

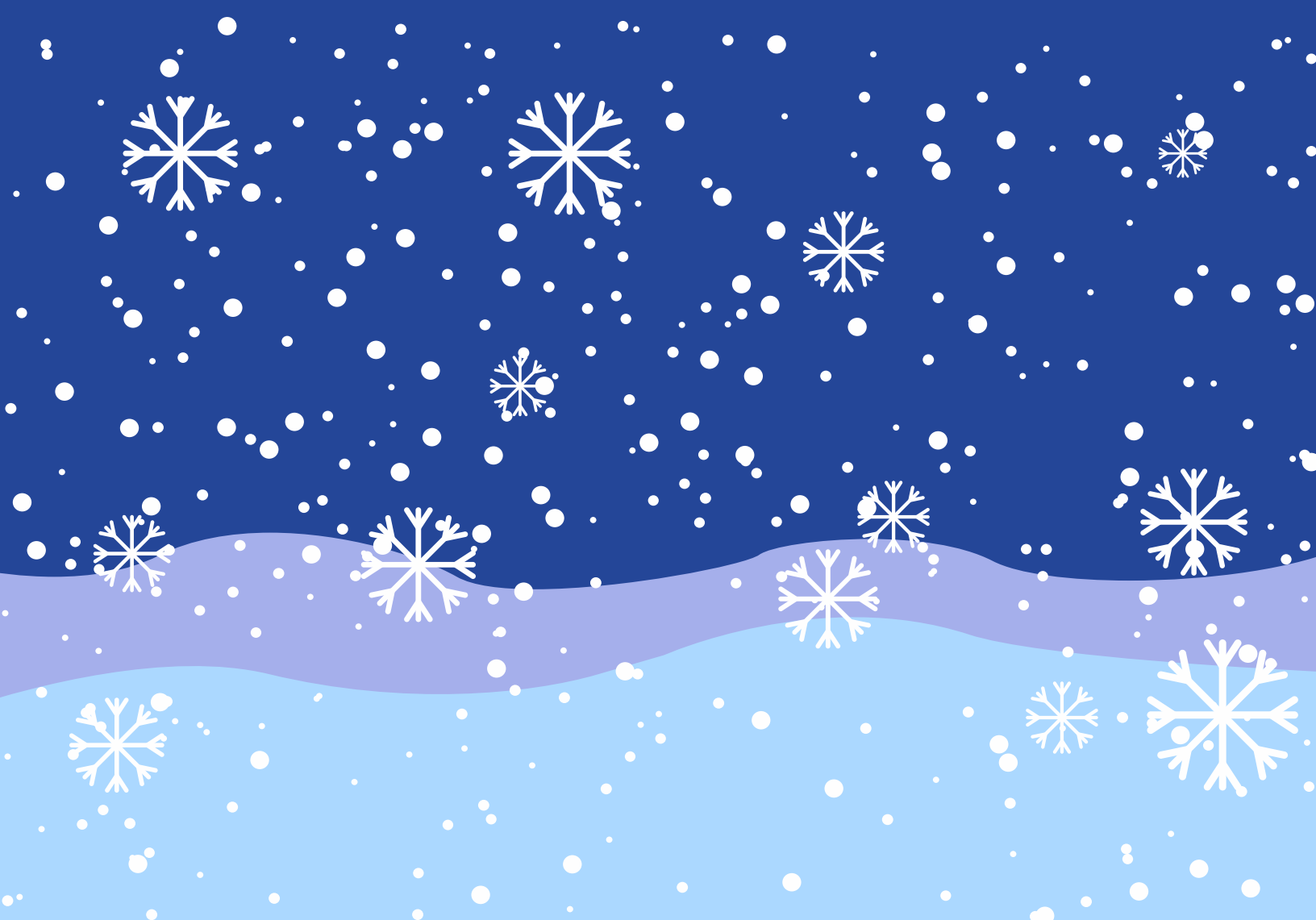
2018

HOLIDAY GUIDE

to giving &
volunteering



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.**



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.

Index of Holiday Programs

Agencies and program details are listed in the directory on the pages that follow

HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Adopt-A-Child & Adopt-A-Family

- Boys and Girls Clubs
- 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:** 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 For Families:** pillows, liquid dish/washer & hand soap, personal care items, paper towels, TP, Kleenex, disinfectant, hand sanitizer, baby wipes/diapers, nonperishable food, mops/brooms, laundry baskets, bus passes
- **Positive Link:** "Gifts of Grace" gift baskets, food, toiletries
- **Shalom Community Center:** winter wear, food items
- **Shop with a Cop:** pair children in need with police officers
- **South Central Community Action Program – Head Start:** children's winter outerwear, toys
- **Stepping Stones:** welcome baskets, teen's winter outerwear, household items, large area rug in a dark color (size either 9'x12' or 11'x14')

COMMUNITY WISHLIST

View and search by Organization, Category, or Cause

www.bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org/CommunityWishList

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERING

Service during the holiday months

November

Thanksgiving Day Meal Service or Delivery

- Cry of the Children Thanksgiving Meal: **Nov. 10**
- Pantry 279 Thanksgiving Boxes Set-up & Distribution: **Nov. 17**
- Area 10 Agency on Aging *Thanksgiving Meal*: **Nov. 22**
- Community Kitchen of Monroe County *Thanksgiving Meal*: **Nov. 22**

Special Events

- Amethyst House *6th Annual Benefit Concert*: **Nov. 9**
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing: **Nov. 10 to Dec. 23**
- Shalom Community Center Winter Break Volunteers: **Nov. 16-25**
- City of Bloomington Volunteer Network *Family Volunteer Day*: **Nov. 17**
- City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Holiday Market: **Nov. 24**

December

Christmas Day Meal Service or Delivery

- Area 10 Agency on Aging Christmas Meal: **Dec. 25**
- Community Kitchen of Monroe County *Christmas Meal*: **Dec. 25**

Special Events

- Salvation Army Bell Ringing: **Nov. 10-Dec. 23**
- Bloomington Transit *Stuff A Bus*: **Dec. 1-16**
- IU Health *Snowflake Festival*: **Dec. 7-8**
- Shalom Community Center Winter Break Volunteers: **Dec. 10-Jan.6**
- Salvation Army Toy Sorting & Distribution: **Dec. 11-19; Dec. 20**
- Girls Incorporated of Monroe County Holiday Hoopla: **Dec. 15**
- Middle Way House *Shop-a-Rama*: **Dec. 21**

January

Special Events

- Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington Winter Break Camp: **Jan. 2-4**

HOLIDAY NEEDS ASSISTANCE

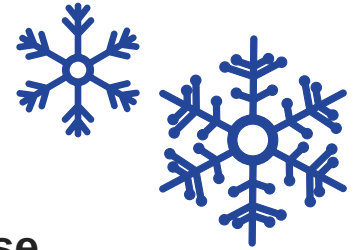
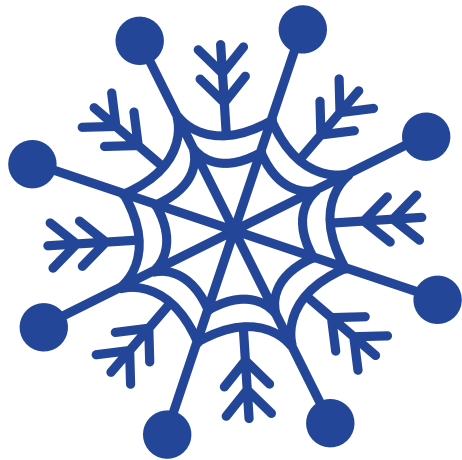
See <http://bit.ly/HolidayNeeds211>

Organization Directory for Holiday Giving and Volunteering

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 am and 12 noon on **Nov. 22** 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 am and 12 noon on **Dec. 25** and deliver the meals to pre-registered senior citizens.
- **Contact:** Na'Kia Jones, (812) 606-6200, njones@area10agency.org (area10agency.org)



Amethyst House

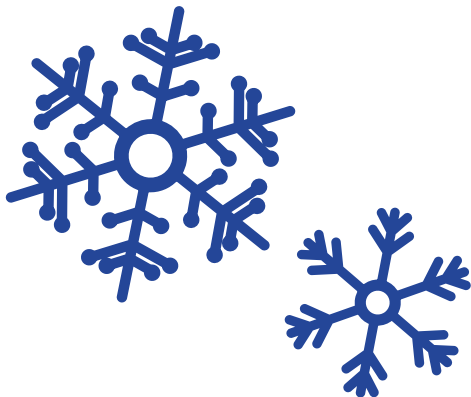
PO Box 11, Bloomington, IN 47402

- **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.
- **November:** Please join Amethyst House for our 6th Annual Benefit Concert on **Friday, November 9, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.** The event will be held at Buskirk-Chumley here in Bloomington, Indiana. Featuring Iris DeMent and Opener Pieta Brown. Tickets on sale at <https://bctboxoffice.org/event/iris-dement-w-special-guest-pieta-brown/>.
- **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 11**; and personal hygiene products, bath towels, blankets, bedding for twin mattresses, or hats / gloves / scarves for our residents, needed by **Dec 11**.
If you'd like to help Amethyst House while shopping: you can choose Amethyst House as your non-profit of choice on AmazonSmile or on the Kroger.com Community Support link. A portion of your purchases will go to support Amethyst House without any further effort or charge to you! Thank you for your support!
- **Contact:** Gina Lovell, (812) 336-3570 ext 203, glovell@amethysthouse.org (amethysthouse.org)

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 **Dec. 1-16** (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 (bloomingtontransit.com)



Boys and Girls Club

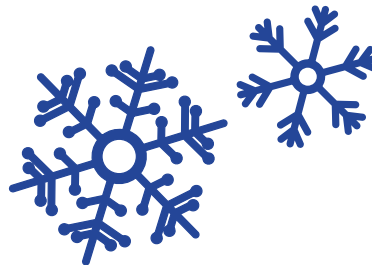
401 N. Morton St. Suite 260 Bloomington, IN 47404

- **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. 2-4;** 8am-12pm and 12-6pm. The 8am-12pm camp is registration and fee-based (\$15 a day) and the 12-6pm camp requires registration but is free to current members.
- **Contact:** Neil Smith (nsmith@bgcbloomington.org) at the Lincoln Street Club; Jeigh Hockersmith (jhockersmith@bgcbloomington.org) OR Lauren Hong (lhong@bgcbloomington.org) at the Crestmont Club (bgcbloomington.org)

City of 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
- **December:** Adopt. Love. Learn. The Bloomington Animal Shelter will run multiple promotions throughout December, including the 12 Strays of Christmas. Check their Facebook page for up to date promotion information:
www.facebook.com/COBAnimal4Shelter
- **Contact:** Jenny Gibson, (812) 349-3872, gibsonj@bloomington.in.gov (bloomington.in.gov/animalshelter)



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. 24** at Showers Plaza, 401 N. Morton St. We're looking for volunteer elves to help with scheduling carriage rides, chestnut roasting, assisting St. Nick, and helping collect participant surveys. 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 (bloomington.in.gov/parks)

City of Bloomington Latino Programs and Outreach

401 N. Morton St. Suite 260 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. (bloomington.in.gov/latino)



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. 17** 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 and 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. (bloomingtonvolunteernetwork.org)



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 & December:** Thanksgiving Day (**Nov. 22**) and Christmas Day (**Dec. 25**) Meals. Volunteers will assist with the traditional meal served on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Shifts are 2 hours long between 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. 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 holidays. Donations of turkeys, hams, green beans, corn, sweet potatoes, 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 (www.monroecommunitykitchen.com)

Cry of the Children, Inc.

111 S. Rogers St., Bloomington, IN 47404

- **Thanksgiving Meal:** 12th Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner on November 10th. Volunteers needed at 11 a.m. to prep meal and activities at the Salvation Army. Serving from 12-2 p.m.
- **Contact:** Mrs. Dellsie Boddie, (812) 361-4059, cryofthechildren@gmail.com. (cryofthechildren.org)

Girls Inc. of Monroe County

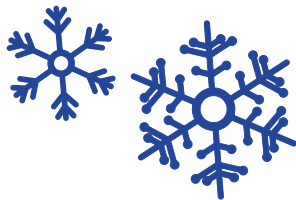
1108 W. 8th Street Bloomington, IN 47404

- **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. 15** 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, (812) 336-7313 OR Kim Cox, kcox@monroe.girls-inc.org, (812) 336-7313 (girlsinc-monroe.org)

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.
- **Donations:** 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



IU Health Children's Therapy

3380 S. Walnut St. Bloomington, Indiana 47401

- **Mission:** Pediatric therapy provided through family-centered services to children ages birth through age 21 years.
- **November & December (Nov 27-Dec. 8):** The Children's Therapy Center's Snowflake Festival needs some more happy elves to assist with throwing their fun holiday bash! Event set up, gift wrapping and cookie bakers are wanted. If interested, please sign up at the following links:
- **Event Setup & Support** (shifts available for **12/7-12/8**):
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4BABA72CA5F58-snowflake6>
- **Gift Wrapping** (shifts available for **11/27-12/5**):
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4BABA72CA5F58-snowflake7>
- **Contact:** Audra Miller, amiller11@iuhealth.org, (812) 353-3400

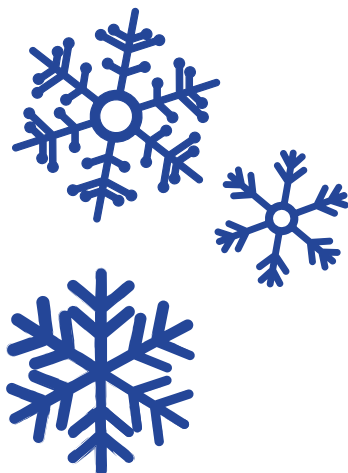
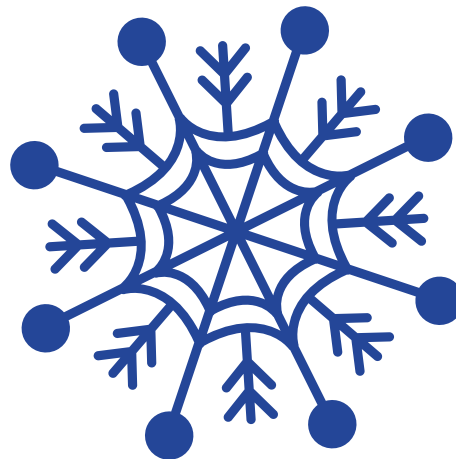
LIFE Designs, Inc.

200 E. Winslow Dr. Bloomington, IN 47401

- **Mission:** LIFE Designs partners with people of all ages and abilities to lead meaningful and active lives.
- **December:** LIFE Designs provides support to 42 people who do not have family or friends to spend the holiday with. LIFE Designs 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 LIFE Designs 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)

Middle Way House

- **Mission:** 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:** Liz Franklin, (812) 333-7404, franklinliz08@gmail.com OR Monte Simonton, (812) 337-4510, msimonto@hotmail.com (www.middlewayhouse.org)



Monroe County United Ministries

827 W. 14th Court Bloomington, IN 47404

- **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**.
- **Holiday Food Baskets:** Donations most welcome, with guidelines at <http://www.mcum.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/2016-Food-Basket.pdf>. Needed by **Dec. 8**.
- **Contact:** Katie Broadfoot, (812) 339-3429 ext. 14, kbroadfoot@mcum.org (www.mcum.org)

New Hope For Families

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

- **Mission:** New Hope for Families helps families impacted by homelessness gain and maintain stable housing and provides accredited, early childhood development programming aimed at breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty.
- **December:** Holidays provide a great opportunity to reach out to families in crisis and help create a transition to a brighter future. There are several ways you can help!
- **Adopt A Family:** Interested individuals may want to provide a holiday meal for a family. Businesses, clubs or church groups may wish to provide for several families in one of New Hope's residential homes. Because cooking space is limited and there are multiple families living in each communal area, providing a cooked turkey or ham and 'all the fixin's' is a great way to spread holiday goodwill to families and children in crisis. Individuals, families or groups interested in helping a family in crisis through the holidays are encouraged to to Adopt a Family at Christmas and create a real sense of joy this holiday season through gift giving. Please contact the New Hope office to make arrangements for any of these options and ask for Lexi: 812-334-9840 or volunteering@newhope4families.org
- **Collection Drive:** If your group, club or church would like to hold a collection drive of personal care items, household items, cleaning supplies, or baby care items, New Hope will provide posters to advertise your drive or event. Some of the most useful items needed by families who have lost everything are listed below. Gift cards are always welcome and are used for food, bedding, diapers and baby formula, household supplies, bus passes or other necessities for families that come through New Hope's doors during the holiday season. See wish list online.
- **Volunteer Questions or Wish List Questions?** Contact Lexi Zych: volunteering@nhfsinc.org.
- **Want to learn more about New Hope, schedule a tour, or a speaking engagement? Contact:** Sherrie Shuler, Development Director. Phone: (812) 334-9840 ext. 105 or sherrie@nhfsinc.org.

Positive Link

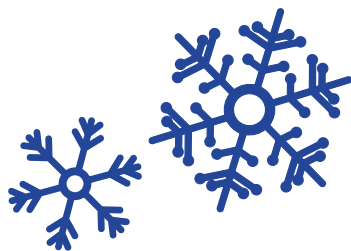
333 East Miller Drive, Indiana University Health, Bloomington, IN 47401

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



Salvation Army

- **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. 15- Dec. 24** 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 or call 812-336-4310 ext 102.
- **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. 10-19**. Day and evening shifts are available and scheduling is very flexible. Items will be distributed to the families on **Dec. 19**. The Stuff-A-Bus will be at The Salvation Army on **Dec. 10** 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 Monica Clemons at (812) 336-4310 ext 100 (www.bloomingtonsa.org)



Shalom

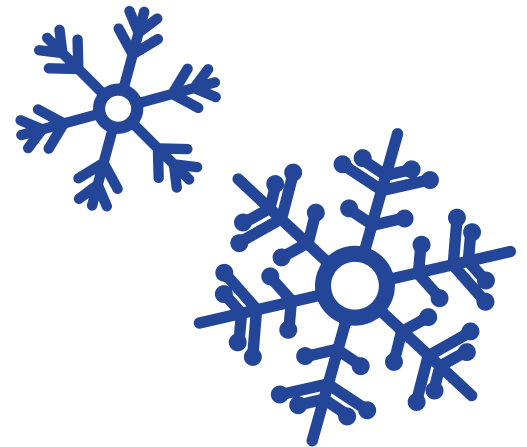
620 S. Walnut Street, Bloomington 47401

- **Mission:** A safe daytime shelter and resource center for people experiencing homelessness and poverty.
- **November:** Volunteers needed during holiday break, Nov. 16-25.
- **December:** Volunteers needed between Dec. 10-Jan. 6, 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/conditioner/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.
- **Contact:** Sue Murphy, (812) 334-5734, volunteer@shalomcommunitycenter.org (shalomcommunitycenter.org)

Shop with a Cop

FOP 88, PO Box 1561, Bloomington, IN 47402

- **Mission:** Our mission is to provide a joyful holiday for underprivileged children in the Monroe County area who, without this program, may not experience one. Shop with a Cop also provides a positive setting for children to interact with law enforcement officers.
- **November/December:** "Shop with a Cop" is designed to pair less fortunate children with local law enforcement officers in a positive shopping experience to provide clothing necessities these children so desperately need. This not only provides the child with the much needed items, but also helps build a trusting relationship between the police officers, the child, and the child's family. "Shop with a Cop" is fully funded by community donations and takes place at the Bloomington Wal-Mart Supercenter. Monetary donations are encouraged and needed prior to **December 2, 2018**. Donations with cash or by check (to "FOP 88") can be dropped off at the Bloomington Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, or sent to the following address: "Shop with a Cop", Don Owens Memorial Lodge 88, Fraternal Order of Police, Inc., PO Box 1561, Bloomington, IN 47402
- **Contact:** Paul Post, FOP 88 Secretary, (812) 287-2016, postp@bloomington.in.gov (www.fop88.org/shopwithacop)



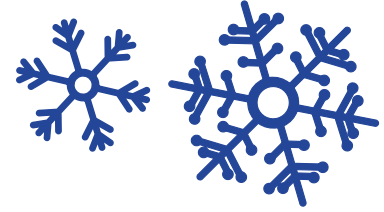
South Central Community Action Program – Head Start

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, annad@insccap.org, (812) 334-8350 ext. 330 (www.insccap.org)

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. We are also in need of a large area rug in a dark color, the size either 9'x12' or 11'x14'.
- **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 (centerstone.org)



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

Center for Men at 215 S. Westplex Ave. Bloomington, IN 47404; Center for Women & Children at 400 Opportunity Lane, Bloomington, IN 47404; Hunt Training Center 7790 N. Fish Road Bloomington, IN 47408

- **Mission:** To provide Christ-centered programs and services for those who are homeless and those in need.
- **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.
- **Filling the Table:** Many of the best holiday memories are built around the table, both at Thanksgiving & Christmas! Start a tradition of providing a meal for those in need during the holidays at any of our three locations.
Filling the Tree: Help as we endeavor to meet the most basic needs of the disadvantaged and homeless men, women, and children in Bloomington. Fill up the Christmas tree by providing gifts and essentials for Christmas morning for the guests of Wheeler Mission.
- **Find Other Opportunities:** Recreation night (holiday crafting, gift wrapping, game night, etc.), need drives (coats, hats, socks, etc.), transportation (donation pick up, guest help, etc.), housekeeping (laundry assistance, cleaning, etc.)
- **Contact:** Josie Levine, (317) 752-3824, JosieLevine@wheelermission.org, (WheelerVolunteer.org)