2017 HOLIDAY GUIDE to giving & volunteering

A publication of the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network
'Tis the season of gratitude and giving.

Across our community, people with full hearts and tummies are thinking about ways to give back this season. The Holiday Guide to Giving and Volunteering is here to help.

Throughout the year, our community’s helping organizations have shown the true spirit of giving by offering the needed services that make our community a caring place to live, while asking for very little in return.

Embrace the season; the holidays are a perfect time to give back.
5 Things You Need to Know
BEFORE You Volunteer this Holiday Season

Often times the holidays are a time of year when people are reminded and inspired to give back to others. Volunteering is an awesome way to do that, and we want to make sure you have a great time, so before you reach out to your local food bank, soup kitchen, thrift store or meal delivery program – read these tips.

1. When you reach out to a nonprofit to request to volunteer, please be patient.
Volunteer coordinators are likely being inundated with requests to volunteer, on top of trying to accomplish their day to day jobs. They want to respond as quickly as possible, but it may take more time than normal. Spread a little holiday joy and show up to your project with cookies or a thank you card!

2. Think outside the box.
Everybody wants to serve a meal on Thanksgiving Day, but there just isn’t enough room for everyone to do the exact same volunteer project. Try volunteering on the day before, the day after or anytime during the holiday break. These are often the days when volunteers are truly needed the most! Or be unique and try something new. There’s a lot of need, just not all of it involves a turkey or candy canes. Check out some of these holiday volunteering ideas and resources!

3. We think it’s great you want to volunteer, and so do the nonprofits in our community.
These organizations rely on volunteer help to provide vital services to people in our community, but here’s the catch: work is needed all year around, not just during the holiday season. Check out how you can help all year long.

4. Can’t find a time for a volunteer project that works for everybody?
What about coordinating an “adopt a family” or “Community Wish List” project? You can rally your co-workers, friends, family and network to provide items that allow each family and each nonprofit in our community to celebrate this holiday season. See the Holiday Guide to Giving and Volunteering and the Community Wish List for where your help is needed.

5. Volunteering during the holidays has caught on.
Many ‘day-of’ holiday shifts are already filled – and have been for weeks. There are still many holiday themed options available though, so start NOW to find a volunteer project that you’re interested in and secure a spot. Otherwise, by the time you try to volunteer, all of the spots could be taken. There are many options just waiting for you to sign up in the Holiday Guide to Giving and Volunteering.

No matter what you do or how you do it, we hope volunteering is included in your holiday plans this year.
HOLIDAY DONATIONS:

Adopt-A-Child & Adopt-A-Family
- City of Bloomington Latino Programs and Outreach
- Life Designs
- Middle Way House
- Monroe County United Ministries
- New Hope Family Shelter
- Positive Link
- Salvation Army

Donation Drives
- Amethyst House
  Holiday decorations, gifts, foods
- Bloomington Animal Care and Control
  pet food and supplies
- Bloomington Transit
  “Stuff” a Bus with children’s toys and clothes
- City of Bloomington Latino Programs and Outreach
  children’s toys and clothes
- City of Bloomington Volunteer Network
  Holiday Wish List
- Community Kitchen of Monroe County
  turkeys, hams, pies, canned goods
- Indiana Army National Guard Family Readiness Group
  $10 gift cards, $25 grocery cards, baby blankets
- Life Designs
  gifts for men, women and children, wrapping supplies
- Middle Way House
  new unwrapped toys, gifts for mothers & children
- Monroe County United Ministries
  holiday food baskets, non-perishable food, cleaning and hygiene products
- New Hope Family Shelter
  Children’s winter wear, winter household items, holiday food items
- Positive Link
  “Gifts of Grace” gift baskets, food, toiletries, personal items
- Shalom Community Center
  Winter wear, food items
- South Central Community Action Program – Head Start
  children’s winter outerwear, toys
- Stepping Stones
  welcome baskets, teen’s winter outerwear, household items
- Wheeler Mission
  Needs Drive: Share your skills and provide a service to a Wheeler Mission client

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERING

Service during the holiday months

November
Thanksgiving Day Meal Service or Delivery
- Area 10 Agency on Aging – Nov. 23
- Community Kitchen of Monroe County – Nov. 23

Special Events
- City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation – Holiday Market - Nov. 25
- City of Bloomington Volunteer Network - Family Volunteer Day – Nov. 18
- Salvation Army – Bell Ringing - Nov. 10 to Dec. 23

December
Christmas Day Meal Service or Delivery
- Area 10 on Aging – Dec. 25
- Community Kitchen of Monroe County – Dec. 25

Special Events
- Bloomington Transit – Stuff A Bus - Nov. 29 – Dec. 10
- Girls Incorporated of Monroe County – Holiday Hoopla - Dec. 16
- Middle Way House – Shop-a-Rama - Dec. 21
- Salvation Army – toy sorting - Dec. 11- 19; toy distribution – Dec. 22
- Salvation Army – Bell ringing - Nov. 10 to Dec. 23

Community Wish List
View and search by Organization, Category, or Cause
www.bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org/CommunityWishList

Holiday Needs Assistance
Amethyst House
PO Box 11, Bloomington, IN 47402
Mission: Our mission is to provide a foundation for sober living by partnering with individuals, families, and communities impacted by addictions and substance abuse issues, offering quality recovery services and guidance for clean, sober, and healthy living.
December: For our annual Holiday dinner we are requesting:
- Holiday decorations, trees, ornaments, lights (no candles). Needed by Dec 1.
- food items (i.e. ham, turkey, veggies), serving platters and serving utensils. Needed by Dec 12.
- Personal hygiene products, bath towels, blankets, or hats / gloves / scarves would be great gifts for our residents. Needed by Dec 12.
Donations are accepted throughout the year, but gifts are needed by Dec. 19.
- Contact: Gina Lovell, Administrative Director, (812) 336-3570 ext 203, glovell@amethysthouse.org (www.amethysthouse.org)

Area 10 Agency on Aging
631 W. Edgewood Dr. Ellettsville, IN 47429
Mission: To serve as a leader in providing resources, solutions and connections for seniors, persons with disabilities and family caregivers living in Monroe and Owen counties.
November: Thanksgiving Day meals prepared by Community Kitchen will be delivered to homebound seniors in Owen and Monroe counties. Volunteers will pick up meals between 11 and 1 on Nov. 23 and deliver the meals to pre-registered senior citizens.
December: Christmas Day meals prepared by Community Kitchen will be delivered to homebound seniors in Owen and Monroe counties. Volunteers will pick up the meals between 11 and 1 on Dec. 25 and deliver the meals to pre-registered senior citizens.
- Contact: Amy O’Brien, (812) 935-2535, aobrien@area10agency.org (www.area10agency.org)

Bloomington Animal Care and Control
3410 S. Walnut St. Bloomington, IN 47401
Mission: To address and respond to all companion animals’ needs through education and support in order to build a community where people value animals and treat them with kindness and respect.
- Winter Needs: In the cold months of the year, our dogs and cats are in need of lots of bedding. Clean blankets, comforters, and towels are much needed.
- Ongoing Needs: Cat and dog toys, slip leashes, ponchos, treats, canned food, large rawhides, squeeze cheese, soft treats, strong litter scoops, pine pellet cat or horse litter, crates, metal exercise pens, blankets, comforters, towels, sheets, bleach, paper towels, Dawn dishwashing liquid, hand sanitizer, copier paper, business envelopes

Organization Directory for Holiday Giving and Volunteering

Bloomington Transit
130 W. Grimes Lane Bloomington, IN 47403
December: Help Stuff the Bus with Toys! During the holiday season, Bloomington Transit will partner with WCLS 97.7 and the Salvation Army to help make the holidays a little brighter for children and families in need in Monroe County. The goal is to literally “stuff” a decorated Bloomington Transit bus completely full of donated unwrapped new toys, new children’s coats, mittens and gloves to be distributed in the Bloomington area. The Stuff-A-Bus event will kick-off on Dec. 1 at WCLS 97.7. Those wishing to make a donation can either drop off their items at the bus between Nov. 29 and Dec. 10 (see www.bloomingtontransit.com for locations and times) or at Bloomington Transit’s main office. Volunteers are needed to staff the bus in two-hour increments to accept donations. Without this assistance, Stuff-A-Bus would not be possible.
- Contact: Brenda Underwood, (812) 961-0523, bunder@bloomingtontransit.com (www.bloomingtontransit.com)
Boys and Girls Clubs
PO Box 1716 Bloomington IN 47401
Mission: The mission of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington is to empower all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as caring, productive, responsible citizens.

November-December: Holiday Gift Assistance Program: This program provides financial relief to families that would like to give gifts to their children for the holidays, but are unable to do so because of their financial situations. Individuals or groups adopt a child or family in need and provide gifts for them (between $40-$80/individual). Information about the child’s age, gender, interests, clothing sizes, etc. will be provided to the adopting individuals to help with the gift buying. After individuals purchase the gifts, they are wrapped and dropped off at the club labeled with the recipient’s name. This is a great way for people to give back to their community and make a difference in others lives. It means so much to their kids and families.

January: Winter Break Camp - Volunteers act as camp counselors and are paired with a staff member and group of 15-20 campers. Camp Days: Jan. 2-5; 8 a.m. to noon or noon to 6 p.m.

Contact: Neil Smith for Lincoln Street Club’s temporary location on West Third Street (nsmith@bgcbloomington.org) or John York for the Crestmont Club (jyork@bgcbloomington.org)

City of Bloomington Volunteer Network
401 N. Morton St. Suite 260 Bloomington, IN 47404
Family Volunteer Day: This is a day of service that celebrates the power of families to work together to support their communities and neighborhoods. The ‘ONE Community’ initiative of the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network will be hosting Family Volunteer Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Banneker Community Center. This will be a fun, fast, hands-on opportunity to volunteer with your family! ‘ONE Community’ initiative partners include Girls Inc., Monroe County United Ministries, Boys and Girls Clubs, South Central Community Action Program, Bloomington Parks and Recreation’s Banneker Community Center, and Fairview Elementary School. All families and ages are welcome!

Community Wish List
Dozens of community organizations list their material needs on the Community Wish List – what they need to serve their clients, customers and patrons. It’s easy to find the organizations that need what you have, and to search organizations by the issues about which you care deeply. The list is searchable, and is organized by organization, category, and cause.

www.bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org/CommunityWishList

Contact: Lucy Schaich, (812) 349-3433, getconnected@bloomington.in.gov
(www.bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org)

City of Bloomington Latino Programs and Outreach
401 N. Morton St. Suite 250, Bloomington, IN 47404
Mission: The City of Bloomington Latino Programs and Outreach program serves our community’s rapidly growing Latino immigrant population, providing support to the Spanish speaking population and promoting the values of diversity and cultural exchange.

December: We are looking for donations for our Holiday Assistance Program, new items such as children’s clothing, toys and books are greatly appreciated. All donations are matched with families in need during the holidays. Clothing sizes: newborn-size 16. All donations will be due Dec. 1.

Contact: Josefa Luce, latinoprograms@bloomington.in.gov, (812) 349-3860. (www.bloomington.in.gov/latino)

City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation
401 N. Morton St., Suite 250, Bloomington, IN 47404
Mission: Our mission is to provide essential services, facilities and programs necessary for the positive development and well-being of the community through the provision of parks, greenways, trails, and recreational facilities while working in cooperation with other service providers in the community in order to maximize all available resources.

Holiday Market: Saturday, Nov. 25 at Showers Plaza, 401 N. Morton St. We’re looking for volunteer elves to decorate, serve refreshments, and assist with teardown. Shifts are 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. and 12:30–4 p.m. Sign up at bloomington.in.gov/parksvol.

Contact: Sarah Owen, (812)349-3739, parksvol@bloomington.in.gov

Community Kitchen of Monroe County
1515 S. Rogers St. Bloomington, IN 47403
Mission: To work, alone and in collaboration with others, to eliminate hunger in Monroe County and surrounding areas through direct service, education and advocacy. Community Kitchen provides a free meal each day, Mon.-Sat. between 4-6 p.m. They also have several programs that provide meals to at-risk children and seniors.

November: Thanksgiving Day – Nov. 23
December: Christmas Day – Dec. 25
Volunteers will assist with the traditional meal served on Shifts are 2 hours long between 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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volunteer@bloomington.in.gov • (812) 349-3472 • www.BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org
Shifts fill quickly, so don’t delay! Extra help will be needed throughout the holiday season, so volunteer opportunities will be available before and after the holiday.

**November & December:** donations of turkeys, hams, green beans, corn, canned vegetables, stuffing mixes, cream soups and pies are needed and appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at 1515 S. Rogers, Mon.-Fri. between 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Saturday between 11a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

- **Contact:** June Taylor, (812) 332-0999, june@monroecommunitykitchen.com. Visit our website for more information, www.monroecommunitykitchen.com

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**Girls Inc of Monroe County**

**1108 W. 8th Street Bloomington, IN 47404**

**Mission:** Serving more than 500 girls in Monroe County, Girls Inc. provides exciting research-driven programming and sound mentoring in a supportive all-girl environment to inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold.

**December:** All are warmly invited to join Girls Inc. in ringing in the holiday season at Holiday Hoopla, from 9-11:30 a.m. on Dec. 16 throughout Fountain Square Mall. This is a joyous, family-oriented event which requires a great deal of volunteer assistance. Holiday Hoopla includes a pancake breakfast, a "kids only" shopping area where kids get to shop for gifts for their family, and gingerbread house construction.

- **Contact:** Amy Stark (astark@monroe.girls-inc.org) or Kim Cox (kcox@monroe.girls-inc.org).

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**Indiana Army National Guard**

**Family Readiness Group**

**3380 S. Walnut St. Bloomington, Indiana 47401**

**Mission:** Provides activities, increases the resiliency of soldiers/families, provides tools for adjusting to military deployments/separations, and enhances the well-being/morale of the unit.

Items requested include gift cards ($10 value) for military children for holiday party, baby blankets (handmade quilts, fleece or purchased) to provide military families that have added a bundle of joy to their families, and Kroger, Marsh, Meijer, or Walmart gift cards ($25 value) for struggling military families. The deadline on these gifts is Dec. 1.

- **Contact:** Rachel Connor Nelson, (812) 325-4896, rcn.frg@gmail.com

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**LIFEDesigns, Inc.**

**200 E. Winslow Dr. Bloomington, IN 47401**

**Mission:** LIFEDesigns partners with people of all ages and abilities to lead meaningful and active lives.

LIFEDesigns provides support to 42 people who do not have family or friends to spend the holiday with. LIFEDesigns is providing them with a holiday meal, and is organizing an Angel Tree to share the joy of holiday gifts. We are asking people from the community to “adopt” one or more individuals, and make one (or more) of their Christmas wishes come true. To participate, please email volunteer@lifedesignsinc.org or call LIFEDesigns at (812) 332-9615. Many people are in need of new clothing for the winter, and new clothing in general.

- **Contact:** Stephanie Shelton, (800) 875-9615 ext. 218, sshelton@lifedesignsinc.org (www.lifedesignsinc.org)

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**Middle Way House**

Middle Way House envisions a community where individuals live free from violence and the threat of violence. It is our mission to end violence, both structural and interpersonal.

**Adopt-A-Family:** Make the holidays brighter for a family in our emergency crisis shelter.

- **Contact:** Liz Franklin, (812)333-7404, franklinliz08@gmail.com

**Donate to SHOP-A-RAMA Toy Drive:** New toys - baby through high school aged - are needed for 62 children. Gifts for the mothers of the children are also requested. Donations may be dropped off at The RISE transitional housing facility at 401 S. Washington Street by Dec. 20.

**Volunteer at SHOP-A-RAMA:** Volunteers will wrap presents on the day of the event, Dec. 21, from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

- **Contact:** Monte Simonton, (812) 337-4510, msimonton@hotmail.com (www.middlewayhouse.org)

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**Monroe County United Ministries**

**827 W. 14th Court Bloomington, IN 47404**

**Mission:** Monroe County United Ministries provides quality affordable childcare for working families and basic needs assistance for those in crisis.

**December and January:** Want to serve families directly this holiday season? Volunteers are needed to staff our new and improved client-choice food pantry, especially during the months of December and January. Those who serve in our volunteer-run pantry will sort incoming donations and assist clients directly, helping them navigate their choices and select the best food options for their families. Volunteers may also choose to transport food drive donations from winter food drive collection sites to MCUM’s pantry. Non-perishable food, cleaning supplies and hygiene products are welcome. Pickup can be arranged for large drives. Schedule is flexible but times are usually during business hours. Volunteers will also sort food donations in the Emergency Food Pantry during and after the Winter
Food Drive. Volunteer anytime M-F, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and some Sat. mornings.

- **Contact:** Steve Thomas, (812) 339-3429 ext. 24, sthomases@MCUM.org

**Adopt-A-Family:** Donors can adopt a family enrolled in MCUM’s accredited Childcare Program by purchasing 3-5 gifts for each parent and child in the family. A list of family members and gift suggestions will be sent to you. Donors deliver wrapped gifts to MCUM. Sign-up forms are available on MCUM’s website: www.mcum.org. Needed by Dec. 8.


- **Contact:** Katie Broadfoot, (812) 339-3429 ext. 14, kbroadfoot@mcum.org (www.mcum.org)

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**New Hope Family Shelter**

301 W 2nd St, PO Box 154, Bloomington, IN 47402

**Mission:** Our mission is to help families impacted by homelessness regain and maintain stable housing and provide accredited, early childhood development aimed at breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty.

**December:** Because many of our families are in an urgent and stressful situation, we request Walmart gift cards or resident specific donations (through calls or emails to our offices). One of our staff or board members will accompany parents on shopping trips.

**Adopt A Family:** Meeting needs around the holidays is challenging at New Hope, for both families and staff. In a sense, we are similar to first responders; our families are experiencing the crisis of homelessness. Our families are often in a crisis so great they don’t have time to think about planning for anything outside of basic needs. Many of our families were living in motels, in vehicles, camping or were suddenly kicked out of a space they thought they would be living in before arriving at New Hope, sometimes just days before Christmas. Often these families miss sign-up deadlines in September or October for toy lists or donations of holiday meals. Taking parents out to allow them to choose gifts for their children is the greatest gift any person could share, because it gives our parents the last dignity they often have - choice. We are asking for your help by adopting one of our families. Please contact us for specific needs.

**Collection Drive:** We also could use new or gently used jeans for all ages/sizes, gloves, hats, coats, backpacks, diapers (infant and size 4 & 5), toilet paper, laundry soap, dish washing packs, hand soap, 8 frozen turkeys, holiday meal foods (to prepare), holiday candy, stockings, house slippers and warm throw blankets.

- **Contact:** Elaine Guinn, Executive Director, (812) 334-9840, director@nhfsinc.org (www.newhopefamilyshelter.org)

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**Positive Link**

333 East Miller Drive, Indiana University Health, Bloomington, IN 47401

**Mission:** Positive Link provides social services for those living with HIV including social support, medication assistance and adherence tools, food and nutritional needs, housing and utility assistance, advocacy, and mental health and substance use counseling and referrals.

**November & December:** Gifts of Grace is a holiday gift drive that links community member gift donations to individuals living with HIV/AIDS in Bloomington and the surrounding counties. Gifts of Grace donations vary in cost. Clients, with their children and families, complete a “wish list” which is coded and given to donors. Client’s “wishes” can vary from gift cards for gas and/or food and nutrition needs to clothes, coats, shoes, housing items and entertainment gift cards. Eighty percent of our clients (and their affected families) live on or under Indiana’s poverty level. Many of their “wishes” are actual necessities. In addition to a gift, this year they are hoping to also provide a food/daily living gift basket to each person and/or family (food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, etc.). This will require some food drives in order to accomplish. Donors may express an interest in “adopting” a client, a family or both (this year they have many more clients with children than in past years) and will receive an individual’s “wish list” via email.

- **Contact:** Amy Hays, (812) 353-3218 or IUHgiftsofgrace@gmail.com (http://iuhealth.org/bloomington/about/community-health/hiv-aids-positive-link/)

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**Salvation Army**

111 N. Rogers St. PO Box 2117 Bloomington, IN 47404

**Mission:** To preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

**November & December:** Bell Ringers! Traditional kettles and holiday bells will ring in a new season from Nov. 10-Dec. 23 at sites around Monroe County. Come join over 400 of your neighbors to spread the cheer of the season with The Salvation Army. Visit www.registertoring.com to sign up.

**Adopt an Angel Tree Child or Tree for Your Workplace, Church or Organization**

There is still a great need for individuals, families, local businesses, and other organizations to sponsor Angel Tree tags. Each tag represents a needy child in Monroe County and lists his or her age, clothing sizes, and toy wish list. This program relies on the selfless giving and support of the community to bring joy and happiness to those less fortunate. Beginning Nov. 1, Angel tags can be picked up at The Salvation Army (111 N. Rogers St.) between 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Gifts should be delivered to the Salvation Army by Dec. 12.

**Sort Toys for Children**

Volunteers will sort, arrange, and distribute donated toys, games, stuffed animals and warm clothes and other gifts from Dec. 11-19. Day and evening shifts are available and scheduling is very flexible. Items will be distributed to the
families on Dec. 22. The Stuff-A-Bus will be at The Salvation Army on Dec. 11 to be unloaded, a day that requires several volunteers.

- **Contact:** Sign up for any volunteer shifts online by visiting www.bloomingtonsa.org and clicking on the "Volunteer" button or contact Crystal Walls at (812) 336-4310 (www.bloomingtonsa.org)

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**Shalom Community Center**

*620 S. Walnut Street, Bloomington 47401*

Mission: A safe daytime shelter and resource center for people experiencing homelessness and poverty.

- **Thanksgiving Volunteers:** Nov. 20-26, especially Nov. 24-26
  Most of our regular volunteers will be away. On Nov. 23, Shalom will provide a brunch and needs kitchen help from 6:30 am to 10:30 am.

- **Christmas Volunteers:**
  Shalom needs volunteers to help during holiday break, Dec. 15-24 and Dec. 26-Jan. 8, especially on the weekends. (Christmas Day is being taken care of by congregation of Beth Shalom.)

- **Donation needs:**
  - Clothing needs: Gloves, socks, hats, scarves, boots, coats, jackets, warm pants, hoodies.
  - Toiletry needs: Wash cloths, razors, travel-sized shampoo and conditioner and deodorant. Over the counter allergy medicine, cold medicine, little packets of triple antibiotic, Tums.
  - Miscellaneous needs: Blankets, backpacks, sleeping bags, size newborn, 4, 5, 6 diapers and babywipes.

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**South Central Community Action Program – Head Start**

*1500 W. 15th St, Bloomington, IN 47404*

Mission: Provides opportunities for low-income citizens to move toward personal and economic independence.

- **November & December:** Volunteers organize collection drives for children’s items, including: boys and girls winter coats (sizes 0-5), children’s hats/gloves, children’s winter boots (sizes 8 and up), and toys for children ages 0-5. Please deliver to 1500 W. 15th St.
  - **Contact:** Anna Donley at: annad@insccap.org or (812) 334-8350 ext. 330 (www.insccap.org)

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**Stepping Stones**

Mission: Stepping Stones, a program of Centerstone, provides individualized support for youth aged 16-20 experiencing homelessness. It provides safe, service-enriched, transitional housing where youth develop life skills through supportive relationships for future independent living. The goal is to break the cycles of poverty and homelessness.

- **November:** For the month of November our residents are beginning to feel the cold move in! We are requesting winter coats, warm socks, cold and rain boots, hats, gloves and scarves for our residents.
  - **Contact:** Melissa Paneto at Melissa.Paneto@centerstone.org for specific sizes.

- **December:** We will have 3-4 new residents move in between November and January. We are requesting welcome baskets for our residents when they arrive. Baskets are comprised of: twin XL bed sheets and comforters, pillows, paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, body lotion, razors, Tupperware, grocery bag holders, fans, personal trash can, trash bags, sponges, shower mat, and bus tickets so that our youth can get to work, school, and other appointments.
  - **Contact:** Melissa Paneto, (812) 339-9771, Melissa.Paneto@centerstone.org for inquiries or drop off times.

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**Wheeler Mission Ministries - Shelters for Men and for Women and Children**

Mission: To provide Christ-centered programs and services for those who are homeless and those in need.

- **Location:** Center for men at 215 S. Westplex Ave. Bloomington, IN 47404; Center for women & children at 400 Opportunity Lane, Bloomington, IN 47404.

- **Opportunities include but not limited to:**
  - Serve a Meal: Meal service is a great way to get involved initially. This allows you to get to know staff, see and interact a bit with guests, and occurs every day of the year.
  - Needs Drive: Help as we endeavor to meet the most basic needs of the disadvantaged and homeless men, women, and children in Bloomington.

- **Find Other Opportunities:** Barber/hairstylist, hospitality service, housekeeping, meal preparation, prayer partners/warriors, recreation night, provide a meal, shared meal & fellowship, transportation team, tutor, work project volunteers.
  - **Contact:** Josie Levine, (812)332-2452 ext. 620, JosieLevine@wmm.org, WheelerVolunteer.org