!

### **How to get started?**

Do you like animals? Do you like kids? Do you have a skill to use through volunteering or do you want to learn new skills? Find your interest first, then find your available time. Do not over-commit your schedule; a slow start might



be better. Once you determine your interests, the next step is searching for volunteer opportunities matching your preferences. Nonprofit organizations also want to make sure your services will fit their needs. They may interview you or may ask you to take training before volunteering. Usually, you may wait to make a commitment to volunteer until after you have taken the training.

### How to get information?

Use the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network. A comprehensive volunteer opportunities list is on our Web site. Go to <http://bloomington.in.gov/volunteer/> and see "Volunteer Opportunities Guide." The Interest/Skills Index will help to narrow your search.

We send e-mails weekly for current volunteer opportunities, called the Weekly Volunteer Update.

**SUBSCRIBE NOW:** To SUBSCRIBE to this mailing list, go to [www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer), click on "volunteer" in the center panel and then on "Subscribe to Weekly Volunteer Update Email" in the next center panel. Once you are subscribed, you will receive only one email per week.

Contact our friendly staff. Call 349-3433 or e-mail [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov).

### If you, or a member of your family, has limited English skills:

See the opportunities listed on the following pages for suggestions about where to volunteer. Many organizations welcome elementary and intermediate English learners.

*If you are interested in family volunteering:*

There are many organizations that welcome families. Your children may be too young to actually volunteer, but they can accompany you. Check "minimum age" notations on the website.

*If you have never volunteered before:*

Why don't you experience one-time volunteer opportunities, such as special events, first? Check Weekly Volunteer Update e-mails and the calendar on our website.

*If you have any questions:*

Call 349-3433 or e-mail [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov)



## American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

**For more information, contact:**

Tammy Smith  
tammy.smith@cancer.org  
(812) 336-8423  
www.cancer.org

**Address:**

2201 W. Sudbury Dr.  
Ste. C  
Bloomington, IN 47403  
directions:  
bus:

### Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Planning Help Needed

The American Cancer Society is hosting its first ever Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event this year on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at Ivy Tech University. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is a noncompetitive walk to help fight breast cancer and provide hope to people facing the disease. Your participation will support the American Cancer Society's lifesaving research, prevention, early detection, and support programs for thousands of patients and their families. If you are interested in helping plan this event, please click the button below to contact the local organizer.

Making Strides events have no registration fee and no fundraising minimum. We've provided fun and easy-to-use online tools that allow you to personalize your experience. Whether you upload a photo, tell your story, or add your fundraising thermometer to your Facebook page, you can make this experience your own and share with others your reason for making strides.

**Dates:** 10/10/09

**Contact:** Megan Selck at (812) 336-8423 or [megan.selck@cancer.org](mailto:megan.selck@cancer.org)

## American Red Cross Blood Services

American Red Cross Blood Services provides blood drives to supply the blood needed by area hospitals to care for their patients. [www.givebloodgivelife.org](http://www.givebloodgivelife.org)

**For more information, contact:**

Jody Hutchens  
[Hutchensja@usa.redcross.org](mailto:Hutchensja@usa.redcross.org)  
(812) 331-1300  
[www.monroe-redcross.org/services\\_blood.aspx](http://www.monroe-redcross.org/services_blood.aspx)

**Address:**

1600 W. 3rd St.  
Bloomington, IN 47404  
directions: Take Hwy 37 to west third street exit. Go east on west third street and go through two stop lights. When you come to the third stop light before you reach Patterson you will see the American Red Cross Donor Center on your Left hand side.  
bus: Transit

### Blood Drive Canteen Helpers

Volunteering in the Canteen is where you will take care of the donors after they have donated and keep an eye on them to make sure they have no reactions and that they feel fine before they leave. Also you will be keeping the canteen stocked with snacks and keeping it clean and organized.

You have to be at least 17 years of age. We also have volunteering opportunity for those who need to do Community Services and if you need some volunteering for a class you are taking.

**Contact:** Laura Bryant at (812) 272-6477 or bryantln@usa.redcross.org

## American Red Cross Monroe County Chapter

A humanitarian organization led by volunteers that provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

**For more information, contact:**

Sue Gulley  
suegulley@monroe-redcross.org  
(812) 332-7292  
www.monroe-redcross.org

**Address:**

411 E. 7th St.  
Bloomington, IN 47408  
directions:  
bus:

### 2009 American Red Cross Book Fair - Opportunities Sept. 24-Oct. 8

Love books? Want to support the worthy mission of the American Red Cross in your town? The Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross Book Fair has been held annually in Bloomington since 1983. What started as a small sale under the bleachers of IU's football stadium has grown to an annual event offering 47 tons of books to 5,000 patrons! Arguably, the most important facet of our Book Fair is its volunteers; 300 volunteers participate annually. The Fair is high-energy and lots of fun--a wonderful opportunity for individuals and groups of all kinds to contribute to the well-being of their community. Opportunities are diverse. For the set-up days (Thursday, September 24 through Wednesday, September 30), tasks range from carrying boxes of books to the appropriate tables, to helping put up our signs, to organizing the concession stand. For the Fair itself (Thursday, October 1 through Tuesday, October 6), tasks include walking the floor and straightening the merchandise, answering customers' questions, helping carry items to the customers' cars, or working the concession stand. The tear-down days (Wednesday, October 7 through Thursday, October 8) are when we re-box the leftover books, fold tables, and load the trucks.

We welcome all volunteers but ask that you be mindful of the days on which you volunteer; some days (such as tear-down) require greater physical exertion, while some are more customer-centered. Our building is not heated or air-conditioned, so we ask that volunteers wear comfortable clothing and suitable shoes (no flip-flops, please).

**Dates:** 9/24-10/8

**Contact:** June Taylor at (812) 332-7292 or jtaylor@monroe-redcross.org

## Amethyst House

Our mission is to provide high quality, structured living environments, treatment, education and recovery services for individuals with addictions and substance abuse issues.

**For more information, contact:**

Gina Lovell  
amethyst@bloomington.in.us  
(812) 336-3570 ext. 13  
www.amethysthouse.org

**Address:**

645 N. Walnut St. (Admin Office)  
PO Box 11  
Bloomington, IN 47402-0011  
directions: Located on the corner of 11th and Walnut St.  
bus: Yes

**Clerical**

Amethyst House, a transitional housing and treatment center for men and women with substance abuse addictions, needs a variety of volunteers to help them achieve their goals for the organization. This may include filing, phone calls, and updating databases etc. For more information contact: Gina Lovell at 336-3570 ext. 10 or Julia Dotson at 336-2812 or email [amethyst@bloomington.in.us](mailto:amethyst@bloomington.in.us) or ([www.amethysthouse.org](http://www.amethysthouse.org)).

Minimum age of 18.

**Contact:** Gina Lovell at (812) 336-3570 ext. 13 or [amethyst@bloomington.in.us](mailto:amethyst@bloomington.in.us)

**Wonka's Chocolate Carnival Planning and Fundraising Activities**

Amethyst House will be holding our 3rd Annual 'Wonka's Chocolate Carnival' January 30, 2010. This is a carnival setting with games, activities, and food. This is a great community event for families and to raise awareness about our programs and prevention. We are looking for volunteers to assist in the planning process, poster distribution, setup, working during the carnival and cleanup.

To operate the games you must be 12 yrs or older and we require a parent or guardian be in the building while they are volunteering. The other work min. age is 18.

**Dates:** 2010-01-30

**Contact:** Gina Lovell at (812) 336-3570 ext. 13 or [amethyst@bloomington.in.us](mailto:amethyst@bloomington.in.us)

**Area 10 Agency On Aging**

Celebrates the human potential and provides services to assure the independence, health, and dignity of older residents. Services include in-home services for frail & elderly such as case management, homebound meals, food pantry, information and referral, caregiver support groups, and assistance to the homebound programs. Rural Transit is Area 10's mass public transit system that is available to individuals of all ages and abilities.

**For more information, contact:**

Ashley Hillman  
[ahillman@area10agency.org](mailto:ahillman@area10agency.org)  
(812) 876-3383  
[www.area10agency.org](http://www.area10agency.org)

**Address:**

630 W. Edgewood Dr.  
Ellettsville, IN 47429  
directions: There are diverse seniors throughout Monroe and Owen Counties needing assistance, and we will find a service area that works well for YOU!  
bus:

**Deliver Mobile Meals and help seniors remain independent!**

Mobile Meals, a program of Area 10 Agency on Aging, provides nutritious meals to the homebound in Monroe and Owen counties. Volunteers are currently needed to deliver meals to low income seniors Monday-Friday between 9:30-11:30 a.m. Your role in these seniors' lives is invaluable, providing them vital nutrition and a caring presence. Many seniors yearn to stay in their homes, and studies show that they live much healthier, happier, and longer lives as a result. In order to remain independent at home, programs like Mobile Meals are essential. Diverse routes are available in Bloomington and Ellettsville. must have reliable transportation

**Contact:** Cheri Adada at (812) 935-2505 or [cadada@area10agency.org](mailto:cadada@area10agency.org)

## Backstreet Missions Inc.

Backstreet Missions, Inc. is a not-for-profit faith-based organization dedicated to helping the homeless and hurting, rescuing people where they are by offering practical helps in the form of food, shelter, and clothing but most importantly, hope in place of despair, encouragement in place of discouragement, friendship when they have been abandoned by others and knowledge that their life has purpose and meaning.

**For more information, contact:**

Linda Kelley  
linda@backstreet.org  
(812) 333-6360  
www.backstreet.org

**Address:**

PO Box 3297  
Bloomington, IN 47402

### Feeding the Hungry

Geno's Cafeteria "soup kitchen" at Backstreet Missions Inc. needs your help to serve those in need. Volunteers are needed in the kitchen to help with Saturday morning breakfast food prep from 7-9:30 a.m., serving shift from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and clean up between 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday lunch service volunteers are needed for food prep from 9:30-11 a.m., for serving shift from 11 a.m.-12noon and for clean-up between noon and 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday evening dinner service is from 4-5 p.m. Volunteers currently needed for help with: Saturday morning breakfast-may arrive at 7am-9:30 for food prep serving 8:30am-9:30am clean-up-9:30-10:30am Saturday lunch-may arrive at 9:30am-11am for food prep serving-11am-12pm clean-up-12pm-1pm Tuesday evening dinner-4-5pm serving Thursday evening dinner-4-5pm serving Geno's Cafeteria, a wonderful way to make a difference. A minimal amount of training will be required. Children must be accompanied by adults.

**Contact:** Linda Kelley at (812) 333-6360 or linda@backstreet.org

### Thrift Store helpers

Do you enjoy garage sales and flea markets? Do you ooh and aah over cute children's clothing? Then you may be just the volunteer we're looking for. Come be a part of a perpetual garage sale. Rummage through gently used clothing including brand names to be hung and stocked to the sale floor, display household items on shelves, clean and organize specific areas. Remember: Backstreet Missions Thrift Store provides a low-cost alternative to the community as well as helping the homeless. Volunteers welcome 9am-5pm Monday-Saturday every week of the year.

Minimal training is required.

**Contact:** Linda Kelley at (812) 333-6360 or linda@backstreet.org

## Big Brothers Big Sisters Of South Central Indiana

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported one to one relationships with measurable impact.

**For more information, contact:**

Melissa Wickens  
melissa@bigsindiana.org  
(812) 334-2828 ext. 221  
www.bigsindiana.org

**Address:**

418 S. Walnut St.  
PO Box 2534  
Bloomington, IN 47401

### BBBS Volunteer Opportunities for Groups, Clubs, Organizations

Big Brothers Big Sisters welcomes the opportunity to work with groups, clubs and organizations in the community. Whether you are interested in sponsoring a one-time event, helping with office work or in volunteering together to mentor children in a particular neighborhood or school, please call. Big Brothers Big Sisters would like to work with you.

varies, depending on type of service.

**Contact:** Melissa Wickens at (812) 334-2828 ext. 221 or [melissa@bigsindiana.org](mailto:melissa@bigsindiana.org)

### **Couples Match Program**

The Couples Match Program is a part of the Community Bigs Program. In a Couples Match, a Little is matched with a couple who would like to volunteer together. Both partners act as a Big to the child, offering friendship, support and, of course, fun! Couples can plan activities together or individually with their Little.

The minimum commitment is twelve consecutive months, 8 hours per month. A car or access to reliable, insured transportation, an interview and training are required. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age.

**Contact:** Melissa Wickens at (812) 334-2828 ext. 221 or [melissa@bigsindiana.org](mailto:melissa@bigsindiana.org)

### **First Friends**

First Friends is an activity program for children who are waiting for a Big Brother or Big Sister. Two group activities are offered each month. First Friend volunteers provide transportation and supervision to between one and three children per activity.

Volunteer must own a car or have access to reliable, insured transportation. A training and interview are required. The minimum time commitment is eight (8) months, participating in at least one activity per month.

**Contact:** Melissa Wickens at (812) 334-2828 ext. 221 or [melissa@bigsindiana.org](mailto:melissa@bigsindiana.org)

## **Bloomington Community Bicycle Project**

The Community Bicycle Project (aka the Bike Project) focuses on providing bike transportation to the people of the city through repair of donated bicycles for people in need, and instruction in bicycle repair and maintenance at workshops. Tools and workshop space are provided.

### **For more information, contact:**

Edwin Fallwell  
[Bloomington.Bike.Project@gmail.com](mailto:Bloomington.Bike.Project@gmail.com)  
[www.bloomington.in.us/~bikeproj](http://www.bloomington.in.us/~bikeproj)

### **Address:**

214 N. Madison St.  
Bloomington, IN 47404  
directions: behind the near Westside BloomingFoods

### **Get Involved at the Community Bicycle Project**

There are many ways Bloomington community members can get involved with the Bicycle Project (aka the Bike Project). Visit: One of the best ways to find out more about getting involved is to give us a visit during shop hours. We are open: Mondays from 6:00-8:00 pm Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 pm Saturdays from noon-3:00 pm Sundays from 6:30-8:30pm (Ladies' night) Volunteer If you'd like to volunteer just come on down during our open shop hours (see above).

Min Age is 13.

**Contact:** Edwin Fallwell at [Bloomington.Bike.Project@gmail.com](mailto:Bloomington.Bike.Project@gmail.com)

## Bloomington High School North Library

Our mission is to foster literacy for all students through the discovery of ideas. We are committed to ensuring all students have the right to the pursuit of knowledge through teaching and learning, program development, and information access. The North library serves all students, faculty, and staff and their respective curricular needs.

**For more information, contact:**

Kathy Loser  
kloser@mccsc.edu  
(812) 330-7724  
www.mccsc.edu/~kloser

**Address:**

3901 N. Kinser Pike  
Bloomington, IN 47404  
directions:  
bus:

### Plant Caretaker for the BHSN Library Plants

Do you have a green thumb? Our plants need your help and attention. Please say that you have an hour or so a week to check in and care for the many plants at the Bloomington High School North Library. They make our library a pleasant place to be, but they need more care and attention from a caring volunteer like you to be the healthiest that they can be!

**Contact:** Kathy Loser at (812) 330-7724 or kloser@mccsc.edu

## Bloomington Housing Authority

Administers public funds using available resources to offer a variety of affordable housing opportunities and supportive services that foster stability and self sufficiency through creative partnerships while servicing our customers with the highest level of professionalism and respect.

**For more information, contact:**

Danielle Sorden  
dsorden@blha.net  
(812) 339-3491 x132  
www.bhaindiana.net

**Address:**

1007 N. Summit St.  
Bloomington, IN 47404  
directions: From Walnut Street, turn west on 11th Street. Go about 3/4 mile until you get to Monroe St (there is a Community Kitchen Express on the corner). Turn right (north) and go to the second street on the left. This is Summit St. Turn left and the BHA is half a  
bus: 2 West at 11th and Monroe

### Childcare for families attending Self-Sufficiency Classes

We provide classes for our program participants to learn self-sufficiency activities. Classes include credit improvement, family budgeting, job search and interview skills, looking good for job searching and at work, basic home repair, basic car repair, single parent support groups, and others. Many of our participants are single parents and have told us that they can't come to the classes because of lack of childcare. These classes usually occur once or twice per month, on a Saturday or on a weekday evening. They last for 2-3 hours. This could be a one-time volunteer opportunity or an ongoing partnership. We have classes scheduled for August, September and October. Please email for details.

Volunteers may help as assistants if they are under 18, but we must have 2 adults over 18 at all times. All adults must pass a criminal background check. A half hour interview/orientation is required as well.

**Contact:** Danielle Sorden at (812) 339-3491 x132 or dsorden@blha.net

## Bloomington Playwrights Project (BPP)

A vibrant non-profit theatre dedicated to producing new plays and providing theatre education for all ages. Featuring: School of Dramatic Arts, Ensemble Artists, playwriting contests and great theatre year-round!

**For more information, contact:**

Karen Knight  
bppvolunteer@gmail.com  
(812) 334-1188  
www.newplays.org

**Address:**

107 W. 9th St.  
Bloomington, IN 47404  
directions:  
bus:

### Hanging Flyers for Sex, Dreams and Self Control

Come help spread the word on the great plays at the BPP! You will put up playbills in local businesses. You can pick up your playbills from the BPP between the hours of 10-5 M-F or another arranged time.

Volunteering is a great way to learn what is new at the BPP and meet the Bloomington community. This show runs September 4 through 12 and posters will be available mid August.

**Dates:** 9/4-12

**Contact:** Karen Knight at (812) 334-1188 or bppvolunteer@gmail.com

### Usher for Sex, Dreams & Self Control

Are you interested in being part of the theater but not ready for the stage? Are you looking for a way to experience the arts in Bloomington and meet cool people? Are you interested in seeing a show but are low on cash? Come be an usher at the BPP! As an usher, you will take tickets, seat people and hand out programs. In exchange, you will see a great show. Please be at the BPP at 7:20 PM on Sept 22 and 23. This is an adult themed play.

**Dates:** 9/22-23

**Contact:** Karen Knight at (812) 334-1188 or bppvolunteer@gmail.com

### Usher for Talley's Folly

Are you interested in being part of the theater but not ready for the stage? Are you looking for a way to experience the arts in Bloomington and meet cool people? Are you interested in seeing a show but are low on cash? Come be an usher at the BPP! As an usher, you will take tickets, seat people and hand out programs. In exchange, you will see a great show. Please be at the BPP at 7:20 pm for Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows and 2:20 pm for Sunday shows. This play runs September 4, 5 & 10-12 at 8:00 pm and September 6 at 3:00 pm.

**Dates:** 9/4- 9/6 and 9/10-9/12

**Contact:** Karen Knight at (812) 334-1188 or bppvolunteer@gmail.com

## Boxcar Books & Community Center

Boxcar Books and Community Center, Inc. is a volunteer run, non-profit organization that exists to provide new and used books, zines, magazines, and comics on topics of social justice, independent media, and fiction for the community; send literature of all types free of charge to prisoners in the midwest; and to provide a meeting space for community and literary groups.

**For more information, contact:**

Taylor Dean  
taylor@boxcarbooks.org  
(812) 339-8710  
www.boxcarbooks.org

**Address:**

408 E. 6th St.  
Bloomington, IN 47408

**Boxcar Books Art Coordinator**

Boxcar Books is seeking one or two individuals with a passion for art, design and community to coordinate monthly art shows with local artists. Receptions take place the first Friday of every month from 7-9 p.m. The coordinator is responsible for maintaining contact with artists prior to showing, arranging art hanging/set up, coordinating artist payment and art pick-up after run, answering artists' questions and booking inquiries, and working as a part of the Boxcar Books Collective, keeping Boxcar volunteers informed about art coordination news and issues.

Anyone interested in the position will need to be interviewed by the Volunteer Coordinator and current Art Coordinator and train for one showing with the Art Coordinator. UPDATE: Because of the exciting amount of interest we've received in the position, we are asking all applicants to submit a letter intent explaining why s/he is interested in the position and any ideas for improving and expanding the program. Please send your letter to Taylor Dean at [taylor@boxcarbooks.org](mailto:taylor@boxcarbooks.org)

**Contact:** Taylor Dean at (812) 339-8710 or [taylor@boxcarbooks.org](mailto:taylor@boxcarbooks.org)

**Boys And Girls Clubs Of Bloomington**

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

**For more information, contact:**

Jeff Baldwin  
[jbaldwin@bgcbloomington.org](mailto:jbaldwin@bgcbloomington.org)  
(812) 332-5311 ext .12  
[www.bgcbloomington.org](http://www.bgcbloomington.org)

**Address:**

Lincoln Street Unit  
311 S. Lincoln St.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

**Ellettsville Club Volunteers - Youth & Community Center of Monroe County**

Opening April 13, 2009 at Eagles Landing in Ellettsville, the Youth & Community Center of Monroe County will serve as an after school program for youth of the Richland-Bean Blossom community. The core managing and programming agency is the Boys & Girls Club with outreach and support by Girls Inc. and Big Brothers Big Sisters. We are in need of volunteers for various tasks including: ? Playing board games and other games with youth ? Supervising youth during activities such as arts, crafts, snack time ? Sharing a talent such as playing a musical instrument ? Implementing programs ? Changing bulletin boards ? Cleaning and organizing rooms ? Providing tutoring and homework help ? Being a mentor for groups of youth during programs

All volunteers have a background check and go through an orientation training session. Please specify how long you plan on volunteering. We divide up tasks differently depending on the volunteer's frequency, long-term commitment, and availability.

**Contact:** Amy Matney at (812) 332-5311 or [amatney@bgcbloomington.org](mailto:amatney@bgcbloomington.org)

**Brown County Humane Society**

Brown County Humane Society's vision is a community where all animals are valued and respected.

**For more information, contact:**

Jaime Robbins

**Address:**

128 State Road 135 South

bchumane@gmail.com  
(812) 988-7362  
www.bchumane.org

Nashville, IN 47448  
directions: From Bloomington follow 3rd street until it turns in to 46. Take 46 to Nashville, Indiana. At the first light (CVS is on the left) take a right. This road is still 46. Travel for about 5 minutes past the golf course on the right, past the state park e bus:

### **Dog Walk Planning Committee**

It's hard to believe, but it is time to start planning for our next Dog Walk to be held in May. We are looking for a few new committee members to help plan the event. We will meet in the evenings once or twice a month between now and mid-May. This event is our biggest fundraiser and is lots of FUN. If you like to plan parties, this is the task to step up and help with.

No specific requirements or training required

**Contact:** Jane Weatherford at (812) 988-7362 or jane@bchumane.org

## **Bryan Park Neighborhood Association**

The purpose of the Bryan Park Neighborhood Association is to promote the general welfare of residents of the Area.

### **For more information, contact:**

Janice Sorby  
jansorby@sbcglobal.net  
(812) 334-2075  
<http://bryanpark.blogspot.com/>

### **Address:**

525 E. Grimes Lane  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
bus: Henderson & Grimes

### **Become an Active Bryan Park Neighborhood Member**

Are you a current resident of the Bryan Park Neighborhood? We invite you to get involved! Neighborhood volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Help establish better communication with your neighbors. BPNA gives everyone something in common. Merely getting people introduced to their neighbors will affect improvements in untold ways.
- Help work more effectively with municipal services. In the same way that the residents benefit by working together, BPNA provides a larger forum for communicating with city government to voice concerns and solve problems.
- Create pride in your neighborhood. Creating pride is something so basic, yet so important. Neighborhoods can easily fall into disrepair and despair. However, when people care, you will be able to maintain and improve that place that you call home.
- Help make your neighborhood a safer place. By working together, looking out for each other, and coordinating with your police officers, neighbors can help to create a safer, more secure environment in which to live.

**Contact:** Janice Sorby at (812) 334-2075 or jansorby@sbcglobal.net

## Center for Sustainable Living

Makes available information, services, projects and networking opportunities for those interested in exploring ecologically and economically sustainable ways of thinking, living and interacting in our community.

**For more information, contact:**

Lucille Bertuccio  
csloffice@gmail.com  
(812) 331-2726  
www.simplycsl.org

**Address:**

Caldwell Center For Culture And Ecology  
323 S. Walnut St.  
Bloomington, IN 47404

### Bloomington Edible Schoolyards

Bloomington Edible Schoolyards purpose is to create a central organizational structure from which to coordinate efforts, share resources and apply for funding to create a sustainable educational environment for children, teachers, parents and the larger Bloomington community in the areas of gardening and environmental education. This project is looking for committed volunteers to help us reach our goals of creating ecologically based natural and garden environments in which to learn and grow as individuals, as families and as a community; to teach children how to grow and prepare their own organic food for overall health and food security. Ideally, a commitment for the duration of the school year is requested.

**Contact:** Lucille Bertuccio at (812) 331-2726 or csloffice@gmail.com

### Enjoy TINKERING?

The Community Bike Project is a Bloomington-based organization that focuses on providing bike transportation to the people of the city. We focus on teaching bicycle maintenance in order to ensure that bikes on the streets stay on the streets. We are currently looking for volunteer bike mechanics and women volunteers for our ?ladies day?. For the woman volunteer position, ?on the job? training will be provided.

**Contact:** Marcia Pluta-Figueiredo at (812) 332-8796 or csloffice@gmail.com

### Get Involved with Sustainability

Interested in sustainability? Walkable communities? A healthy environment? Organic gardening? Natural building? The Center for Sustainable Living (CSL) is the place for you! Bloomington Organic Gardeners, the Community Bicycle Project, Bloomington Transportation Options for People (BTOP), the Natural Building Group and the Holistic Affordable Housing project are just a few of the many projects hosted by CSL. CSL volunteers can learn about and apply ecologically sustainable living practices, attend project meetings, organize events, lectures and workshops, help in the office, host an outreach table at the Farmers? Market, document CSL activities or start a new initiative. It?s up to you! Explore our website and the many opportunities to volunteer for a Sustainable Bloomington!

**Contact:** Lucille Bertuccio at (812) 331-2726 or csloffice@gmail.com

## City of Bloomington - Latino Programs and Outreach

Serves as a liaison for the Department and community organizations giving support to immigrant populations, particularly Latinos, and promoting diversity and respect for other cultures. Provides direct services, including referrals, interpretation and translation, to Spanish-speaking people.

**For more information, contact:**

Melissa Britton

**Address:**

401 N. Morton St., Ste. 260

brittonm@bloomington.in.gov  
(812) 349-3860  
www.bloomington.in.gov/latino

PO Box 100  
Bloomington, IN 47402

### **Diversity Speakers Bureau - Share Your Experience!**

Interested in volunteering to be a speaker? Want to share about YOUR country's culture, history, politics, language, family, tourism or sports? Join our list of willing and available volunteers and you may be matched with a speaker request. The City of Bloomington is rich in diversity. Many of us come from different places in the world while some of us are the first generation born in this country. For those people, customs, traditions and ways of life may have been different at home than from the customs and traditions of the friends they had when they were growing up. We want to share our experiences and explore this issue a little, so we will travel together back to the place we used to call home. Download the World of Culture Flyer 2008 ([http://bloomington.in.gov/media/media.php?media\\_id=3075](http://bloomington.in.gov/media/media.php?media_id=3075))

La Ciudad de Bloomington es un lugar muy rico en diversidad. Muchos venimos de lugares muy diferentes y en algunos casos de muy lejos mientras que otros somos hijos de emigrantes, pero nacimos en este país. Queremos compartir nuestro conocimiento, nuestra experiencia, nuestras costumbres y tradiciones. ¿Te gustaría participar? ¿Deseas compartir lo bonito que es tu país, su cultura, su gente, la historia, su lengua o aportar información sobre sus destinos turísticos? Inscríbete con nosotros y déjanos saber cuándo tienes tiempo y buscaremos un lugar en donde puedas platicar de lo bello que es tu lugar de origen o el de tus padres. Click el Enlace ([http://bloomington.in.gov/media/media.php?media\\_id=3057](http://bloomington.in.gov/media/media.php?media_id=3057))

**Contact:** Daniel Soto at (812) 349-3465 or [sotod@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:sotod@bloomington.in.gov)

### **City of Bloomington Animal Care & Control**

An open admission shelter providing care and comfort for more than 200 animals a day. Provides sheltering for homeless animals, assists in re-uniting lost pets with their families, and welcomes visitors to adopt a new best friend.

**For more information, contact:**

Kathy Obrakta  
[obraktak@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:obraktak@bloomington.in.gov)  
(812) 349-3872  
[www.bloomington.in.gov/animalshelter](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/animalshelter)

**Address:**

3410 S. Old SR 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401

### **Pet Foster Guardians - Holiday Time and Year Round**

The shelter is frequently full of homeless animals. Foster homes give more animals a chance to find a lifelong home! Foster families are urgently needed to provide a loving, temporary home for shelter dogs and cats until they are adopted. Volunteers must have a pet-friendly home and be responsible for the pet's daily care. Dog foster guardians must be able to bring the dog to shelter adoption showcases on a regular basis. Open your heart and home and become a foster guardian.

Min. Age: 21

**Contact:** Kathy Obrakta at (812) 349-3872 or [obraktak@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:obraktak@bloomington.in.gov)

## City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility

The Council for Community Accessibility advocates on behalf of people with disabilities, promotes local awareness of the challenges faced by people with disabilities, and works to develop solutions to problems of accessibility in the community.

**For more information, contact:**

Craig Brenner  
brennerc@bloomington.in.gov  
(812) 349-3471  
www.bloomington.in.gov/cfrd

**Address:**

401 N. Morton St., Ste. 260  
Bloomington, IN 47404

### Council for Community Accessibility Volunteer

Help the City of Bloomington's Council for Community Accessibility make Bloomington accessible for people with disabilities and their families. Volunteers attend monthly meetings at City Hall. Some then volunteer on one of the CCA's projects, such as surveying local businesses for accessibility or planning events.

Minimum age is 18.

**Contact:** Craig Brenner at (812) 349-3471 or brennerc@bloomington.in.gov

### Help the Council for Community Accessibility Make Bloomington More Accessible!

The CCA needs you! We meet monthly at City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, and we address issues and concerns of importance to people with disabilities. We are currently planning activities for Disabilities Awareness Month. We welcome anyone who is interested in helping at our meetings. Call Craig Brenner at 812-349-3471 for more information about the meetings and other projects of the CCA.

Everyone is welcome. We offer free training for those activities which require expertise, such as surveying businesses to make sure they are accessible according to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**Contact:** Craig Brenner at (812) 349-3471 or brennerc@bloomington.in.gov

## City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Dept.

Provides comprehensive programs that encompass educational, cultural, recreational, intergenerational, health, fitness, volunteer and leadership opportunities. Facilities include Allison Jukebox, Baneker, Bloomington Adult Community Center and the Community Gardens.

**For more information, contact:**

Kim Ecenbarger  
ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov  
(812) 349-3739  
www.bloomington.in.gov/parks

**Address:**

Main Office  
401 N. Morton St., Suite 250 PO Box 100  
Bloomington, IN 47402

### 2009 Wellness Challenge of Bloomington Celebration

To celebrate a summer of getting fit, the Wellness Challenge culminates with this celebration of successes, fun activities and prizes. Participants will be provided with a healthy breakfast and engage in different activity stations, take a walk around the park and thank our sponsors who made the 2009 Wellness Challenge possible.

Volunteers help staff facilitate the day's activities and celebrate the success of the 2009 Wellness Challenge. Volunteers will be trained at the beginning of their shift.

**Dates:** 8/29/2009

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

### **Adopt-a-Trail**

More than 30 trail miles in Bloomington's city parks need periodic inspections and maintenance to remain safe and usable. Volunteers have been valuable in establishing and maintaining our trails for many years. We are now providing organizations and groups an opportunity to "Adopt-a-Trail." Trails up for adoption include Leonard Springs Nature Park, Griffy Lake Nature Preserve, Wapehani Mountain Bike Park, Winslow Woods, Twin Lakes Sports Park and Bloomington Rail Trail. Schedule group (of 5 or more people) for a three- to four-hour shift.

Inspect adopted trail at least once a month. Complete and submit reports on trail status. Provide maintenance as needed. Do at least one work day per year. Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation prior to the program.

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

### **Alphabet Adventure**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 15-October 22 A, B, C, D, alphabet fun for you and me! Children practice recognizing and writing letters as they experience the alphabet through books, snacks, crafts and creative play. Duties: H, I, J, K volunteer your time and play! Volunteers help coordinate and facilitate activities planned for each day.

Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation prior to program. \*Consider continuing your service by volunteering with Somewhere over the Rainbow.

**Dates:** Sept. 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, Oct. 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

### **Apple Tasting**

Crisp, juicy, tangy, sweet! Bite into an apple and enjoy the flavors of fall at the Apple Tasting. Many varieties of apples will be available for tasting and sale at the Bloomington Community Farmers' Market. Duties: When you think of fall in Indiana, you have to think apples. Volunteers distribute samples of different locally grown apples.

Training: Volunteers will be trained at the beginning of their shift.

**Dates:** Oct. 3-4

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

### **Bloomington Parks and Recreation Park Ambassador Program**

The Park Ambassador Program is intended to promote community stewardship and bridge the communication between the community and our Department. The Park Ambassador Program sends a message that the community cares about its parks. Location: The following parks are part of the pilot program: Broadview Park, Bryan Park, Building Trades Park, Butler Park, Olcott Park, Skate Park and Thomson Park.

\*One-year commitment - Monthly-Quarterly inspections Duties: Park Ambassadors become public stewards of the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department. Through visits to local parks, Ambassadors document maintenance needs, report acts of vandalism, interact with park users, promote park safety and encourage an overall positive use of public space. Program Time: Each official visit requires an approximately one-hour assessment followed by the completion of a brief Ambassador report. Volunteers are required to attend an Ambassador Orientation prior to participation in the program.

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

### **Bryan Park Creek Maintenance Days**

The City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department earned community wildlife habitat certification from the National Wildlife Federation. The Bryan Park Creek naturalized area played a key role in

certification and requires periodic maintenance to control invasive species and ensure native plant success.

Sign up individually or as a group. Min. Age: 12

**Dates:** Sept. 2, Oct. 7

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

### **Candy Cane Hunt**

Enjoy the Winter Wonderland at the ninth annual Candy Cane Hunt. Children can participate in the hunt, make a craft and warm up in the Banneker Community Center with hot chocolate and cookies. Duties: Help lead arts and crafts, monitor the Candy Cane Hunt and register participants.

Volunteers will be trained at the beginning of their shift.

**Dates:** Dec. 6

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

### **Citizen Scientist Program**

This is a unique opportunity for community members. To receive this certificate, participants complete at least one environmental education or scientific monitoring workshop and volunteer 30 or more hours monitoring and maintaining the City's natural areas.

Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer orientation prior to the program. Min. Age: 10

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

### **Community Gardens**

The Community Gardens Program grows both plants and community. Since 1984, the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation has offered community gardening opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds. A favorite venue of volunteer groups, the gardens benefit from a number of service projects throughout the year. Location: Crestmont, Willie Streeter or Banneker Community Center Gardens  
Volunteers will be trained at the beginning of their shift. Program Time: Schedule your group for a three- to four-hour shift. Min. Age: 12

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

### **Drool in the Pool**

See Spot swim at the fifth annual dog paddle pool event. Bryan Park Pool will stay open for two more days, but not for humans. Dog lovers bring their four-legged friends for two refreshing evenings. The first evening is strictly dog paddling. If dogs just beg for more, owners can bring them back for more fun on Friday night. The second evening is filled with activities including giveaways, splashtacular contests and stupid pet tricks. Information and giveaways from various organizations are available during the second night only. Dog guards are on duty to supervise any dogs gone wild.

Assist with doggie giveaways and contests and become a dog lifeguard! Volunteer for one or both nights. Come prepared to get wet; however, you will not be asked to get in the pool. Volunteers will be trained at the beginning of their shift.

**Dates:** Sept. 10-11

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

### **Festival of the Falls - Oct. 23-24**

Celebrate the autumn along with the falling leaves near the stunning waterfalls at Lower Cascades Park. Bloomington's second annual Festival of the Falls includes activities for all ages on both Friday and Saturday. Festivalgoers ride hayrides, bounce in inflatables, tour the Trick-or-Treat Trail, shop local art and craft vendors, and listen to great music. If its food festivalgoers are after, there are plenty of seasonal food and drinks for the whole family to enjoy. Duties: A number of volunteers are needed to facilitate the weekend activities while enjoying everything Festival of the Falls has to offer. There's something for everyone. For example, transform into a Trick-or-Treat Trail character and distribute treats, oversee the campfire and marshmallow roasting, serve apple cider while listening to ghost stories, or engage children

in various activities. Be a part of this community-wide fall event! Program Time: Friday: Shift #1, 3:00 p.m. (20 vol. for Trick-or-Treat Trail) Shift #2, 6:00-10:00 p.m. (3:00-5:00 vol. for Festival of Ghost Stories) Saturday: 3:00-9:00 p.m. (20 vol. for setup, activities, teardown)

Training: Volunteers will be trained at the beginning of their shift.

**Dates:** Oct 23-24

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

### **Holiday Market**

Do you enjoy the festive community atmosphere of the Farmers' Market? Searching for the perfect holiday gift? Love those TubaSantas? The Holiday Market features some of your favorite, locally grown farm products, arts and crafts by area artisans and those unforgettable TubaSantas. Duties: We're looking for volunteer elves to decorate, serve refreshments and assist with teardown. Program Time: Shift #1, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m./Shift #2, Noon-3:30 p.m.

Training: Volunteers will be trained at the beginning of their shift.

**Dates:** Nov. 28

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

### **Leisure Companion Program**

The Leisure Companion provides one-to-one voluntary emotional, physical and cognitive support to recreation participants with varying needs and abilities. \*Dates and times are based on program registration. \*Location of events and programs will vary.

Volunteers are required to attend an orientation prior to the program.

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

### **Putting the Gardens to Bed**

Gardeners and others with green thumbs are invited to clear the plots and put the gardens to bed for the winter months. Duties: Volunteers harvest remaining produce left in the garden and prepare it for donation to the Hoosier Hills Food Bank; remove hardware items from the garden, including tomato cages and stakes, and organize them for convenient storage; and pull remaining plants from the plots and place them in the compost bins for fertilization in the spring. Crestmont Garden, Saturday, October 31 Willie Streeter Garden, Sunday, November 1

Training: Volunteers will be trained at the beginning of their shift.

**Dates:** Oct. 31, Nov. 1

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

### **Rhino's After School Teen Programs**

The City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department and Rhino's/Harmony School partner to offer teens various after-school programming opportunities. These programs introduce youth to various fields and provide them with hands-on experiences to explore possible career options. Duties: Creative volunteers are needed to share their skills and interests and to mentor teens in the following program areas: Youth Video-Monday; Youth Mural Arts-Tuesday; Youth Radio-Thursday

Volunteers are required to attend an orientation prior to the program.

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

### **Salsa Contest**

Who has the best salsa in Bloomington? Join us for the 21st annual Salsa Contest held during the Farmers' Market. There will be salsa tasting while supplies last. Does summer get any hotter than this? Duties: Take part in the hottest Parks and Recreation event. Salsa Contest volunteers dish out samples and keep chips plentiful.

Volunteers will be trained at the beginning of their shift.

**Dates:** Aug. 29-30

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

**Skate and Scare**

Skeletons-on skates? This event is a safe alternative to trick-or-treating. Kids and adults can skate to spooky tunes, enjoy warm cider and skate through a haunted house on ice. There's also a happy house to skate through for the youngsters with trick-or-treat stations throughout. Awards given for best, scariest, prettiest and most elaborate costumes. Duties: Volunteers are invited to join us for a spooky great time this Halloween season. As a volunteer, you can be a character in the haunted or happy house, assist with arts and craft activities, facilitate a game or serve concessions.

Training: Volunteers will be trained at the beginning of their shift. Other: Come dressed in an appropriate costume.

**Dates:** Oct 24-25

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

**Skate with Santa**

Celebrate the holidays on the ice with Santa! Photo ops with Santa and his friends are available as well as free cookies. Don't miss out on this family event! Duties: Whether you facilitate arts and crafts with children or provide them with tasty treats to warm their tummies, you're sure to have a merry ol' time assisting with this event.

Volunteers will be trained at the beginning of their shift.

**Dates:** Dec. 12

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

**Soccer Sport Shorties**

Tuesdays, October 20-November 17 This six-week program teaches 3- through 6- year-olds the FUNdamentals of team soccer at an early age. Sport Shortie athletes learn the basic skills of soccer in a fun and safe recreational atmosphere. Duties: Are you a soccer fanatic? Do you like children at the adorable ages of 3-6 yrs.? Here is your chance to help us develop our next IU soccer superstar.

Program Time: Coaches are assigned a one-hour shift between 10 a.m.-1 p.m., or you can choose to volunteer with each age group for the entire shift. Training: Coaches Orientation-Tuesday, October 20, 9:15 a.m. at the City of Bloomington Twin Lakes Recreation Center.

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

**Somewhere Over the Rainbow**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 27-November 19 Journey through a rainbow of imagination in this creative art class. Children explore each color of the rainbow through colorful crafts and artistic play.

Duties: Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple?share your knowledge of the rainbow colors with children. Volunteers assist with age-appropriate activities planned for each day.

Volunteers are required to attend an orientation prior to the program.

**Dates:** Oct 27, 29; Nov. 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

**Soup Tasting**

The temperature outside may be cool, but area chefs are heating things up at the Market. Chefs representing some of Bloomington's favorite restaurants and eateries offer samples of soup made from late fall products available at Market. This event is co-sponsored by Slow Food Bloomington. Duties: Volunteers assist with setting up soup tasting tent, overseeing the chef demonstrations and distributing samples of different soups.

Training: Volunteers will be trained at the beginning of their shift.

**Dates:** Nov. 7

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

**Sport Shorties Fall Ball**

Saturdays, September 12-October 17 This six-week program teaches 3- through 6-year-olds the FUNdamentals of team sports at an early age. Sport Shortie athletes learn the basic skills of each sport in a fun and safe recreational atmosphere. Week 1 Soccer skill building Week 2 Soccer games Week 3 Tee ball skill building Week 4 Tee ball games Week 5 Basketball skill building Week 6 Basketball games

\*Coaches are assigned a one-hour shift between 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Are you a sports fanatic? Do you like children at the adorable ages of 3-6 yrs.? Here is your chance to help us develop our next Albert Pujols, Mia Hamm or LeBron James. Coaches are required to attend Orientation-Wednesday, September 9, 6-7 p.m. at the City of Bloomington Banneker Community Center.

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

### Super Fun Fridays

Have a super fun day the first and third Fridays of the month! Children enjoy refreshments, crafts, and lots of activities and play. Duties: Do you enjoy working with young children and making crafts? Volunteers assist with age-appropriate activities that are planned for the day.

Volunteers are required to attend an orientation prior to the program.

**Dates:** Sept. 18; Oct. 2, 16; Nov. 6, 20; Dec. 4, 18

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

### Volunteer to Maintain our Natural Spaces

Schedule a Day, May-October Would you like to help maintain and restore some of Bloomington's most scenic natural areas? Many individual and group volunteer projects are available throughout the Bloomington community. Help is needed in the parks listed below: Leonard Springs Nature Park Trail, Griffy Lake Nature Preserve Trail, Wapehani Mountain Bike Trail, Winslow Woods Trail, Twin Lakes Trail and the Bloomington Rail Trail.

Schedule your group for a three- to four-hour shift. Staff will work with your group or organization to formulate a work plan. Duties may include mulching, removing invasive plant species or tree maintenance. Volunteers will be trained at the beginning of their shift.

**Contact:** Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov)

## Comfort Food

Comfort Food provides "home-cooked" meals to families of patients undergoing treatment in area hospitals with help from meal preparation franchises and area volunteers.

### For more information, contact:

Jamie Feagans  
[jamiefeagans@yahoo.com](mailto:jamiefeagans@yahoo.com)  
 (812) 219-5821  
[www.comfortingfamilies.org](http://www.comfortingfamilies.org)

### Address:

3044 Mattatha Dr  
 Bloomington, IN 47401

### Comfort Food Meal Preparation

Comfort Food volunteers in Bloomington prepare meals for patients and families of those being treated at MPRI (Midwest Proton Radiotherapy Institute) and/or staying at Jill's House.

There is no training required, however, children should be accompanied by an adult and should be school-age.

**Contact:** Jamie Feagans at (812) 219-5821 or [jamiefeagans@yahoo.com](mailto:jamiefeagans@yahoo.com)

## Community Kitchen of Monroe County Inc.

Provides hot, nutritious meals to individuals in need, Monday through Saturday, free of charge with no questions asked. Also distributes meals to kids through Feed our Future Summer Breakfast Program, Backpack Buddies, and to chronically ill through Nutrition Links.

**For more information, contact:**

Annie Brookshire  
volunteer@monroecommunitykitchen.com  
(812) 332-0999  
www.monroecommunitykitchen.com

**Address:**

917 S. Rogers St.  
PO Box 3286  
Bloomington, IN 47402

### Kitchen Preparation Assistants

Volunteers make this kitchen run! You can help prepare and serve free meals six days a week for in-house and carry-out patrons. No previous experience is needed, just a willingness to help. There are two volunteer shifts daily Monday through Saturday. The prep shift from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. puts together the cold carry-out meals that we distribute at each location. They also put together lunches for the after school programs and help with some food prep (salad making, fruit or vegetable chopping, can opening, etc.) for the evening meal, served at each location. Some cleaning and washing dishes may be included. The shift has six openings. Those age 14 and older may volunteer without an adult. Youth 10-13 may volunteer if accompanied by an adult.

**Contact:** Annie Brookshire at (812) 332-0999 or volunteer@monroecommunitykitchen.com

### Kitchen Serving Assistants

This shift, from 3:30-6:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, consists mainly of serving the evening meal "cafeteria style" and doing some clean-up (sweeping, mopping, taking out trash) afterwards. The shift has five openings. Those age 14 and older may volunteer without an adult. Youth 10-13 may volunteer if accompanied by an adult.

**Contact:** Annie Brookshire at (812) 332-0999 or volunteer@monroecommunitykitchen.com

### Summer Breakfast Prep and Delivery

Your help is needed to prepare, assemble and deliver free sack breakfasts that are distributed to children in low-income neighborhoods in Bloomington during the summer months (June 1 and August 11). No previous experience is needed, just a willingness to help. The prep shift is from 7 to 8:30 a.m. (4 volunteers needed). The delivery shift runs from 8:30 a.m. to noon (1 volunteer needed). Delivery volunteers help the driver load the van and hand out breakfasts at each stop on the route.

Min. Age: 14 (10 if accompanied by an adult)

**Contact:** Annie Brookshire at (812) 332-0999 or volunteer@monroecommunitykitchen.com

## Cry of the Children

Mission is to improve the quality of life for adolescents by providing programs and services that enhance and promote the development of effective life and decision making skills.

**For more information, contact:**

Dellsie Boddie  
dboddie@sbcglobal.net  
(812) 361-4059

**Address:**

540 S. Curry Pike  
Bloomington, IN 47403

**Choir Director and Pianist**

Two volunteers are needed to teach gospel songs to elementary, middle and high school youth; teaching them voice and breathing exercises and techniques.

Volunteers must love working with young people, using kindness, patience, and understanding. These abilities will help you guide the youth participants to recognize and act on the positive qualities that they possess.

**Contact:** Dellsie Boddie at (812) 361-4059 or dboddie@sbcglobal.net

**Deep Roots Animal Sanctuary**

A non-hierarchical, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of all animals.

**For more information, contact:**

E. Chris Lynch  
chris@deeprootssanctuary.org  
(812) 929-9647  
www.deeprootssanctuary.org

**Address:**

1214 Rattlesnake Road  
Spencer, IN 47460  
directions: Take 46 West about two miles west of  
Spencer. Turn right on Rattlesnake Road.  
bus: Rural Transit Babb's Stop

**Animal Care Volunteer**

Deep Roots recently took in 12 cats that need help being socialized and cleaned up after. This entails 1-2 hours per week hanging out with cats, cleaning litter boxes, and some minor cleaning in the cat room. Most of the cats are very sweet and love humans, but they were all neglected in their previous home. This means that some of the cats need to spend a little extra time with humans so they can more easily find a forever home.

Volunteers will go through a short training period lasting no more than two weeks. We ask that volunteers commit to a fairly regular schedule of one to two days a week at minimum. Volunteers will need to secure their own transportation and must contact us via phone or email so that we can set up a training session.

**Contact:** E. Chris Lynch at (812) 929-9647 or chris@deeprootssanctuary.org

**Diversity Theatre**

Diversity Theatre is a company that addresses through the medium of theatre various social issues (e.g., disability, aging, gender, homelessness, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation). We perform for adults and children, generating productions through improvisation. We also sponsor the MOSAIC Film Festival, this year showing short films for adults and children on aging, religion, race/ethnicity, and disability.

**For more information, contact:**

Audrey Heller  
hellera@indiana.edu  
(812) 336-3198

**Address:**

1120 Nancy Street  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
directions: Not applicable  
bus: Not applicable

**MOSAIC Film Festival Planning Committee**

Diversity Theatre is sponsoring the MOSAIC Film Festival and invites volunteers to join the planning committee. There are opportunities for those with expertise in fund raising, running a publicity campaign, and with interests in film selection. The festival will take place at City Hall in April, 2009. Short films will be shown on issues of aging, disability, race/ethnicity, and religion in the U.S.

Volunteers may be teens and older.

**Contact:** Audrey Heller at (812) 336-3198 or hellera@indiana.edu

## Earth Care Bloomington

Earth Care Bloomington is a coalition of earth care groups from eight faith communities. Their mission is to bring people of faith together to help curb global climate change by educating, acting and speaking up.

**For more information, contact:**

Deb Allmayer  
dallmayer@indiana.edu  
(812) 331-7507

**Address:**

c/o Congregation Beth Shalom  
PO Box 6835  
Bloomington, IN 47407  
directions:  
bus:

### Earth Day Greening Our Sanctuaries Campaign - MLK Day Project

Activities will be happening at participating Earth Care communities of faith (First United Church, Congregation Beth Shalom and St. Marks - and other faith community buildings whose communities request Earth Care Green Teams). There will be two sets of service activities. The ongoing "greening our sanctuaries" campaign (ages 13-adult) that will be kicked off MLK Day and continue through Earth Day. The other activities will be for youth age 3-12. On MLK day: In the morning, we will honor, be inspired and organize together. After lunch and training in the midday, participants will break into groups to assist congregational teams in their faith building to make easy, high-impact changes; to set priorities for further action; and to identify where they can obtain the supplies they will need for success. After we honor Dr. King together, the teens will go off for their own facilitated discussion, training and hands-on work. Additional activities are planned for the younger children. We hope that this will sow the seeds for future interfaith youth group collaborations and further the goal of Earth Care to bring people of faith together to help curb global climate change by educating, acting and speaking up. Contact Deb Allmayer before 12/22 or Madi Hirschland after 12/22. Contacts are listed on this opportunity or the Earth Care profile page.

**Contact:** Madi Hirschland at (812) 331-7507 or mhirschland@gmail.com

## Eco Media Center Of Monroe County

The Eco Media Center of Monroe County (E~MC2) is meant as a vehicle for the facilitation of communication between the activists, advocates & organizations involved in strides toward sustainability & the general public, which too often doesn't receive event announcements, action alerts or updated information about ongoing campaigns or important issues.

**For more information, contact:**

Mylo Roze  
greenthcity@yahoo.com  
(812) 334-5728  
<http://www.freewebs.com/ecocomediacycenter>

**Address:**

323 South Walnut Street  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
directions: Just South of 2nd Street in the Harmony  
Downtown plaza near Rhino's all-ages venue.

bus: Downtown Terminal

**Eco-Building Projects looking for Volunteers with Carpentry, Construction, Engineering or Gardening Experience**

Put your experience to work on these exciting eco-bilding projects! We are building eco-kiosks, planters, display cases and bulletin boards using reclaimed and earth-friendly materials. Experience with water features like rain catchment, cisterns, metalwork & plumbing would also be helpful. Framing, foundations, flooring, decking, awnings, guttering, green roofing, planter boxes, garden features, raised beds, vertical gardening, wood working, masonry & concrete, cob construction & other alternative natural building techniques may be utilized.

An ability to literally think outside the box/innovate with reclaimed lumber, furniture & fixtures & low-budget options.

**Contact:** Mylo Roze at (812) 334-5728 or greenthcity@yahoo.com

**Grant writer / Researcher / Marketer**

Entails finding and filing for grants and fundraising. We could also use help selling advertising / finding sponsors and underwriters and making presentations to various groups and entities.

Experience or a lot of good ideas.

**Contact:** Mylo Roze at (812) 334-5728 or greenthcity@yahoo.com

**Multimedia Makers/Audio Video Engineering/Editors**

Audio & Video production for television shows, DVDs & CDs. Computer technical assistance with video blogging, you-tubing, internet radio & the like. Video editing & IT basically. Graphic artists & desktop publishers also welcome to help develop printed materials. Someone willing to tutor or train others or share software or equipment.

Not necessarily. Just patience, enthusiasm & follow-through.

**Contact:** Mylo Roze at (812) 334-5728 or greenthcity@yahoo.com

**Ongoing/Multiple Opportunities - Green Builders/Media Makers/Gardeners**

Living Kioskapes/Pillars of Community (OMgarten Bulletin Boards) - An eco-kiosk project that combines green-built adspace w/free bulletin boards, permacultural rain gardening for local food pantries & wildlife habitat. Multi Media project - Filming content, making DVDs, CDs, online directories & shows that feature environmental lifestyle choices & social justice issues. WME3tv - Cable TV shows on C.A.T.S. Channel 7 that highlight neglected news, arts & activism. Videographers, writers, journalists, artists, performers, hosts, audio video editors & researchers needed. IT cyber-techs also needed to improve web presence / post media to the internet.

Some tasks require no real experience, while others would utilize your skill set. We can find a way for you to help us accomplish our goals of creating a more interesting, just and sustainable society. Right now, we could really use help with gardening, carpentry/construction & cistern/plumbing design. Computer technology and grant searching are other important areas where we could use your help and input.

**Contact:** Mylo Roze at (812) 334-5728 or greenthcity@yahoo.com

**Foster Care Select**

Foster Care Select is a child placing agency, which promotes care of the highest quality to foster children with special needs.

**For more information, contact:**

Sharon Jackson  
jacksons@dunncenter.org

**Address:**

817 W. First St.  
Bloomington, IN 47403

(812) 337-2395

[www.fostercareselect.org](http://www.fostercareselect.org)

### **Foster Care Children New and Used Clothing Drive Participants and Collection Sites**

FosterCare Select is a child placing agency which promotes care of the highest quality to foster children with special needs. We are looking for a business to help get this project off the ground. Unfortunately, many of the children in foster care have little or no clothing when they are placed in care. Some do not even have socks or a tooth brush. We want to change that with a New and Used Clothing Drive. A lot of people do not realize they could change a child's life by donating their old clothing. Groups or businesses can... 1. Set up a date and time when donations can be accepted at your place of business. (Foster Care Select Staff present to accepts donations and explain more about being the missing link to the chain that creates a family) 2. Host a donation box. We could set up drop boxes a different dates and locations. (We would supply all donation boxes, pick and delivery of them.) 3. Drop off collected donations directly to FosterCare Select. Arrange a day or nights were people from your Company could stop by the office to drop off. If you have any questions or concerns about the New and Used Clothing Drive or would like to set a date please contact us using the information below.

**Contact:** Sharon Jackson at (812) 337-2395 or [jacksons@dunncenter.org](mailto:jacksons@dunncenter.org)

### **Fourth Street Festival Of Arts And Crafts**

Showcases artistic talent from all over the country during the Labor Day weekend.

**For more information, contact:**

Michael Bell  
[mbell@kiva.net](mailto:mbell@kiva.net)  
(812) 336-6141  
[www.4thstreet.org](http://www.4thstreet.org)

**Address:**

Fourth Street between Grant & Dunn  
Bloomington, IN 47401

### **Fourth Street Festival of Arts & Crafts**

Excited about Bloomington's Fourth Street Festival of Arts and Crafts? For just two hours of time on Saturday, September 5th or Sunday, September 6th, you can help the Midwest's premier art show run smoothly - and you'll receive a collectible festival T-shirt! Volunteers are needed to staff the information booth and the children's art tent, and to provide hospitality to artists. Local artists organize this 33 year old Labor Day weekend tradition - help them make it a success!

All ages are welcome to volunteer!

**Dates:** Sept. 5-6

**Contact:** Michael Bell at (812) 336-6141 or [mbell@kiva.net](mailto:mbell@kiva.net)

### **Help With Setup for the Fourth Street Festival!**

Bloomington's Fourth Street Festival of Arts & Crafts (Sept. 5 & 6th) has exciting changes planned for this year's show layout, and the artists need your help! Volunteers are needed to assist with show setup Friday evening (9/4), and tear down Sunday evening (9/6). Help place and monitor traffic barricades at show entrances, setup trash and recycling barrels, and assist with artist check-in.

**Dates:** Sept. 4 & 6

**Contact:** Michael Bell at (812) 336-6141 or [mbell@kiva.net](mailto:mbell@kiva.net)

## Girls Incorporated Of Monroe County

Serving Monroe County for nearly 35 years, Girls Inc. inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold through a myriad of programming including after-school/holiday programs, summer/winter day camps, and organized sports leagues for girls ages 6 to 18. Services include transportation, organized sports, teen room, technology, self-defense, homework help, and much more.

**For more information, contact:**

Rachel Dotson  
rdotson@monroe.girls-inc.org  
(812) 336-7313  
www.girlsinc-monroe.org

**Address:**

1108 W. 8th St.  
Bloomington, IN 47404

### Basketball Coaches Needed for Fall 2009 Season

Girls Incorporated of Monroe County is looking for volunteer basketball coaches for our upcoming fall 2009 season. Girls Inc basketball is a recreational league focused on building fundamentals, improving social skills and having fun. Coaches should be enthusiastic about empowering girls and creating a positive and supportive environment. Time commitment is 2 to 3 hours per week on weekday evenings from mid-September until early December. Age groups are 6 to 8 years old, 9 to 11 years old and 12 to 18 years old. Coaches must fill out application, pass a background check and participate in coach trainings.

Coaches should have experience playing or coaching Basketball, and be comfortable working with parents and staff. Coaches must be 18 years old and be able to pass a background check. Coaches will undergo trainings at the beginning of the season.

**Contact:** Nikki Brown at (812) 336-7313 or nbrown@monroe.girls-inc.org

### Help Set Up the 31st Annual Girls Inc. Flower Sale Fundraiser

Volunteers are needed on Friday May 8th from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. to set up the flower sale in the Girls Inc. gymnasium. This is a set up shift only - the sale will occur on the following day. Girls Inc.'s Inc. is a non-profit serving girls ages 5-18 in Monroe County. Our annual flower sale helps us to raise money to support our programs. The public is invited to order pots and hanging baskets of petunias, fuschias or geraniums with funds going to support the after-school programs, summer/winter day camps, holiday programming, and organized sports leagues of Girls Inc. All flowers are locally grown and perfect for moms and flower lovers everywhere!

**Contact:** Rachel Dotson at (812) 336-7313 or rdotson@monroe.girls-inc.org

### Volleyball Scorekeepers needed May 2

Girls Inc. is a non-profit that serves girls ages 5-18. We have a recreational volleyball program for girls in the spring. Volunteers are needed to help keep score and run concessions for our girls' volleyball tournament May 2nd. Games run from 9am-5pm and volunteers can come for a couple of hours. Just enthusiasm and an interest in helping provide opportunities for girls!

**Contact:** Rachel Dotson at (812) 336-7313 or rdotson@monroe.girls-inc.org

## Global Gifts

Global Gifts is a fair trade store that sells products from artisans across the world who are paid fair wages for their work.

**For more information, contact:**

Dave Debikey

**Address:**

122 N. Walnut St

dave@globalgiftsindy.com  
 (812) 336-7402  
 www.globalgiftsindy.com

Bloomington, IN 47404  
 directions: Global Gifts is located in downtown  
 Bloomington on the east side of the square at the corner  
 of Walnut & 6th right next to Roots. Come visit us!  
 bus:

### Be a Global Gifts Store Volunteer!

We are always in need of enthusiastic volunteers to help at Global Gifts. Our store is largely volunteer-run and therefore we can't operate without YOUR help! If you're passionate about other cultures, helping enable impoverished people in the developing world, promoting fair trade, fair wages, and environmentalism, then Global Gifts is a great volunteer opportunity for you! Our volunteers provide valuable customer service, assist in store operations, in help spread the mission of fair trade. Schedules are flexible, so contact us for more information or the next Volunteer Training session.

Ideally, volunteers attend one of our volunteer training sessions before starting. Contact us for when the next session will be held!

**Contact:** Dave Debikey at (812) 336-7402 or dave@globalgiftsindy.com

### Golden Living Center

A for-profit nursing home with about 130 residents that makes extensive use of volunteers as friendly visitors.

#### For more information, contact:

Sheila Daws  
 sheila.daws@goldenliving.com  
 (812) 332-4437  
 www.goldenliving.com

#### Address:

155 E. Burks Dr.  
 Bloomington, IN 47401  
 directions:  
 bus:

### Activities for the Elderly

Do you enjoy interacting with senior citizens? Golden Living Center is seeking volunteers to regularly visit their residents, talking, helping them write letters and encouraging them to participate in activities.

Pianists and other entertainers are particularly needed, as are others who have talents to share. Extra hands are also needed for upcoming holiday festivities.

**Contact:** Sheila Daws at (812) 332-4437 or sheila.daws@goldenliving.com

### Grace Center, Inc.

A food pantry serving Clear Creek and Indian Creek Townships in Monroe County. Providing a healthy variety of foods to those in need and encouraging participation in their informal educational opportunities focusing on how to best use the healthy, wholesome foods available through the Hoosier Hills Food Bank.

#### For more information, contact:

Margaret Simmerman  
 gracecenterinc@gmail.com  
 (812) 824-5595  
 http://gracecenterindiana.org

#### Address:

701 W. Popcorn Rd.  
 PO Box 5  
 Harrodsburg, IN 47434-0005  
 directions:  
 bus:

**HHFB Shopping Volunteer**

Love shopping? Do you drive a truck, van or minivan? Can you do some heavy lifting? This may be a volunteer match for you! Volunteer shoppers for the Grace Center food pantry in Harrodsburg select, load and deliver food from the Hoosier Hills Food Bank to the pantry between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 on Mondays. Call for more information about this position.

Min. Age: 18

**Contact:** Margaret Simmerman at (812) 824-5595 or [gracecenterinc@gmail.com](mailto:gracecenterinc@gmail.com)

**Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County**

Builds simple, decent homes in partnership with low-income families in need using volunteer labor and materials to keep home ownership affordable.

**For more information, contact:**

Laura Oberholtzer  
[volunteers@monroecountyhabitat.org](mailto:volunteers@monroecountyhabitat.org)  
(812) 331-4069 ext. 3  
[www.monroecountyhabitat.org](http://www.monroecountyhabitat.org)

**Address:**

213 E. Kirkwood Ave.  
Bloomington, IN 47408  
directions:  
bus:

**Food Providers & Coordinators**

Donate a lunch item, dessert, snack, or drinks to construction volunteers on a one-time basis or longer if preferred. Coordinators arrange for food donations and delivery.

**Contact:** Laura Oberholtzer at (812) 331-4069 ext. 3 or [volunteers@monroecountyhabitat.org](mailto:volunteers@monroecountyhabitat.org)

**Midweek Crew**

Work on a team to help build homes on Wednesdays or Thursdays. All abilities and skill levels are welcome. Complete training and support are provided.

Min. Age: 16

**Contact:** Laura Oberholtzer at (812) 331-4069 ext. 3 or [volunteers@monroecountyhabitat.org](mailto:volunteers@monroecountyhabitat.org)

**Saturday Work Site Crew Member**

Form part of a work crew under the supervision of a Work Site Crew Leader assigned to complete construction tasks such as framing, roofing, and siding. Individuals and small groups are needed Saturdays from 8am until 4pm. No experience necessary, just a willingness to learn!

Minimum age is 16.

**Dates:** Aug. 29, Sept. 5

**Contact:** Laura Oberholtzer at (812) 331-4069 ext. 3 or [volunteers@monroecountyhabitat.org](mailto:volunteers@monroecountyhabitat.org)

**Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County - ReStore**

The ReStore sells donated building materials and household items at discounted prices with the funds going to support Habitat for Humanity's mission of building decent, affordable housing for people in need in the community. Hours: Monday through Friday from 10:30a.m. to 5:30p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**For more information, contact:****Address:**

Alexis Maegerlein  
maegerlein@monroecountyhabitat.org  
(812) 331-2660  
www.monroecountyhabitat.org

300 W. 11th St.  
Bloomington, IN 47404

### **Habitat ReStore Deconstruction Team**

The ReStore, a program of Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County, is creating a Deconstruction Program for the removal from buildings of cabinets, trim, doors, lights, windows, appliances, gutters, pavers and sheds. The Crew Leader will determine what items can safely be removed by volunteers, train crew members and participate in deconstruction. Crew Leaders must be experienced carpenters with an understanding of electrical and plumbing systems, be certified in CPR and First Aid, understand deconstruction techniques and equipment use, and be able to teach and work with volunteers of various skill levels. Crew Members must be able to lift bulky, awkward materials and work as a team. A basic understanding of carpentry techniques is helpful but not necessary. Training provided.

**Deconstruction Leader Requirements:** This individual must be certified or willing to become certified in CPR and First Aid. Knowledge of deconstruction techniques and how to handle various pieces of equipment required. Must understand and abide by safety requirements when using equipment and tools, and must be able to determine the appropriate tools/equipment to use for the various construction tasks. Must possess the ability and patience to teach and work with a large number of unskilled workers in all facets of home construction. Timeliness, patience and dependability are critical for this position as well as being a team player and quick learner. Crew Leaders will be experienced in carpentry, and have an understanding of electrical and plumbing. Any air conditioner removal will be done with the assistance of an HVAC specialist. Must be able to supply references, a resume, and be subject to a limited criminal background check.

**Contact:** Alexis Maegerlein at (812) 331-2660 or maegerlein@monroecountyhabitat.org

### **Hoosier Hills Food Bank**

Collects, stores and distributes donated food to 80+ nonprofit organizations with feeding programs that directly serve needy and hungry people. Distributes over 2 million pounds of food to hungry people each year.

#### **For more information, contact:**

Kai Westerfield  
volunteer@hhfoodbank.org  
(812) 334-8374  
www.hhfoodbank.org

#### **Address:**

2333 Industrial Park Dr.  
Bloomington, IN 47404  
directions: At the intersection of 37 and Vernal Pike (just south of 37 and 46), turn West onto Vernal Pike (away from town). Turn immediately to your left - the street sign reads Hensonburg, but will then turn into Industrial Park Dr. The road will wind around passi  
bus:

### **Garden Project at Stranger's Hill**

In a continuing effort to increase the amount and quality of food provided to area food pantries and soup kitchens, Hoosier Hills Food Bank and Stranger's Hill Organics are launching a garden project collaboration. Join our Garden Coordinator, Jessica Williams, at the HHFB garden Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Fridays 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. now through Friday, July 10. Can't join during these times? Let us know what days/times work best for you so we can accommodate! Individuals or groups are encouraged to participate. Groups looking for a one time project are also welcome to set up special hours. Stranger's Hill is hoping volunteers will be interested in assisting on the

production farm as well. Anyone interested in donating garden tools, funds or volunteer time can contact the food bank by clicking the contact link below.

Minimum age is 18 unless supervised by an adult.

**Contact:** Jessica Williams at (812) 334-8374 or [garden@hhfoodbank.org](mailto:garden@hhfoodbank.org)

### **Gleaning Project on Local Farms**

Join us for the second year of the Gleaning Project by helping us to obtain excess produce from local farms! We will harvest, glean and/or pick-up undesirable or blemished items from their fields of many surrounding farms. Strangers Hill Organics (a few miles west of Bloomington): Zucchini's are harvested DAILY! Slightly blemished zukes are left in between the rows for HHFB to pick up. Help us Monday through Friday 9:15 to 10:15 or so. It's a quick, easy, and highly rewarding job! What a great way to start your morning! Five Oaks Farm (Jackson County near Freetown): Friday afternoons; carpool/caravan leaves town at 4pm and returns around 8:30pm.

No prior experience necessary. Volunteers willing to drive is not necessary but greatly appreciated.

**Contact:** Kai Westerfield at (812) 334-8374 or [volunteer@hhfoodbank.org](mailto:volunteer@hhfoodbank.org)

### **Repack Assistants**

As part of the Meal Share Program, small groups and individuals are needed to help repackage prepared foods donated from local restaurants, catering companies and cafeterias. All foods have never been served on a plate, but the excess was rescued from going to the trash. "Repack" occurs every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening and lasts an hour to hour and a half. Sign up a group for a once-a-month commitment (i.e. first Friday of the month) or come just once!

Minimal training will occur at arrival. Due to health/safety issues, we welcome any volunteers over 12 years of age.

**Contact:** Kai Westerfield at (812) 334-8374 or [volunteer@hhfoodbank.org](mailto:volunteer@hhfoodbank.org)

## **Indiana Forest Alliance**

Indiana Forest Alliance recognizes Indiana has lost 87% of its forest cover in the past two hundred years due to commercial activity. We seek to educate the public about the importance of our forest ecosystems and to help restore healthy, resilient forests for future generations.

### **For more information, contact:**

Rhonda Baird  
(812) 332-4878  
[www.indianaforestalliance.org](http://www.indianaforestalliance.org)

### **Address:**

323 S. Walnut St.  
Bloomington, IN 47402  
directions: Indiana Forest Alliance is located in the  
Caldwell Eco-Center on south Walnut Street two blocks  
from the courthouse square.  
bus:

### **Outreach Volunteer for Creative Forest Advocacy Group**

One of the most important things we can do, for our Earth, for our forests, soil, water, and air is to reach out to others and give them accurate information. Our outreach volunteers help in conveying that message whether through materials development, event production, speaking engagements, or other creative ventures. Indiana Forest Alliance fully expects that its volunteers have fun, feel challenged and inspired by our work, and that we allow ourselves flexibility and creativity.

Volunteers need to meet for an initial training with Rhonda Baird and should plan to come to a member meeting before beginning.

**Contact:** Rhonda Baird at (812) 332-4878 or

## Indiana Holistic Health Network

IHHN offers a place for collaboration among holistic health care providers in Indiana and supports the community through events and offerings meant to promote health and wellbeing of communities and individuals

**For more information, contact:**

Patricia Coleman  
mail.ihhn@gmail.com  
(812) 331-0886  
www.indianaholistichealth.net

**Address:**

PO Box 8172  
Bloomington, IN 47407  
directions:  
bus:

### Simply Healthy Wellness Expo - Nov. 13-15, 2009

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Simply Healthy Wellness Expo November 13-15. Workshops and special events will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church (2120 N. Fee Lane) and a vendor market will set up at Showers City Hall (401 N. Morton Street). We need volunteers for set up, take down, running errands, registration, deliveries, ushering, and hospitality for this exciting annual community-based fall event. Be placed in a position that makes use of your natural talents. When not volunteering, enjoy the many activities offered.

Minimum age is 16.

**Dates:** Nov. 13-15

**Contact:** Patricia Coleman at (812) 331-0886 or mail.ihhn@gmail.com

## Indiana State Department Of Health

The District 8 Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response division of the Indiana State Department of Health provides subject matter expertise and functions as a resource for information, planning, training and guidance in public health preparedness.

**For more information, contact:**

Jen Love Tillotson  
jlove-tillotson@isdh.in.gov  
(317) 473-6782  
www.statehealth.in.gov

**Address:**

101 West Kirkwood Avenue  
Ste. 312  
Bloomington, IN 47404  
directions: In Fountain Square Mall  
bus:

### Public Health Emergency Response Volunteers

In light of the current H1N1 "Swine Flu" outbreak, we are all giving increased thought to health emergency preparedness in our community. One of the measures that the Monroe County Health Department may utilize in the event of a serious health-related emergency is opening what is called a "Point of Dispensing", or "POD" for short. A POD is a place in the community where people can go to receive free medication or equipment such as vaccines or face masks if such items are needed. Here are the staffing targets for running a POD: - Public health employees (10% or less) - Other first responders (10% or less) - Volunteers (80% or more) Volunteers are one of the most important aspects of PODs and emergency response. We need many good volunteers to respond to a health emergency. We need both non-medical and medically trained volunteers! Examples of some of the tasks that may be required in such an event may include POD set-up or break-down, assisting with parking, greeting people as they arrive, distributing and collecting questionnaires or educational materials, running errands, passing out supplies or medications, directing people through stations, calling for emergency support, meal preparation, general labor, provide subject matter expertise, and participating in periodic emergency

preparedness drills.

We need both medical and non-medical volunteers. Volunteers must be able to understand and follow written and verbal directives and carry out assigned duties based on a variety of public health emergency scenarios in Monroe County.

**Contact:** Jen Love Tillotson at (317) 473-6782 or [jlove-tillotson@isdh.in.gov](mailto:jlove-tillotson@isdh.in.gov)

## Indiana University Research and Teaching Preserve

Our mission is to provide natural field settings for research and teaching that complement existing facilities and infrastructure at Indiana University.

**For more information, contact:**

Jenna Morrison  
[preserve@indiana.edu](mailto:preserve@indiana.edu)  
(812) 855-8742  
[www.indiana.edu/~preserve](http://www.indiana.edu/~preserve)

**Address:**

1001 East Third Street  
Bloomington, IN 47405  
directions: Morrison Hall Room 214 Indiana University  
bus:

### Enjoy the Outdoors at the IURTP- Trail Work

Join Preserve staff on September 26th for trail maintenance and an environmental cleanup at Moores Creek, a property bordering Lake Monroe, managed by the IU Research and Teaching Preserve. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Meet the Preserve staff at 8:45am at the edge of the K-Mart parking lot, nearest to Bloomingfoods East, off of Third Street/ SR 46. We will leave at 9:00am sharp, carpool approximately 8 miles to the site and return to the parking lot by noon. The Preserve staff will bring maintenance equipment and work gloves. Volunteers should wear sturdy shoes and pants and bring water. Please RSVP.

Volunteers must sign a wavier and be able to perform physical work.

**Dates:** Sept. 26

**Contact:** Jenna Morrison at (812) 855-8742 or [preserve@indiana.edu](mailto:preserve@indiana.edu)

## IU Hilltop Garden And Nature Center

Dedicated to providing services, programs and education in gardening, horticulture and nature-based activity to enhance the well being of individuals and society. Programs include youth gardening, parent/child gardening, adult education, demonstration gardens and therapeutic horticulture.

**For more information, contact:**

Charlotte Griffin  
[hilltop@indiana.edu](mailto:hilltop@indiana.edu)  
(812) 855-2799  
[www.indiana.edu/~hilltop](http://www.indiana.edu/~hilltop)

**Address:**

2367 E. 10th St.  
Bloomington, IN 47408  
directions: Take to 45/46 Bypass to the corner of 10th Street, turn West, take the first right and pass Tuliptree apartments. Hilltop is on the left before the cul-de-sac.  
bus: 9/Tulip Tree stop

### Getting your hands dirty is allowed/come garden with us

All year long there are volunteer activities like collecting seeds, drying seeds and packaging them for use the next year, drying leaves for teas, planting seeds in the greenhouse when snow is on the ground outside, and helping with the workshops offered by Hilltop. Of course, there is always weeding, mulching,

transplanting, and watering when the season is warm. Volunteer opportunities are available during public hours M-Fr from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Call 855-2799 or email [hilltop@indiana.edu](mailto:hilltop@indiana.edu) for details

**Contact:** Charlotte Griffin at (812) 855-2799 or [hilltop@indiana.edu](mailto:hilltop@indiana.edu)

### **Latino Community Center Inc./ El Centro Comunal Latino Inc. (CCL)**

Seeks to promote communication and understanding between social service agencies and the Latino community to facilitate integration and encourage active Latino/a participation in Monroe County.

**For more information, contact:**

Cristian Medina  
[elcentrocomunal@gmail.com](mailto:elcentrocomunal@gmail.com)  
(812) 355-7513  
[www.elcentrocomunal.org](http://www.elcentrocomunal.org)

**Address:**

303 E. Kirkwood Ave.  
MCPL Rm. 11  
Bloomington, IN 47408  
directions:  
bus:

#### **Diversity Training/Cultural Competency Program Assistant**

El Centro Comunal Latino's cultural training program is a proactive approach to building bridges between Latinos and the broader Bloomington community. These presentations to businesses, government agencies and other nonprofits are intended to create awareness and understanding of Latino cultures. Volunteers will contact local businesses and nonprofits to encourage them to take advantage of this training as well as working with CCL personnel to coordinate presentation scheduling.

Volunteers must have excellent communication skills, ability to follow-up in a timely manner. No Spanish knowledge is required.

**Contact:** Cristian Medina at (812) 355-7513 or [elcentrocomunal@gmail.com](mailto:elcentrocomunal@gmail.com)

#### **Educational Classes**

El Centro Comunal Latino(CCL) with other collaborators offers educational training classes for Spanish speakers. This program is completely volunteer powered and offered in short-term segments. Volunteers organize and publicize classes, assist in conducting classes and recruit students under the supervision of the class instructor.

All levels of Spanish and English fluency are welcome! Volunteers must commit to being present during the class meeting and have time available to assist instructor.

**Contact:** Cristian Medina at (812) 355-7513 or [elcentrocomunal@gmail.com](mailto:elcentrocomunal@gmail.com)

#### **El Centro Comunal Latino Event Volunteers**

Throughout the year CCL co-sponsors events that celebrate Latino/Hispanic cultures. Volunteers are needed to staff the information booth and assist in event logistics.

Excellent communication skills are needed, but no previous knowledge of Spanish is required.

**Contact:** Cristian Medina at (812) 355-7513 or [elcentrocomunal@gmail.com](mailto:elcentrocomunal@gmail.com)

#### **Fundraising and Grant Search Volunteers**

This project is intended for developing and programming fund raising activities. It is also for identifying potential sources of funds(grants). Volunteers attend monthly committee meetings, take leadership roles in fundraising projects and identify funding sources.

A knowledge of the internet (grant searches), excellent organizational skills are requested. No Spanish knowledge is required.

**Contact:** Cristian Medina at (812) 355-7513 or [elcentrocomunal@gmail.com](mailto:elcentrocomunal@gmail.com)

**Infórmate Volunteers**

Infórmate is a series of presentations offered to Spanish-speakers to give essential information on a variety of life skills topics (e.g., predatory lending, immigration law, workers' rights). Volunteers identify and contact speakers, reserve rooms and other items needed for presentations and assist with publicity for these presentations.

A genuine interest in serving the Latino community is requested, but no knowledge of Spanish is required. Schedule is flexible.

**Contact:** Cristian Medina at (812) 355-7513 or [elcentrocomunal@gmail.com](mailto:elcentrocomunal@gmail.com)

**Information and Referral Assistance for Latino Immigrants**

CCL specializes in orienting new Latino immigrants to their rights and responsibilities in this nation and state. Volunteers are needed to direct community members to free CCL services, as well as referring individuals to other agencies and resources in the community. Volunteers commit to filling a weekly, 2-4 hour shift in the office for at least 6 months. Services are provided via phone or in person.

Volunteers must complete a 2-hour training, have excellent communication skills, have native or near native fluency in Spanish and English, have strong ethical practices, good organizational skills, be able to maintain confidentiality and be able to commit to minimum of 6 months/1 semester.

**Contact:** Cristian Medina at (812) 355-7513 or [elcentrocomunal@gmail.com](mailto:elcentrocomunal@gmail.com)

**Legal Referral Project**

El Centro Comunal Latino (CCL), IU School of Law and various legal entities in Bloomington have come together to offer a Legal Services Program to Spanish-speakers from the CCL office one a day week.

Volunteer Responsibilities: -Participate in a 2-hour training -Staff at least 2 hours a week the program - Maintain confidentiality -Conduct intake, make referrals and serve as interpreters as needed throughout the intake process

Native or near-native fluency in Spanish and in English required. Excellent communication skills and ethical practices a must. A minimum of 6 months/1 semester commitment requested.

**Contact:** Cristian Medina at (812) 355-7513 or [elcentrocomunal@gmail.com](mailto:elcentrocomunal@gmail.com)

**Publicity & Fundraising Volunteer**

El Centro Comunal is searching for volunteers interested in organizing fundraising activities, such as designing a strategy so people may donate money, and organizing beneficiary dinners. CCL already has partnerships with El Norteno and Falafels, but now we are searching for volunteers who can design the flyers, publicity documents, and other strategies for publicizing these fundraising events.

-No Spanish required. However, if you are proficient in Spanish, there will be a orientation meeting for those interested in working at our office. The meetings will take place the first Saturday of each month. Therefore, the next meeting will take place on Saturday, Nov. 1st at 9:30am - 11:30am in our office on the 2nd floor in the VITAL area of the Monroe County Public Library.

**Contact:** Cristian Medina at (812) 355-7513 or [elcentrocomunal@gmail.com](mailto:elcentrocomunal@gmail.com)

**VITA Tax Assistance Program - Spanish Language**

El Centro Comunal Latino partners with the City of Bloomington to provide trained volunteers to help Spanish-speakers prepare tax returns and/or apply for Taxpayer Identification Numbers during tax season January-April. Volunteers participate in a 16-hour tax preparation training session and commit to a 2-4 hour shift, 1-2 times a week at the Monroe County Public Library.

Spanish fluency is required. Volunteers must be able to commit the necessary time to participate and be able to maintain confidentiality.

**Contact:** Cristian Medina at (812) 355-7513 or [elcentrocomunal@gmail.com](mailto:elcentrocomunal@gmail.com)

## Math Matters

Math Matters is a GrowIndiana AmeriCorps National Service program that seeks to help Bloomington students with their most challenging school subject -- mathematics.

**For more information, contact:**

Diana Schmalzried  
dschmalz@indiana.edu  
(812) 856-8244  
www.indianacampuscompact.org

**Address:**

201 N. Rose Ave, Room 2110  
Bloomington, IN 47405

### Tutors Needed for High School Students

Math and English tutors are wanted to go to both Bloomington North and Bloomington South. The tutors will be expected to tutor on a weekly basis at one of the high schools (please note: tutors do not have to stay for the entire session, but do need to have a consistent schedule). Tutoring at Bloomington South: Tuesday -- 11:00-4:00pm Thursday -- 11:00-4:00pm Tutoring at Bloomington North: Monday -- 2:40-4:15pm Wednesday -- 2:40-4:15pm We currently have enough tutors for the fall semester, but we will need more tutors for the spring semester so check your class schedules now!

Volunteers must be current college students majoring in either a Math, Science, or English based field of study. Access to a vehicle is a plus, but not necessary as bus lines run past both high schools.

**Contact:** Diana Schmalzried at (812) 856-8244 or dschmalz@indiana.edu

## MCCSC Adult Education At Broadview Learning Center

The Monroe County Community School Corporation's Adult Education program offers individualized instruction and guidance to teen and adult learners who seek to improve basic skills or learn new ones to create better opportunities for themselves and their families. As a bridge between past experiences and future success, Adult Ed boosts literacy and promotes lifelong learning through a student-directed approach, in partnership with caring and professional teachers, staff, and volunteers. In essence, this is where adult learners can go back to their future!

**For more information, contact:**

Melanie Hunter  
mhunter@mccsc.edu  
(812) 330-7731 ext. 3  
www.adult.mccsc.edu

**Address:**

Broadview Learning Center  
705 W. Coolidge Dr.  
Bloomington, IN 47403  
directions: On Bloomington's south side, between Rogers Street and Rockport Road on Coolidge Drive, about 1/4 mile north of Country Club Road/Tapp Road.  
bus: Bloomington Transit #2 South

### Adult Education Tutors and Assistants

The MCCSC Adult Education program helps local residents "go back to their future" through literacy learning, basic skills improvement, English learning, and preparation for the GED® exam. Positive, patient, welcoming, and flexible tutors age 18 and older are needed to work with adult learners in reading, math, ESL, or computer basics under the supervision of a licensed teacher. Classes are offered mornings, afternoons, and evenings. Make a difference in these students' lives while giving to the community, building lasting relationships, and even boosting your own knowledge.

The only degree you need is a degree of caring! The minimum age is 18. A limited felony background check will be required.

**Contact:** Melanie Hunter at (812) 330-7731 ext. 3 or mhunter@mccsc.edu

## Middle Way House

To end violence, both structural and interpersonal, in the lives of women and children.

**For more information, contact:**

Desiree Shen Chuang  
desiree@middlewayhouse.org  
(812) 337-4510  
www.middlewayhouse.org

**Address:**

PO Box 95  
Bloomington, IN 47402

**Childcare Program at the Rise**

Help support families working to get out of domestic violence situations. Volunteers provide a loving role model and childcare for children from the shelter and the Rise, Middle Way's transitional housing facility. Volunteers must attend an 8-hour domestic violence training and a program orientation.

**Contact:** Desiree Shen Chuang at (812) 337-4510 or desiree@middlewayhouse.org

**Jump Start Breakfast Program**

Cook and help prepare breakfast for an early morning program for residents in the transitional housing program at The Rise. Monday through Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. This volunteer opportunity includes direct interaction with the tenants and children.

Volunteers must complete an 8-hour domestic violence training.

**Contact:** Desiree Shen Chuang at (812) 337-4510 or desiree@middlewayhouse.org

**Share Store and Donations**

Help sort and organize donated clothing and household items for distribution to residents at the Rise, Middle Way's transitional housing facility. Volunteers will also help creatively maintain a "store" of items available for residents.

Volunteers must attend an 8-hour domestic violence training.

**Contact:** Desiree Shen Chuang at (812) 337-4510 or desiree@middlewayhouse.org

## Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project

An all volunteer effort that strives to encourage self-education among prisoners in the United States. By providing free reading materials upon request, we hope to aid in the rehabilitation process and stimulate critical thinking behind bars.

**For more information, contact:**

Michael Lewis  
mwpp@pagestoprisoners.org  
(812) 325-1378  
www.pagestoprisoners.org

**Address:**

118 S. Rogers St.  
Suite 2  
Bloomington, IN 47404  
directions: We are conveniently located close to downtown Bloomington. From the square, turn right on Kirkwood Ave. Turn left on Rogers St which will be at the first stop light. The Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project will be one block ahead on your right in Fourt bus: #3 West/4th St. and Rogers St.

**Letter Readers & Book Finders/Packers (summer hours)**

Volunteers read request letters sent by people who are incarcerated, locate books among the donated materials that would best fit the person's request, write a letter back to that person and then package

their selected books to be mailed. Summer walk-in volunteer hours are Sundays from 2-5 p.m. and Thursdays from 8-10 p.m. If you have a free hour this summer, stop in and help send some books! All ages are welcome!

**Contact:** Michael Lewis at (812) 325-1378 or mwpp@pagestoprisoners.org

## Monroe County Civil Air Patrol

Civil Air Patrol is a national volunteer organization that teaches youth, 12 years and older, how to lead through volunteerism. They volunteer to find missing aircraft using the latest search and rescue techniques integrating youth and adults to accomplish its goals.

**For more information, contact:**

Jim Engel  
cap12002@hotmail.com  
(812) 824-7165

**Address:**

705 Whitestone Str  
Bloomington, IN 47403  
directions: CAP meets every Thursday night at 6:45 pm.  
They currently meet at the National Guard Armory at  
3380 S Walnut in Bloomington IN.  
bus:

### Learn Search & Rescue with the Civil Air Patrol

CAP wants volunteers who would like to learn how to help find an airplane when the black box is activated. We teach youth and adults to work together and become a team.

You must be 12 years old to volunteer.

**Contact:** Jim Engel at (812) 824-7165 or cap12002@hotmail.com

## Monroe County Humane Association

The mission of the Monroe County Humane Association is to responsibly and compassionately lead, advocate and educate for animal welfare in our communities.

**For more information, contact:**

Tricia Dishman  
helpthem@bluemarble.net  
(812) 333-6242  
www.monroehumane.org

**Address:**

PO Box 1334  
Bloomington, IN 47402

### Come Walk for the Animals - 2009

Walk, raise funds and have fun! All in the name of animals - October 4, 2009, 1-4 p.m. at Karst Farm Park. The MCHA works for the humane treatment of all animals, but the Walk is a canine/human event. You need not be a dog parent to participate in helping the cause. We welcome everyone to attend and/or help raise awareness and donations. How it works... You collect donations from friends, family, co-workers, others and compete to win prizes in kids and adult categories. All those donations add up to a big win for the animals. Then join us for an afternoon of fun in the sun for you, fido and the whole family! You can collect funds in person or electronically by setting up your own personal fundraising webpage that you can personalize and email to potential friends of the animals. They can even leave you messages cheering you on and make donations directly through your online giving page.

**Dates:** Oct. 4

**Contact:** Tricia Dishman at (812) 333-6242 or helpthem@bluemarble.net

## Monroe County Public Library (MCPL)

Serving the community by providing books, magazines, audiovisual materials, computer and internet access, homework help, public meeting rooms, art gallery, adult literacy tutoring (VITAL), ESL classes, Community Access Television (CATS), bookmobile, outreach van, homebound service, and free programs for everyone.

**For more information, contact:**

Sue Sater  
ssater@mcpl.info  
(812) 349-3050  
www.mcpl.info

**Address:**

303 E. Kirkwood Ave.  
Bloomington, IN 47408  
directions:  
bus:

### Organic Community Garden at Your Library

Do you have a green thumb? The Monroe County Public Library is looking for volunteers to help plant and maintain an organic community garden in one of our plots on 6th street. Send your email address to [garden@mcpl.info](mailto:garden@mcpl.info) to be notified of volunteer dates and times. All grown produce will be donated to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Our first meeting is March 7th. Please join us!

**Contact:** Sue Sater at (812) 349-3050 or [ssater@mcpl.info](mailto:ssater@mcpl.info)

## Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM)

Monroe County United Ministries is a nurturing organization serving working families and those in distress by assisting with emergency needs and subsidized childcare. We provide quality education and a safe place for children, basic needs assistance for the poor and community service opportunities.

**For more information, contact:**

Cliff J. Edens  
[mcumhelp@bloomington.in.us](mailto:mcumhelp@bloomington.in.us)  
(812) 339-3429  
[www.bloomington.in.us/~mcum](http://www.bloomington.in.us/~mcum)

**Address:**

827 West 14th Court  
Bloomington, IN 47404  
directions: From E 3rd street, turn right onto S Walnut Street. After .6 miles, turn left onto W 11th Street. After .4 miles, veer right onto North Fairview Street/West 11th. After .2 miles, turn right onto N. Blair Avenue, then right onto N Dyer Drive. Turn right on  
bus: #2 West 11th Street/Showers Complex

### Children's Activity Volunteers

If you are creative, energetic, or just like working with children, we have a volunteer opportunity for you! Volunteers are needed to work with the children as Learning Center Assistants. Training is provided. A TB test, drug screen and recent physical are required for volunteers working more than 8 hours a month.  
Min. Age: 18

**Contact:** Cliff J. Edens at (812) 339-3429 or [mcumhelp@bloomington.in.us](mailto:mcumhelp@bloomington.in.us)

### Each One Feed One Community Food Drive

Volunteers Needed Monroe County United Ministries is in need of more than 250 volunteers for the fourth annual Each One Feed One Community Food Drive August 29th & 30th. Volunteer opportunities on Saturday and Sunday include: 1. Volunteers are needed to collect donations at grocery stores in Bloomington and Ellettsville. Shifts are 10:00-1:00 and 1:00-4:00. We need 9 people for Sat. 10:00-1:00; Sat 1:00-4:00 we need 12 people. Sunday 10:00-1:00 we need 14 people; Sun 1:00-4:00 we need 20 people. 2. Volunteers are needed to transport donations from stores to MCUM throughout each day.

Shifts are 9:00-6:00 (requires heavy lifting throughout shift). We need 3 drivers (with vehicles) and 2 riders for Sunday. 3. Volunteers are also needed to sort donations for use in MCUM's Emergency Food Pantry. Shifts are 12:00-3:00 and 3:00-6:00. We need 5 people Sat. 3:00-6:00 and 13 people Sun 12:00-3:00. There are more details posted on our website, <http://www.bloomington.in.us/~mcum/>. Children 15 and younger are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. To volunteer or request information, contact Meri Reinhold: [mcum@bloomington.in.us](mailto:mcum@bloomington.in.us) or 339-3429.

**Dates:** Aug 29-30

**Contact:** Meri Reinhold at (812) 339-3429 or [mcum@bloomington.in.us](mailto:mcum@bloomington.in.us)

### Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Provides healthful, wholesome food to people in need, as well as nutrition and gardening education. We provide services in ways that build community while enhancing the dignity and self-care of all involved.

**For more information, contact:**

Brooke Gentile  
[mhc@mhcfoodpantry.org](mailto:mhc@mhcfoodpantry.org)  
(812) 355-6843  
[www.mhcfoodpantry.org](http://www.mhcfoodpantry.org)

**Address:**

1010 S. Walnut St., Ste. G  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
directions: Located on South Walnut between Allen St and Grimes Lane on the west side of the street. Right next door to perry Township Trustees office and Bloomington Power Sports.  
bus: Route 1 South (Stops across the street)

### Community Gardening Volunteer

Get dirty in our gardens! Help keep fresh produce on the shelves by volunteering one of three garden sites. From sowing seeds to planting and harvesting there is something for everyone. We host weekly garden volunteer hours at Harmony School Garden, Banneker Green Thumbs Garden and the Crestmont Community Garden. Come out and join us!

Children under 12 are welcome with adult supervision.

**Contact:** Stephanie Solomon at (812) 355-6843 or [stephanie@mhcfoodpantry.org](mailto:stephanie@mhcfoodpantry.org)

### IU Service Learning Volunteer

IU Service Learners can participate in a wide range of activities from volunteering in the gardens or pantry to nutrition and health education. Garden opportunities are from 4-7:30 on Mondays or 5-7 on Tuesdays from April through October. Pantry Shifts are available weekdays from 3-6, and special education events arise throughout the semester. Shopping shifts at the Hoosier Hills Food Bank are also available on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

This specific volunteer opportunity is for IU students, preferably enrolled in a class with a service learning component. A short orientation (generally 30 minutes or less) is required before volunteering.

**Contact:** Ashley Troth - IU Student Volunteers at (812) 355-6843 or [atroth@indiana.edu](mailto:atroth@indiana.edu)

### My Sister's Closet of Monroe County Inc.

My Sister's Closet is an outlet for new and gently used professional clothing. Our mission is to provide work force attire to low-income women pursuing employment.

**For more information, contact:**

Sandy Keller

**Address:**

1010 S. Walnut St.

skeller@absoluteresearch.net  
(812) 335-6603  
www.mysistersclosetofmonroeco.org

Bloomington, IN 47403

### **My Sister's Closet Board Members and Volunteers**

My Sister's Closet of Monroe County has been growing and is in need of help to continue this success. Are you interested in helping your community? By becoming a board member or volunteer for My Sister's Closet of Monroe County, you could serve a vital role in assisting low-income women to return to the workplace. Board Member Positions Available:

- Vice President - duties include chairing the advisory committee and facilitating new board member and new volunteer orientation
- Grant Procurement Coordinator - successful experience writing grants is desired
- Store Maintenance Supervisor - duties include cleaning of the store, supply management of store, assisting in scheduling and preparation for the semi-annual switchovers, etc.

Requirements:

-At least 1 board meeting per month with all board members

-2 year commitment preferred We are also seeking volunteers for various events we are performing throughout the community including manning our booth at the Monroe County Fair, working in our store, helping coordinate events, etc.

If you would like to be considered for any of these volunteer positions or would like to learn more about My Sister's Closet, please send your resume and a short interest statement to Board Secretary, Rachel Lawmaster.

**Contact:** Rachel Lawmaster at (812) 825-7190 or [raclee@indiana.edu](mailto:raclee@indiana.edu)

## **Options**

Partners with people with disabilities and their communities to bring about self-directed and fulfilled lives. Options provides holistic services through community and supported living, supported employment, respite and behavioral management.

### **For more information, contact:**

Amber Fern  
[afern@optionsfbl.com](mailto:afern@optionsfbl.com)  
(812) 332-9615 ext 228  
[www.optionsfbl.com](http://www.optionsfbl.com)

### **Address:**

200 E. Winslow Rd.  
Bloomington, IN 47402

### **Get Nonprofit Office Experience as a Volunteer/Unpaid Intern at Options**

Options is looking for an organized and enthusiastic individual to work as a volunteer/unpaid intern at our Bloomington office. This person will provide clerical support, including database entry, copying, filing and other special clerical projects. At least ten hours per week is preferred, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. This is a great opportunity to learn more about working in a nonprofit environment while helping people with disabilities to live more self-directed and fulfilling lives.

Requirements include good computer skills, typing skills, interpersonal skills, telephone skills and a strong work ethic.

**Contact:** Amber Fern at (812) 332-9615 ext 228 or [afern@optionsfbl.com](mailto:afern@optionsfbl.com)

### **Volunteers needed for Options Events**

Seeking enthusiastic volunteers who believe in partnering with the agency towards building inclusive communities. Year-round events includes Week of Chocolate (January-February), Picnic (August),

Halloween (October) and Holiday Party (December). Volunteers needed for all events to help in the planning and implementation process. Opportunities vary from minimal to heavy involvement. Have fun and make a difference in someone's life by volunteering at Options!

**Contact:** Amber Fern at (812) 332-9615 ext 228 or [afern@optionsfbl.com](mailto:afern@optionsfbl.com)

## PARTNERS

A creative arts program for people with memory loss. Provides respite care in a safe supportive environment that stimulates creative thinking, encourages physical activity, increases social interaction and celebrates self expression.

**For more information, contact:**

Norm Overly  
[overly@indiana.edu](mailto:overly@indiana.edu)  
(812) 332-4439

**Address:**

First United Church  
2420 E. Third St.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

We are in need of volunteers interested in partnering with our clients, one volunteer to one client. Our clients have Alzheimers or other forms of dementia. This is three hours per week. We explore the creative arts and have an abundance of fun. This is an opportunity for a very rewarding experience.

Minimum age is 18 - any may inquire. We provide a training. Any experience with Alzheimers is wonderful, but not required.

**Contact:** Norm Overly at (812) 332-4439 or [overly@indiana.edu](mailto:overly@indiana.edu)

## People & Animal Learning Services (PALS)

PALS is dedicated to providing high-quality, safe, educational, fun and therapeutic animal assisted activities such as therapeutic horseback riding, hippotherapy, animal care and pet encounter therapy to children and adults with physical, learning, cognitive or emotional disabilities.

**For more information, contact:**

Fern Bonchek  
[fbonchek@indiana.edu](mailto:fbonchek@indiana.edu)  
(812) 336-2798  
[www.palstherapy.org](http://www.palstherapy.org)

**Address:**

PO Box 1033  
Bloomington, IN 47402-1033

### Fundraising/Grant Writing/Special Events/Public Relations

Put your expertise to work, or develop your abilities in these areas. PALS is currently looking for individuals to assist in fundraising, grant writing, special events and public relations.

Min. Age: 18

**Contact:** Fern Bonchek at (812) 336-2798 or [fbonchek@indiana.edu](mailto:fbonchek@indiana.edu)

### PALS Newsletter Volunteers Needed

Help PALS with writing articles and/or taking pictures for our newsletters. We try to put our 2-3 newsletters and an annual report each year. Here is a link to past newsletters/annual reports so you can

see what past ones look like <http://www.palstherapy.org/publications/index.php>.

**Contact:** Fern Bonchek at (812) 336-2798 or [fbonchek@indiana.edu](mailto:fbonchek@indiana.edu)

### **Therapeutic Riding Program New Volunteer Training - Sept. 8th**

PALS is offering a new volunteer training on Tuesday Sept. 8th, 2009 from 5:30-8:30pm for anyone interested in becoming involved in PALS or therapeutic riding. Volunteers help children/adults with disabilities learn how to ride horses. Responsibilities include leading horses & side-walking riders during riding lessons. Volunteers also help groom, saddle, train, care for horses and help with barn chores. No horse experience necessary! A commitment of 3-4 hours per week is requested. RSVP for the training and to request a volunteer packet. View [www.palstherapy.org](http://www.palstherapy.org) for more information.

Volunteers must attend a volunteer training and be over the age of 14.

**Dates:** Sept. 8

**Contact:** Fern Bonchek at (812) 336-2798 or [fbonchek@indiana.edu](mailto:fbonchek@indiana.edu)

### **Therapeutic Riding Program Volunteer**

Volunteers help children/adults with disabilities learn how to ride horses. Responsibilities include leading horses & side-walking riders during riding lessons. Volunteers also help groom, saddle, train, care for horses and help with barn chores. No horse experience necessary! A commitment of 3-4 hours per week is requested.

Min. Age: 14

**Contact:** Fern Bonchek at (812) 336-2798 or [fbonchek@indiana.edu](mailto:fbonchek@indiana.edu)

## **Pets ALIVE Spay Neuter Clinic**

Ending pet overpopulation by uniting animal welfare organizations in South Central Indiana to provide the humane solution -- affordable, high-quality spay/neuter. Since 2005, Pets ALIVE has performed 30,000 spay/neuter surgeries.

### **For more information, contact:**

Emily Gartner  
[petsalive@bluemarble.net](mailto:petsalive@bluemarble.net)  
(812) 824-1349  
[www.petsalivespayneuter.org](http://www.petsalivespayneuter.org)

### **Address:**

6522 S. Empire Rd.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

### **Sweet Repeats - Working here saves lives!**

Sweet Repeats, a non profit consignment store operated by Pets ALIVE Spay/Neuter Clinic, is now open. All proceeds raised at Sweet Repeats go directly toward the lifesaving efforts at Pets ALIVE. Volunteers are needed during store hours (Tues.-Fri. 11am-5pm and Sat. 11am-4pm). Volunteer opportunities available to assist with inventory and general cleaning. Models are also needed for monthly photo sessions to display clothing on our website and for auction sites.

**Contact:** Stacey At Sweet Repeats at (812) 345-1645 or [sweetrepeatsbtown@gmail.com](mailto:sweetrepeatsbtown@gmail.com)

## **Planned Parenthood**

We choose... to provide comprehensive reproductive health care ? confidentially, compassionately, affordably; to protect through prevention ? educating honestly and accurately; to support those who

need us most ? without bias or judgment, without fear, without fail. Together, our voices ensure that the doors of opportunity remain open for those we serve and their families. That is our commitment. This is our choice.

**For more information, contact:**

Larisa Niles-Carnes  
larisa.niles@ppin.org  
(812) 336-0219 x1214  
www.ppin.org

**Address:**

421 S. College Avenue  
Bloomington, IN 47403  
directions: We are in between 2nd and 3rd street on the left hand side of College Avenue. We are close to Seminary Square and in the same parking lot as United Way and Bloomington Hospital Educational Services.  
bus:

**Peer Education - Be a leader**

The Peer Education program is a program specifically for teens who want to be involved in the community and show leadership skills. The program is a 25 hour comprehensive education session that focuses on topics that affect teens today. Teens are taught information on self-esteem, healthy relationships, decision making skills, drugs and alcohol, diversity and abstinence. The program is designed to help teach information to teens so they have the tools to help with decision making in their lives. The program is also designed to improve parent communication with their teen.

The program requires parental consent and there is 25 hour mandatory training for the program. The program is limited to teens ages 13-17. If the 25 hours is completed by the teen, then a possible stipend is available.

**Contact:** Larisa Niles-Carnes at (812) 336-0219 x1214 or larisa.niles@ppin.org

**RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program)**

RSVP provides meaningful volunteer opportunities for adults 55+ years of age. We help match older adults with agencies and positions that best complement the volunteers' interests, talents, and availabilities.

**For more information, contact:**

Christine McKenna  
cmckenna@area10agency.org  
(812) 876-3383  
www.area10agency.org/rsvp

**Address:**

630 W. Edgewood Dr.  
Ellettsville, IN 47429

**Volunteers Ages 55+**

Are you age 55 or older? Do you currently volunteer or are you interested in volunteering in the community? RSVP is here to help you navigate the endless possibilities for volunteering in Monroe and Owen Counties, as well as support the volunteering you may already do. Join this community of over 400 registered volunteers at over 80 agencies. It is free to become a member of RSVP, and benefits include volunteer placement assistance, free supplemental insurance while en route to or on a volunteer assignment, an annual recognition event, free newsletter, community-building and more. You do not need to volunteer any more than you already do, and registering is easy!

Min. Age: 55

**Contact:** Christine McKenna at (812) 876-3383 or cmckenna@area10agency.org

## Shalom Community Center

The Shalom Community Center is dedicated to relieving the plight of those experiencing homelessness and poverty in South Central Indiana.

**For more information, contact:**

Pam Kinnaman  
pam@shalomcommunitycenter.org  
(812) 334-5734  
www.shalomcommunitycenter.org

**Address:**

219 E. 4th St.  
Bloomington, IN 47402  
directions: On the corner of 4th and Washington directly  
across the street from the downtown bus terminal.  
bus: Main downtown station

### Kitchen Workers

The Shalom Center's kitchen is cooking all week long! Why not put your kitchen skills to work helping with meal prep, serving and clean up for our daily breakfast and lunch meals. Be a part of a team or come on your own - you'll always find friends in the kitchen at Shalom!

**Contact:** Pam Kinnaman at (812) 334-5734 or pam@shalomcommunitycenter.org

### Shalom Shopper

Much of the food for the Shalom Community Center meal program comes from Hoosier Hills Food Bank. We need a person to shop at HHFB every Tuesday (any time between 9:30am and 12:30pm) and then deliver the food to the Shalom Community Center.

Volunteers should be able to lift boxes of food. Shalom requires a volunteer orientation. Dates for the Shalom orientation are on the Shalom website under the section called Volunteering For Shalom. HHFB requires volunteer shoppers attend their training.

**Contact:** Pam Kinnaman at (812) 334-5734 or pam@shalomcommunitycenter.org

### Ugly Quilt Sleeping Bag Sewers

Sleeping bags can save lives. It is a harsh fact that for the homeless population it is sometimes easier to find food than warmth. The Center is looking for volunteers to help construct "ugly quilt" sleeping bags to help protect the homeless from freezing temperatures and frostbite. Instructions are provided and donated materials are welcome. More information can be found on [www.reese.org/sharon/uglyquilt.htm](http://www.reese.org/sharon/uglyquilt.htm).  
Min. Age: All ages welcome.

**Contact:** Pam Kinnaman at (812) 334-5734 or pam@shalomcommunitycenter.org

## South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP)

Provides services and programs in Monroe, Morgan, Brown and Owen Counties to low-income families regarding weatherization, energy assistance, Section 8, IDA, owner occupied rehab, self-sufficiency and Head Start (in Monroe County).

**For more information, contact:**

Beth Pankoski  
beth@sccap.monroe.in.us  
(812) 339-3447 ext. 233  
www.sccap.monroe.in.us

**Address:**

1500 W. 15th St.  
Bloomington, IN 47404

### Circles Initiative Childcare

The Circles Initiative is a strategy to build relationships across race and class lines and aid vulnerable families in achieving self-sufficiency - and to ultimately end poverty in Monroe County. Eight to fourteen volunteers are needed for Thursday night meetings to provide youth program/childcare assistance between 6:00 and 8:30. Your volunteer experience will contain lots of interaction with fun, friendly children and adults. You can volunteer as often as you like, but there is not necessarily a week-to-week obligation. Please feel free to contact Thomas (thomas@sccap.monroe.in.us) or Bonnie (bonnie@sccap.monroe.in.us) with any questions.

Limited criminal history checks are required.

**Contact:** Thomas Kenning at (812) 339-3447 ext 263 or thomas@sccap.monroe.in.us

### **Circles Initiative Meal Preparation**

The Circles Initiative is a strategy to build relationships across race and class lines and aid vulnerable families in achieving self-sufficiency - and to ultimately end poverty in Monroe County. Four to six volunteers are needed for Thursday night meetings to help prepare and clean up after an evening meal from 4:30 - 7:30. Your volunteer experience will contain lots of interaction with fun, interesting people. We can provide the ingredients and supplies. You can volunteer as often as you like, but there is not necessarily a week-to-week obligation.

**Contact:** Thomas Kenning at (812) 339-3447 ext 263 or thomas@sccap.monroe.in.us

### **Fingerpainting and Fun and SCCAP Head Start**

Come back to preschool! The SCCAP Head Start program provides preschool programs and support opportunities for low-income families. Our classrooms are multi-age, serving children 3-5 years old in Monroe County. We are looking for fun and energetic friends to spend time in the classroom reading stories, helping with craft projects, and providing good role modeling for young children. Our classrooms are open Monday-Friday from 7am-5:30pm at multiple sites around Bloomington. Pick one that's close to you!

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. You will have more fun in our classrooms if you are comfortable sitting on the floor and lifting 30-50 pounds.

**Contact:** Bethany Terry at (812) 334-8350 x 212 or parent@headstart.bloomington.in.us

## **Southern Care Hospice**

A for-profit agency devoted to the physical, mental and spiritual care of patients and their families with terminal illness.

### **For more information, contact:**

Kimberly Burton  
kburton@southerncaresinc.com  
(812) 334-8343  
southerncaresinc.com

### **Address:**

1923 S. Liberty Dr.  
Bloomington, IN 47403  
bus: 3/Aldi's food store

### **Volunteers for patient support**

Looking for Volunteers to go into ECF's and ALF's and do activities with patients(ex: play bingo, bubble therapy, play board games,puzzles, arts and crafts,pet therapy, and many more). There are several different facilities so there will be lots of variety with this opportunity. All of the materials will be provided for you. You will have to complete the Southerncare volunteer training program. Have a current TB test which we will do for free if you don't have one. And we do Background checks on all volunteers.

**Contact:** Kimberly Burton at (812) 334-8343 or kburton@southerncaresinc.com

## Special Olympics Indiana - Monroe County

Gives individuals with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to practice and participate in Olympic-type sports. Our organization is available for those ages 8 on up. We compete in area and state tournaments.

**For more information, contact:**

Denise Brown  
soimc@kiva.net  
(812) 325-1548  
www.specialolympicsmonroecounty.org

**Address:**

PO Box 2554  
Bloomington, IN 47402

**Are you ready for some bowling?!**

Bowling is the most popular sport in our program and there is never a dull moment. There are plenty of "high fives" each time we play. Volunteers help bowlers stay on track with turns, help assist with lane problems and some brave volunteers even bowl a game or two. If you love to bowl here is your chance. If you have never bowled a game in your life we have plenty of people who will be glad to give you some pointers. Bowling is held on Wednesdays 6pm and Sundays 1pm at Classic Lanes.

**Contact:** Denise Brown at (812) 325-1548 or soimc@kiva.net

## Stepping Stones Inc.

Stepping Stones is an independent non-profit that provides transitional housing and supportive services to youth aged 16-20 years who are experiencing homelessness.

**For more information, contact:**

Warren Wade  
wwade@steppingstones-inc.org  
(812) 339-9771  
www.steppingstones-inc.org

**Address:**

PO Box 1366  
Bloomington, IN 47402

**Stepping Stones Mentor**

Stepping Stones is a transitional housing program for homeless youth aged 16-20. Two of their newest residents are sweet kids with some special needs who could use more positive role models in their lives. The girl likes to go for walks, watch movies, listen to music, and just hang out and talk. The guy likes to fish, play baseball, and be active. If you have an extra hour a week to do some one-on-one ?play time? or know someone else who might be a good fit, please let us know!

Interested volunteers should complete the "Volunteer Application" located on our website.

**Contact:** Sheri Benham at (812) 339-9771 or sbenham@steppingstones-inc.org

## Sycamore Land Trust

SLT preserves the disappearing landscape and connects people with nature in southern Indiana.

**For more information, contact:**

Erin Hollinden  
erin@sycamorelandtrust.org

**Address:**

4898 East Heritage Woods Road  
Bloomington, IN 47401

(812) 336-5382 ext. 104  
www.sycamorelandtrust.org

directions: Driving east in Bloomington on Third Street ( SR 46), go 2 miles past the stoplight at College Mall Road. Turn right on SR 446. Turn left on East Heritage Woods Road, the first major street. Drive carefully over four speed bumps, then the third mailbox bus: Knightsridge Road stop on SR 446 near 3rd Street

### **Accountant**

You can help save the disappearing landscape of southern Indiana by applying your accounting skills. We need a volunteer accountant to manage SLT's financial statements, file taxes and help with general accounting needs.

Necessary skills or qualifications.

**Contact:** Erin Hollinden at (812) 336-5382 ext. 104 or erin@sycamorelandtrust.org

### **Mailings Facilitator: Help SLT reach out to and engage a growing audience**

The Sycamore Land Trust sends out some of the nicest-looking and most inspiring publications of any local nonprofit - If we do say so ourselves! You can help distribute these by doing the easy (though repetitive) task of assembling bulk mailings.

Manual dexterity is needed.

**Contact:** Erin Hollinden at (812) 336-5382 ext. 104 or erin@sycamorelandtrust.org

### **Technology/Web Volunteer**

Your technology skills are needed at the Sycamore Land Trust headquarters. Assist SLT staff working with computers, managing databases and/or maintaining and enhancing our website.

Expertise in computer hardware/software is appreciated!

**Contact:** Erin Hollinden at (812) 336-5382 ext. 104 or erin@sycamorelandtrust.org

## **T.C. Steele State Historic Site**

The mission of the T.C. Steele State Historic Site is to collect, preserve, and interpret the property and history of Hoosier artist Theodore Clement Steele and his wife Selma Steele; also, as a part of the Division of Museums & Historic Sites, to serve the community as a center for Indiana's cultural and natural heritage.

### **For more information, contact:**

Christine Atkinson  
catkinson@dnr.in.gov  
(812) 677-2003  
www.tcsteele.org

### **Address:**

4220 T.C. Steele Rd.  
Nashville, IN 47448  
directions: We're located 1-1/2 miles south of Belmont, IN about midway between Bloomington IN and Nashville IN on St. Rd. 46.  
bus:

### **Youth Program and Special Event Assistants**

Do you like working with children? Do you like working with artists? We need you!! We need help assisting staff with school groups, summer day camp, and special events. This can include: helping with set-up and clean-up; helping instruct or facilitate a craft or activity; taking pictures; and helping with registration, parking and manning tables.

There are no limitations as to who can volunteer, teens are welcome. Training will be provided.

**Contact:** Christine Atkinson at (812) 677-2003 or catkinson@dnr.in.gov

## The Salvation Army

Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

**For more information, contact:**

Peter Iversen  
peter\_iversen@usc.salvationarmy.org  
(812) 336-4310 ext.12  
www.bloomington.salvationarmyindiana.org

**Address:**

111 N. Rogers St.  
Bloomington, IN 47402  
directions: Conveniently located on the corner of Rogers St. and Kirkwood Ave.  
bus: Bus Line 3 West

**Join Local Women's Volunteer Group!**

The Salvation Army's Women's Auxiliary is a group of local women dedicated to volunteering their time to make charitable actions effective. This congenial group meets the second Thursday of every month in warm homes to catch up on Bloomington talk and to schedule volunteering shifts at the local Salvation Army. It's the easiest group in town to join. You create your own schedule, becoming as involved as you want to be. It's flexible and fun. The Women's Auxiliary also oversees a fund which disburses resources to efforts within The Salvation Army that you can learn about only in this group, as it is closely knit to programs such as the Child Care, youth camping opportunities and Christmas distributions.

**Contact:** Catherine Fitzgerald at (812) 336-4310 ext. 14 or Catherine\_Fitzgerald@usc.salvationarmy.org

**Precious Preschool Fun**

Volunteers will float amongst classrooms and assist The Salvation Army's Childcare Connection staff with lessons, playtime and other activities in any of the three classroom areas: preschool, toddlers and infants. This is a highly rewarding opportunity to interact with young minds as they explore the world around them. The Salvation Army's Child Care Connection is a play-based child care, with developmentally and age appropriate curriculum for each age group in addition to weekly Bible stories. The Child Care Connection is known for its low prices, helping working families maintain a job and still put food on the table. Learn more at <http://corps.salvationarmyindiana.org/bloomington/services/child-care-connection/> Must be at least high school age. Applicants must complete the Working with Children volunteer packet, including interview and reference checks. Applicants must complete a background check.

**Contact:** Peter Iversen at (812) 336-4310 ext.12 or peter\_iversen@usc.salvationarmy.org

**Recycle for Good!**

The Salvation Army's Thrift Store is one of the areas largest recycling organizations that needs your help to receive donations and sort quality good for sale to the public. 100% of profits support The Salvation Army's charitable causes including emergency financial assistance, the food pantry, low-income childcare and tutoring programs. When you volunteer to Recycle for Good, your work benefits many more than the shoppers at the Thrift Store. For more information about The Salvation Army's Thrift Store visit <http://corps.salvationarmyindiana.org/bloomington/services/thrift-store/>

Min. Age: 14

**Contact:** Peter Iversen at (812) 336-4310 ext.12 or peter\_iversen@usc.salvationarmy.org

## WildCare Inc.

Volunteer wildlife rehabilitators dedicated to providing professional care to injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife as well as educating the public on living in harmony with our wild neighbors.

**For more information, contact:**

Susan Berg Davis  
info@wildcareinc.org  
(812) 323-1313  
www.wildcareinc.org

**Address:**

198 North Hartstrait Road  
Bloomington, IN 47404

### Cage Building Team

If you know your way around a hammer, or a lawn mower, we could use your help on our wildlife compound. WildCare takes in about 1,500 wild animals a year, and they all need cages both inside and outside on our 3 acres of land. Hours are flexible; training is provided.

Min. Age: 18

**Contact:** Susan Berg Davis at (812) 323-1313 or info@wildcareinc.org

### Crow Team cares for our American Crow Ambassador DaVinci

If you have a sense of humor and think you would enjoy being tested and sometimes bested by a very smart American Crow, then WildCare has just the volunteer shift for you. DaVinci would like you to come clean his large cage, feed him breakfast, and then play with him at our Center at 198 N Hartstrait Road. He is a non-releasable animal ambassador who loves to be adored. In return, he will say "hello" and "bye bye," and maybe let you rub his neck.

You must be a WildCare volunteer and at least 18.

**Contact:** Susan Berg Davis at (812) 323-1313 or info@wildcareinc.org

### Deer Team cares for fawns May-Aug

Bambi needs a bottle at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., so if you are not in school, or are retired, helping with this one or more days will put a smile on your face. Our fawns start in the Barn Room and move to the deer pen at the Center when old enough. Late August they are loaded into a horse trailer for release together at carefully chosen locations on private property. We do not need evening feeders.

Min. Age: 15

**Contact:** Susan Berg Davis at (812) 323-1313 or info@wildcareinc.org

### Foster Care in Your Home for Wild Mammal Babies

Our cottontail kits, striped skunk kits, Virginia opossum joeys, raccoon cubs, and squirrels need a foster parent who can feed them 3-4 times a day until they are old enough to come to the Center.

You must be a WildCare volunteer, 18 years old, and Team-Leader approved.

**Contact:** Susan Berg Davis at (812) 323-1313 or info@wildcareinc.org

### Gardens Gone Wild help feed our orphans

Plant part of your garden for the wild mammal orphans that fill our world with wonder. Our Eastern cottontails need nourishing lettuce, our Virginia opossum joeys, raccoon cubs, red and gray squirrels need all manner of vegetables and fruits, and we have some box turtles that will only eat home-grown tomatoes if you can believe that. Who knew?

Donations accepted from 7 a.m. to 7p.m. any day of the week. Letters with in-kind value will be furnished for tax write offs.

**Contact:** Susan Berg Davis at (812) 323-1313 or info@wildcareinc.org

## WonderLab Museum Of Science, Health & Technology

Provides opportunities for people of all ages, especially children, to experience the wonder and excitement of science through exhibits and programs that stimulate curiosity, encourage exploration and foster lifelong learning.

**For more information, contact:**

Jeanne Gunning  
jeanne@wonderlab.org  
(812) 337-1337 ext. 21  
www.wonderlab.org

**Address:**

308 W. 4th St.  
Bloomington, IN 47404

**WonderGarden Work Days**

Do you like to work outdoors? Do you like to dig, cut, rake, shovel, pull weeds, plant, and work with others? If you do, we have the volunteering opportunity for you! Come work in the WonderLab garden! We provide snacks and gloves (or BYO). Bloomington Master Gardeners will provide expertise. Wear dirt-friendly shoes and clothes. Place: WonderLab Museum ? 308 W. 4th St Garden work day dates are listed below. If you are volunteering with a group, tell us how many will be coming.

**Dates:** Aug. 27; Sept. 18 & 30

**Contact:** Jeanne Gunning at (812) 337-1337 ext. 21 or jeanne@wonderlab.org

**WonderLab Volunteer Training**

Get trained to be a WonderLab volunteer! Museum volunteers encourage visitors of all ages to explore hands-on exhibits and programs. Each year, more than 900 individuals contribute over 15,000 hours to help WonderLab operate. These volunteers include teens, college students, scientists, educators, business people, parents and senior adults. (There is no retirement age at WonderLab!) Some volunteers bring a wide range of expertise, while others learn new skills on the job. Anyone who believes in the value of hands-on experience is welcome. WonderLab volunteers do not need a background in science.

All training is provided.

**Dates:** Sept. 23; Nov. 22

**Contact:** Jeanne Gunning at (812) 337-1337 ext. 21 or jeanne@wonderlab.org