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## Programs At The Monroe County Public Library

**I** first experienced Musical Memories a year or so ago accompanying my husband as Kevin MacDowell gave us an oral history while singing the songs of Hoagy Carmichael and playing them on the piano. He, and later his wife, opened my heart to the music of Hoagy Carmichael and Cole Porter as well as others. For me, it was an awakening rather than a memory.

—Joan White

### Special Audiences Strategist at the Monroe County Public Library

Monroe County Public Library has partnered with I.U. Health Alzheimer's Resource Services for several years, presenting a variety of programs on how to effectively support individuals living with dementia, and becoming certified as a Dementia Friendly public space. But in addition to providing better support, we also want to provide direct engagement opportunities. All too often, an Alzheimer's diagnosis can lead to a decrease in social interaction, which is exactly the opposite of what we want in terms of maintaining a high quality of life. We thus want the Library to be a place that's

understanding and supportive, but also a destination for fun events, including live concert performances.

Music is such a powerful, visceral medium. Even as Alzheimer's brings about changes in cognitive function, the emotional impact of musical experiences can remain robust, sometimes kindling memories that have been shrouded for years. When the music is presented live and is performed in an intimate setting, the effect is even more vibrant, since neither the musicians or audience know exactly what is coming next, and both are responding to each other.

Lara and Kevin have been phenomenal in their live shows. Their songs are familiar to most everyone over the age of 50, but they present them with wit and flair, plus the intimacy that comes with love songs performed by a married couple. They are also consummate musicians, able to improvise at will, and take risks that heighten the experience.

We plan to have them back for a couple of concerts in 2020. And in a related program, we will be screening

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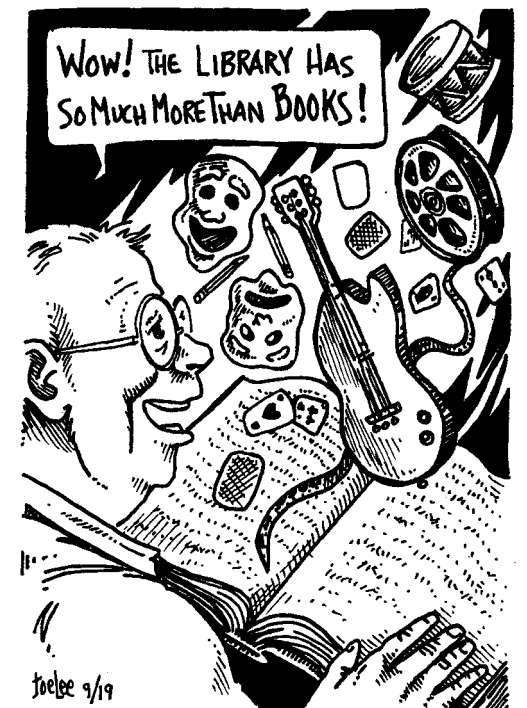
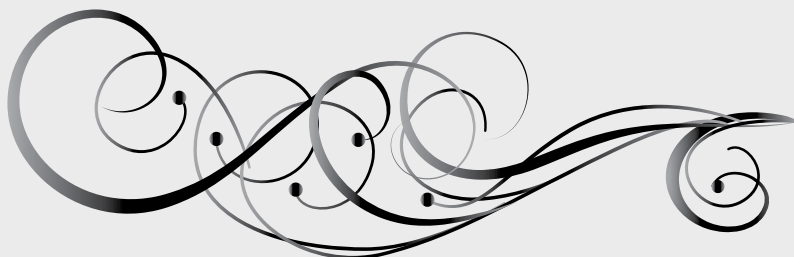


Kevin MacDowell and Lara Weaver.  
Courtesy photo.

## OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLE

*Editorial Comment*

**O**ur Guiding Principle is to reach out to others who are coping with practical and emotional crises, and to say, we are here as one community, interconnected with each other in a positive way. This means, among other things, providing shelter, food, medical care, opportunities to step out of poverty, peace, and mutual respect. This whole world would be a much better place for all people if everyone felt this way about our brothers and sisters. As individuals, we cannot change the world. However, we can all come together and help others in our own community. Let us show others, what we can do right here in Bloomington by reaching out to each other, and climbing that mountain together. To paraphrase Pete Seeger, We WILL Overcome.



Editorial Cartoon by Joe Lee

# NAMI the National Alliance on Mental Illness

Contact: Juliette Kniola, NAMI Greater Bloomington Area, P.O./ Box 7794, Bloomington, In 47407 • 812-701-5750

**N**AMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI Greater Bloomington Area is an affiliate of NAMI Indiana. NAMI Greater Bloomington Area and dedicated

volunteer members and leaders work tirelessly to raise awareness and provide essential education, advocacy and support group programs for people in our community living with mental illness such as Major Depression, Bipolar Disorder, Schizophrenia, Panic Disorder, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorder.

**NAMI Family Support Group**  
First and third Mondays,  
5:45 pm – 7:00 pm at 645  
S. Rogers St. (Centerstone,  
Bloomington). 812-369-3119/  
namigreaterbloomingtonarea@gmail.  
com.



## PROGRAMS

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our first Dementia Friendly Film this October; *Funny Face*, starring Audrey Hepburn and Fred Astaire, and featuring the music of George and Ira Gershwin. It will be shown on October 20th from 2-4 pm in the Main Library Auditorium.

— Chris Jackson

**Gender Pronouns: He/Him/His Teen  
and Digital Creativity Strategist at  
Monroe County**

## Public Library

Kevin MacDowell and Lara Weaver have been teaming up musically for two decades in Bloomington. Whether it's klezmer, polka, pirate music, or original music for families with kids (Kid Kazooey and the BallRoom Roustabouts), this husband and wife team have embraced an eclectic approach to music. Originally driven by a deep love of Hoagy Carmichael's songs, the two have been more recently assisting the Monroe County Public Library's Musical Memories program, performing also the songs of Cole

Porter, Harold Arlen, and other great American songwriters with contributions to the Great American Songbook, or familiar standards from the 1920's through the 50's. As the Library's Musical Memories program is designed to use music to help patrons living with memory loss, it has more recently been remarked that music from the 20's-40's is now too old for most of the audience members to connect with, so Lara Lynn and the Kid are digging into their repertoire for songs of the 50's through the 70's for their next Musical Memories!

## About *Safety~Net*

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## AGENCY REPORTS

Each issue of *Safety~Net* has articles contributed from the many non-profit/ social service agencies in the Bloomington area about programs and services that they provide, as well as volunteer opportunities.

## AGENCY GUIDE

There is an extensive Agency Guide pointing out where specific services/programs are available and how to access them.

## WE WELCOME COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

Please send these to the editor at [white@indiana.edu](mailto:white@indiana.edu). Sign your name, and indicate whether you would like for your comments to be published.

## Special Section: South Central Community Action (SCAAP) Programs

### Energy Assistance Applications Now Available



**S**CCAP's Energy Assistance Program is starting up the 2019-2020 program year. EAP is a program that provides a one-time benefit to families and individuals to help pay their winter heating bills. Applications are now available on the SCCAP website ([www.inseccap.org](http://www.inseccap.org)) or by visiting your local SCCAP office to pick up. Applications are being accepted now, with benefits starting on November 1st, and the application period closing on May 15th 2020. The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) is set to help even more people than ever before with increased income guidelines which can be found below:

1 Person.....	\$24,835
2 Persons .....	\$32,476
3 Persons .....	\$40,118
4 Persons .....	\$47,759
5 Persons .....	\$55,400
6 Persons .....	\$63,042
7 Persons .....	\$64,474
8 Persons .....	\$65,907

We have been visiting each county we serve to try to reach out to different clients and make it easier for them to get their applications turned in and all their questions answered. We held events at the Owen County library, Willow Manor Senior Apartments in Brown County, Morgan County Administration Building, and the City of Bloomington Utilities Building. The events are held every year, so be sure to look forward to stopping by your county's event next fall. If you were not able to attend an event this year don't worry, there is still plenty of time to fill out and submit your Energy Assistance application in order to get help with winter fuel bills this year. If it's possible though, we suggest you get your application in as early as you can so we have more time to process it and get it entered in to our system. Speaking of processing your applications, we have an excellent new group of seasonal EAP employees that have been hired to help tackle the large amount of application we get. We'd like to welcome Melissa, Michael, and Michelle, who we like to call the Three Musketeers. They are new to SCCAP, but they are so excited to work hard and ensure that applications are quickly and correctly processed so benefits can go out as soon as possible. If you would like any more information on the Energy Assistance Program please call us at (812) 339-3447 or visit [www.inseccap.org](http://www.inseccap.org)



### SAFETY NET Head Start ANNOUNCEMENT Back to School with Head Start!

**S**CCAP's Head Start classrooms have started up a new school year, with sites all across Monroe County. We're excited to announce that there are still a few openings in some of our classrooms if you or anyone you know has a little one between the ages of 3 and 5 that would be interested in learning, growing, and playing with our wonderful teachers. Currently we have classroom openings at Highland Park, First United, EECC, St. Paul, and Templeton. If one of these is not your desired site, please contact us anyways to fill out an application. We can put you on a wait list, so that when a spot becomes available, you will be called! To apply for a classroom spot you will need to provide a birth certificate, foster care letter(if applicable) and income documentation. If you're interested in applying please call (812) 334-8350.

## Thriving Connections

**T**hriving Connections is still looking for more captains to join the Thriving Connections community! Thriving Connections is a community-building group that seeks to foster intentional friendships across class and race lines by matching people living without enough resources, called Captains, with volunteers from the community who are more financially stable, called Allies. Captains attend a 22-week training workshop that helps them learn about goal setting, taking a personal inventory, and the focus areas of sustainable employment, education, and personal growth. Captains receive a gift card stipend for each week that they attend.

This training workshop takes place on Thursday nights at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, and dinner and childcare is provided. Once Captains have completed the training, they will interview and select 2-3 Allies, and then be matched for 18 months in a small group called a ship. Ships meet once a month to focus on the Captain's goals, and the Allies are there to provide emotional support and brainstorming for the Captain not only during the meeting but throughout the rest of the month as well.

If you are interested in learning more or becoming a Captain, please contact Linda Patton at 812-339-3447 ext. 520 or at [lindap@insccap.org](mailto:lindap@insccap.org).

## SAFETY NET Morgan County Office ANNOUNCEMENT



**T**he SCCAP Morgan County office will be reopening on September 3rd after being temporarily closed for the past few months. We appreciate the patience our Morgan County community has given us while we worked to find, hire, and train two new amazing staff members to run this office. The office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm.



*Allies and leaders who were matched through the Circles Initiative stand together to be applauded.*

# The Impact You Make Through Shalom

By Rev. Forrest Gilmore the Executive Director of Shalom Community Center.  
To learn more about Shalom, volunteer, or donate, please visit [shalomcommunitycenter.org](http://shalomcommunitycenter.org).

**W**hen it comes down to it, you want to make a difference.

You want to look at your life and feel in some way that what you've done is important, that you've given more than you've taken.

So when you invest in an organization as a supporter, it's important to know that that organization has an impact through you... that your time, energy, talent, and money all make the world a bit better.

In that spirit, here are three ways that the Shalom Center makes a difference because of you.

## Through the Center:

The core of Shalom is our day center, offering life essentials to thousands of people in need every year.

In 2016, Shalom provided 74,604 meals, 9,106 casework counseling sessions, 2,808 loads of laundry, 5,055 showers, 247 IDs, 192 prescriptions, and 187 annual insurance payments.

## Through Housing:

Shalom has two essential housing programs – rapid re-housing and Crawford Homes.

Rapid re-housing primarily helps homeless families move quickly out of shelters and into homes. In 2016, Shalom rapidly re-housed 221 people, including 82 children.

Crawford Homes provides housing with supports for the most vulnerable people on the streets – people experiencing long-term homelessness due to disability.

In 2016, Crawford helped 62 formerly chronically homeless people, including 12 children. When the program first opened, Crawford ended a collective 300 years of homelessness and our residents saw a 65% drop in emergency room use and an 88% drop in incarcerations in that first year.

## Through Friend's Place:

In 2016, Shalom took on the management of the overnight shelter once known as Martha's House and now called

Friend's Place, preserving the only year-round, nonreligious, emergency shelter in seven counties. Friend's Place sheltered 211 people in our first year. Friend's Place also saw a startling improvement in a key statistic for measuring shelter success – the number of people who move into permanent housing after leaving the shelter. When Shalom first took on the shelter in January, only 15% of the guests moved out into a permanent home. In the last third of 2016, 76% of guests moved into permanent housing with a peak of 84% in September. Keep in mind that the state average is 33%.

## Grant Totals:


Through all of Shalom's programs in 2016, you made it possible for Shalom to help 728 people move out of homelessness or maintain their homes.

That's impact! And it all becomes possible because you decided to make a difference through Shalom.

On behalf of all of those in desperate need who benefitted from your support, I offer you a profound thank you!

## THE SEEDS WE HAVE PLANTED

By David White,  
Editor-In-Chief, Safety-Net



**T**he seeds we have planted during our lives have several results. The results have to do with how we have influenced others. When we influence our children, or others that we know, we are sowing seeds, hopefully beneficial ones. I think often of the seeds that I have sown that grew up to be my children, and their children. And I hope that this has been as positive as the influence my parents had on me, and how I turned out. In addition, I dwell upon my interactions with other people in my community, especially the homeless and the poor, and I hope that those seeds will result in good fruit. We must all remember, that throughout our lives, we are planting seeds.

# Special Section: VOICES SELDOM HEARD

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## **All Destinations**

- A song by Billy Young

Lonely Roads, lonely places, lonely hearts, upon the faces  
Lonely rooms in lost elations  
Meet you beyond all destinations

Yearning hearts in scattered parts, tainted love in shattered art  
Flying dreams to isolation  
Meet you beyond all destinations

Borrowed joys, raging fear, and I watched their bondage rain in tears  
Now I want one thing in consolation  
Meet you beyond all destinations

After love only comes more love. In her release, of sweet peace  
Just one choice in adoration  
Meet you in our destinations.

Packed my bag. Paid my fare. Felt a love's undying care  
Heard the voice of one fine day  
Turned to you to make my way.

## **Precious Things**

- a song by Billy Young

*Dedicated to Yank Yachell and Louis Jordan*

When all your trials fade away  
And your fires void their burn  
In the rendered no concern  
To a song your soul will yearn  
And you will return – to those precious things.

Beyond all worries, truth, or lies,  
And the sunrise in their eyes  
Past hellos and brave goodbyes  
And the bridges made to burn  
Then you'll know sweet return – to those precious things.

[Bridge]

You won't have to turn around  
To a world of burning ground  
You will find your way  
No matter what they say  
And on a starlit summer's day  
You'll find those precious things.

You won't need to understand  
You'll hold your loved ones in your hands  
Won't be no heartbreaks nor demands  
And in your soul, your love won't yearn  
And all roads will return you to those precious things.  
Yes, and all roads will return you to those precious things



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## The Cost of Free

- Kay Bull

Hey hey hey there ladies and gents  
I got something to say  
A few brief comments.  
Just a little thing between you and me  
I'm talkin' bout the expensive cost of free.  
Kroger plus cards, toys in your cereal,  
Factory rebates, all kinds of material  
You can get  
If you kill yourself with the right cigarette.  
Get two for one!  
Now give me a break  
I got ten countable fingers for God's say  
Get off that crap you bunch of liars  
And take this offer before it expires.  
You won't have to turn around  
To a world of burning ground  
You will find your way  
No matter what they say  
And on a starlit summer's day  
You'll find those precious things.  
You won't need to understand  
You'll hold your loved ones in your hands  
Won't be no heartbreaks nor demands  
And in your soul, your love won't yearn  
And all roads will return you to those precious things.  
Yes, and all roads will return you to those precious things

## Parting Winds

- Billy Young

I went to feel the parting winds,  
To stir up memories once again  
A tree in sway  
As if to say  
It's all a song,  
Whispering to birds unheard, to sing along.

I felt the blindness of a fool  
The drawing down of a whirlpool  
A daunting  
haunting came  
pulling me away  
To my old ghost, my homeless ghost, of yesterday.

*Refrain:* A wish to see you  
is all I'll ever need  
A wish to be near you  
Is my silent plea

But as all winds, you're only meant to blow away  
Leaving the trees, in autumn leaves, in silent sway

Then I went down to parting streams  
To lay and sway inside a dream  
Something to stay  
As if to say  
This all belongs  
A love to bring, a dove that sings, sings along

Your streams were flowing toward the wind  
I felt their departure once again  
But I'm just a bird  
To sing  
With broken wings  
Through passing trees' autumn leaves, just memories.

*Refrain:* A wish to see you  
Is always my silent plea  
A wish to be near you  
Is all I'll ever be.

But as the winds, you're only meant to fly  
Leaving the trees in mystery, as you pass by.  
A wisdom learned:  
your winds were never  
meant to stay,  
But even so, I loved them anyway.

# Directory of agencies and services

This directory outlines several agencies and services available to residents of Monroe County. Additionally, many listings provide contact information for prospective volunteers. For more extensive articles about many of these agencies and services, see earlier issues of Safety-Net at <http://safety-net-newspaper.com/>. Several of the agencies and services described provide multiple forms of aid. Unless otherwise noted all services and agencies are located in Bloomington.

## Addiction Counseling

### Amethyst House

**Address:** 645 N. Walnut St.

**Phone:** (812) 336-3570

**Web:** [www.amethysthouse.org](http://www.amethysthouse.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Gina Lovell ([812]336-3570 x10; [amethyst@bloomington.in.us](mailto:amethyst@bloomington.in.us))

**About:** Provides structured living environments, treatment, and recovery services for individuals with addictions. Amethyst House operates three transitional living facilities: (1) a men's 1/2 way house, (2) a women's 1/2 way house that serves women and their dependent children up to 6 years old, and (3) a men's 3/4 way house. Amethyst house also operates an outpatient treatment facility in Bloomington as well as Evansville.

### Centerstone of Indiana, Inc.

**Address:** 645 S. Rogers St.

**Phone:** (812) 339-1691

**About:** Provides services for people with behavioral and mental health challenges, such as depression, stress, panic disorders, alcohol and chemical dependencies, phobias, child behavioral disorders, grief and loss, marital and family problems, and severe and persistent emotional disorders. Services provided include psychiatry, 24-hour emergency services, and vocational and residential services. Centerstone hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Appointments must be made for services in the evening and weekend.

### Alcoholics Anonymous

**Address:** Hours and locations vary.

**Phone:** (812) 334-8191

**Web:** [www.alcoholics-anonymous.org](http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org)

**About:** Provides support for those wanting to stop alcohol consumption.

## Adult Education

### MCCSC Adult Education

**Address:** Broadview Learning Center, 705 W. Coolidge Drive

**Phone:** (812) 330-7731

**Web:** [www.adult.mccsc.edu](http://www.adult.mccsc.edu)

**Volunteer Contact:** Melanie Hunter (330-7731 x 52137; [mhunter@mccsc.edu](mailto:mhunter@mccsc.edu))

**About:** The Monroe County Community School Corporation's Adult Education program at Broadview Learning Center offers free, individualized instruction and guidance to teen and adult learners. We offer support for successful preparation for the High School Equivalency and other work placement tests as well as Adult Basic Education. Are you looking to improve your basic job and literacy skills or learn new ones, we can help. English as a Second Language course and supportive tutoring for students to create better opportunities of themselves and their families. Call 812-330-7731 to register for orientation and also visit our website [www.mccsc.edu/adulted](http://www.mccsc.edu/adulted). Located on Coolidge between Rogers and Rockport Road, on the #2 South Bloomington Transit Route.

## AIDS/HIV Services

### Bloomington Hospital Positive Link

**Address:** 333 E. Miller Dr.

**Phone:** (812) 353-9150

**Web:** [www.bloomingtonhospital.org](http://www.bloomingtonhospital.org)

**About:** HIV testing and extensive care coordination for those living with HIV/AIDS. Serve as a community resource regarding HIV/AIDS education and awareness. Also offer Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and Syphilis testing.

## Clothing, furniture, housewares

### Monroe County United Ministries

**Address:** 827 W. 14 Ct.

**Phone:** (812) 339-3429

**Volunteer Contact:** Rebecca Gordan ([812] 353-9150; [mcumhelp@bloomington.in.us](mailto:mcumhelp@bloomington.in.us))

**About:** Provides a subsidized Child-Care Program for low-income families in Monroe County, which includes a year-round program for children two to six years old, and a summer camp subsidized child-care for children ages six to ten, when school is out of session. All care-givers in the families either work full time or attend school part-time and work part-time. There is also an Emergency Services Program that assists families who are experiencing a short-term crisis. The Emergency Services

Program includes a food pantry, a clothing program, and financial assistance for rent or utility payments.

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

*See Employment resources and job counseling.*

### Salvation Army

**Address:** 111 N. Rogers St.

**Phone:** (812) 336-4310

**Volunteer Contact:** Monica Clemons ([812] 336-4310 x100; [monica\\_clemons@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:monica_clemons@usc.salvationarmy.org))

**About:** Provides a variety of services, including: food pantry, food vouchers, seasonal assistance, clothing and clothing vouchers, appliances, household items, hygiene items, rent/mortgage assistance, utility assistance, medical assistance, disaster relief, after school programs, summer residential camps, adult programs, nursing home visitation, bus tickets, a place of worship, and a thrift store.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

**Address:** 4607 West State Road 46

**Phone:** (812) 961-1510

**Web:** [www.bloomingtonsvdp.org](http://www.bloomingtonsvdp.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Scott Alber, ([812]335-1280 [volunteer@bloomingtonsvdp.org](mailto:volunteer@bloomingtonsvdp.org))

**About:** A Catholic led ecumenical society of volunteers dedicated to helping those in need. Assistance is offered in the form of community resource information, vouchers for furniture, and in some cases limited financial help with a utility bill, rent, rent deposit or other essential need. Almost all funding comes through donations and assistance is given without regard to religion, race or creed. Volunteer opportunities abound.

## Disabilities assistance programs

### LifeDesigns, Inc.

**Address:** 200 East Winslow Rd.

**Phone:** (812) 332-9615

**Web:** [www.lifedesignsinc.org](http://www.lifedesignsinc.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Cindy Fleetwood

**About:** LifeDesigns, Inc. offers comprehensive services for people with disabilities in south central Indiana including education, housing and employment assistance. We offer services

for every stage of life from childhood through adulthood. Our mission to partner with people with disabilities and the community to bring about self-directed and enriched lives through education, information and support. LifeDesigns is a grassroots organization formed by the merger of two well-known agencies, Christole and Options, who have provided leading-edge programs for over three decades.

### People & Animal Learning Services (PALS)

**Facility Address:** 7644 W Elwren Rd, Bloomington,

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 1033, Bloomington, IN 47402

**Phone:** 812-336-2798

**Web:** [www.palstherapy.org](http://www.palstherapy.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Jennylynn Vidas, (812-336-2798 ext. 15, [jennylynn@palstherapy.org](mailto:jennylynn@palstherapy.org))

**About:** PALS provides therapeutic Equine Assisted Activities (EAA) to individuals with disabilities, veterans and at-risk youth in South Central Indiana. PALS programs are designed by professionals and aim to develop and restore functional skills, enhance well-being and improve quality of life. Services are available to individuals ages three and up. PALS is a Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl) Premier-Accredited Center and United Way of Monroe County Member Agency.

### Stone Belt

**Address:** 2815 E. 10 St.

**Phone:** (812) 332-2168

**Web:** [www.stonebelt.org](http://www.stonebelt.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Amy Jackson (332-2168 x314; [ajackson@stonebelt.org](mailto:ajackson@stonebelt.org))

**About:** A community-based organization with over 48 years of experience in serving persons with developmental disabilities. Supports include residential, employment, life skills training and psychological services. With locations in Monroe, Lawrence, Owen, Bartholomew and surrounding counties, Stone Belt's mission is to prepare, empower, and support persons with developmental disabilities

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and their families to participate fully in the life of the community.

### Employment resources and job counseling

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

**Address:** 414 S. College Ave.

**Web:** [www.SistersCloset.org](http://www.SistersCloset.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Julie Tobin, (812) 333-7710; [Info@SistersCloset.org](mailto:Info@SistersCloset.org)

**About:** Provides women facing issues of poverty, homelessness and domestic violence—who are looking for employment, with free interview and/or workforce attire, interview skills training & coaching through job mentors, image consulting, and life skills training through workshops with the Success Institute. All services assist women to overcome the hurdles they face on the road to independence & family self-sufficiency. All new and gently-used Clothing & Accessories, Undergarments, New Make-up, and Personal Hygiene items are provided free to those with vouchers from referral agencies, and for sale to the general public.

#### WorkOne

**Address:** 450 Landmark Ave.

**Phone:** (812) 331-6000

**About:** Assists individuals and businesses in meeting their employment and training needs. WorkOne provides employment services, job counseling and assessment services, training services through WIA, older worker services through Experience Works, vocational rehabilitation services through Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation, veteran services and unemployment insurance benefits.

#### Stone Belt

*See disabilities assistance programs.*

### Family Services

#### El Centro Comunal Latino

**Address:** 303 E Kirkwood Avenue, Room 11

**Phone:** (812) 355-7513

**Web:** [www.elcentrocomunal.org](http://www.elcentrocomunal.org)

**About:** CCL is a grassroots, community-based organization that seeks to provide an accessible and safe space for all Latinos, with a focus on Spanish-speaking people, to find information, access to resources and a place to hold community events. CCL's work includes tutoring services for all ages, the medical interpretation network, direct service, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, the Legal Advice Project, Informate—series of educational presentations,

health programming, and the Bienvenidos program; a support group that helps immigrants acculturate to life in the United States.

#### Head Start Program

**Address:** 1520 W. 15th St.

**Phone:** (812) 334-8350

**Web:** [www.headstart.bloomington.in.us/](http://www.headstart.bloomington.in.us/)

**About:** Guides children aged 3 to kindergarten towards gaining cognitive skills, patience, sharing, problem solving, hygiene, safety, and practice in good decision making. Free to income eligible.

#### IN Dept. of Child Services

**Address:** 1717 W. 3rd St.

**Phone:** (812) 336-6351

**About:** Services are designed to protect children from abuse and neglect by partnering with families and communities to provide safe, nurturing, and stable homes. To make a report of child abuse or neglect the public can call 1-800-800-5556.

#### Division of Family Resources

**Address:** 1711 N. College Ave.

**Phone:** 1-(800)-403-0864

**About:** Provides aid to families with dependent children (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, TANF), food stamps, Medicaid.

#### Programas de Alcance a Latinos

##### Latino Programs and Outreach Division

**Address:** 401 N. Morton St. Suite 260,

Bloomington, IN 47402

**Phone:** (812) 349-3430

**Web:** <https://bloomington.in.gov/>

**Contact:** Araceli Gómez-Aldana, [latinoprograms@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:latinoprograms@bloomington.in.gov)

**Acerca:** El Departamento de Recursos Comunitarios y Familiares de la Ciudad de Bloomington ha enfocado sus esfuerzos para alcanzar a la comunidad Hispana ofreciendo una gran variedad de programas. Eventos culturales, educación cívica, servicios directos y traducciones, El programa de radio Hola Bloomington en WFHB y la publicación Del Boletín Comunitario.

**About:** The City of Bloomington's Community and Family Resources Department has focused its outreach efforts on the Hispanic and Latino community by offering a variety of programs. Cultural events, civic education, direct service and translations, The Hola Bloomington Radio Show on WFHB and The Boletín Comunitario.

#### Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM)

**Address:** 827 W. 14th Court

**Phone:** (812) 339-3429

**Web:** [www.mcum.org](http://www.mcum.org)

**Hours:** 6:30am-5:30pm

**About:** Full-time care for children ages 2-6 on

a sliding fee scale, parents must be employed or attending school, NAEYC-accredited center

#### WIC Program

**Address:** 333 East Miller Drive

**Phone:** (812) 353-3221

**About:** Provides nutritional support for underprivileged mothers, babies and children up to five years of age in Monroe and Greene Counties. Applicants must meet income guidelines, live in Indiana, and have a nutritional need. All services are provided free of charge.

### Food stamps

#### Division of Family Resources

*See family services.*

### Health care

#### Futures Family Health Clinic

**Address:** 119 W. 7th St.

**Phone:** (812) 349-7343

**About:** provides family planning health services for adolescents, men, and women. Services are provided on a sliding fee schedule based on income. Services offered include annual exam and Pap smear, pregnancy testing, STD and HIV testing, birth control counseling, emergency contraception, health education, birth control pills, birth control shots, IUD (intrauterine device), and condoms.

#### Bloomington Hospital Home Health & Hospice

**Address:** 619 W 1st St.

**Phone:** (812) 353-9818

**Web:** [www.bloomingtonhospital.org](http://www.bloomingtonhospital.org)

**Volunteer Contact:** Melanie Miller (812-353-9818; [mmiller@bloomhealth.org](mailto:mmiller@bloomhealth.org))

**About:** Provides care and support for people who are terminally ill and their families. Training classes for new volunteers are offered twice a year.

#### Monroe County Public Health Clinic

**Address:** 333 East Miller Drive

**Phone:** (812) 353-3244

**About:** Services provided include screenings for hypertension, hyperlipidemia, elevated blood sugar, anemia, elevated lead, tuberculosis, head lice and pregnancy; health and wellness assessments; communicable disease education. Call for appointment.

#### Planned Parenthood

**Address:** 421 S. College Ave.

**Phone:** (812) 336-0219

**Web:** [www.ppin.org](http://www.ppin.org)

**About:** Services provided include pelvic exams, breast exams, testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, HIV testing and counseling, pregnancy tests, various types

of birth control, emergency contraception (the "morning after pill"), as well as abortion services.

#### Vistacare Hospice

**Address:** 1801 Liberty Dr., Ste. 103

**Phone:** (812) 330-9640

**Web:** [www.vistacare.com](http://www.vistacare.com)

**Volunteer Contact:** Cathi Counterman ([812] 340-3467; [cathi.counterman@vistacare.com](mailto:cathi.counterman@vistacare.com))

**About:** Provides caregiver relief and companionship for terminally ill patients and bereavement support for family members.

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### Local Health Care Enrollment Assistance

All U.S. residents are required by law to have health insurance. If you are uninsured, there are coverage options that meet your needs and fit your budget:

- Affordable Care Act "Health Insurance Marketplace"
- Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP 2.0)
- Medicaid
- Children's Health Insurance Program (Hoosier Healthwise)

There are several free local resources that can guide you through the process, explain coverage options, answer questions, and help you enroll. Indiana Navigators provide free unbiased assistance and can work with you one-on-one to enroll in health care plans.

#### ASPIN Health Navigators:

Call (877) 313-7215 for Navigator assistance.

#### City of Bloomington:

Call (812) 349-3851 for enrollment assistance. Para Español, (812) 349-3860 o [latinoprograms@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:latinoprograms@bloomington.in.gov)

#### Individual Solutions-IU Health:

Call 1-888-531-3004 to make an appointment to see a certified Navigator, or visit [iuhealth.org/individual-solutions](http://iuhealth.org/individual-solutions)

#### Monroe County Health Department:

Call Scott Stowers at (812) 349-2075 or e-mail [ssowers@co.monroe.in.us](mailto:ssowers@co.monroe.in.us)

#### SCCAP Health Coverage Assistance Program:

Call (812) 339-3447 for Navigator assistance.

Visit [www.in.gov/healthcarereform](http://www.in.gov/healthcarereform) to find a certified Navigator.

Call 211 (available 24/7 free of charge) or visit [www.in211.org/healthcare-project](http://www.in211.org/healthcare-project) to learn how to apply, try a health insurance cost calculator, and get more local information.

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### Volunteers in Medicine Clinic

**Address:** 811 West 2nd Street

**Phone:** (812) 333-4001

**Web:** www.vimmonroecounty.org

**Volunteer Contact:** Shelley Sallee ([812]333-4001 x109; info@vimmonroecounty.org)

**About:** Provides free medical care, including dental care at the offices of participating dentists, for people living in Monroe or Owen County who lack health insurance and have an income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. This means that the income must not exceed \$20,420 for a 1-person household. For each additional person, add \$6,960. To qualify for medical care individuals must fill out an eligibility form about their economic situation and set up an eligibility interview. Children or adults who qualify for health care at the clinic will receive free care at Southern Indiana Pediatrics.

### Housing (abused women)

#### Middle Way House

**Address:** 338 S. Washington St.

**Phone:** (812) 333-7404 (admin phone), (812) 336-0846 (crisis line)

**Web:** www.middlewayhouse.org

**About:** Middle Way House is an emergency shelter that provides services to protect and help women who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and women who feel they are in danger. Services include a safe place to stay, case management, in-house children's programs, legal advocacy. There is also a transitional housing program called The Rise which has self-contained apartments for families leaving abusive relationships. Women and their children can stay at The Rise for up to two years.

### Housing (emergency, for adults)

#### Agape House, Shelter For Women And Their Children (part of Backstreet Missions)

**Web:** www.backstreet.org

**Phone:** (812) 333-1905.

**Address:** 300 Opportunity Lane, off W. 3rd Street.

#### Friend's Place

**Address:** 919 S. Rogers (Shelter)

**Phone:** (812) 332-1444

**About:** An emergency shelter with 40 beds (18 for men and 12 for women). Services provided include case management, food, and clothing. Opens at 6:15 p.m.

#### Wheeler Mission

**Phone:** (812) 332-2452

#### Center for Men

**Address:** 215 S Westplex Ave

#### Programs and services:

Emergency Low Barrier Shelter  
Orientation to addictions recovery program  
Long term supportive housing  
Working guest program  
Public meals

#### Center for Women and Children

**Address:** 100 S Opportunity Lane

#### Programs and services:

Emergency Low Barrier Shelter  
Referral Service to other agencies (connect to care) Long term supportive housing

### Housing (Family Shelter)

#### New Hope Family Shelter

**Phone:** (812) 334-9840

**E-mail:** newhope@nhfsinc.org

**About:** The mission of the New Hope Family Shelter (NHFS) is to provide temporary shelter for homeless families in Bloomington and Monroe County and, in collaboration with other agencies, to help those families regain housing by addressing the problems that led to homelessness.

### Housing (Intact Families/Adults)

#### Bloomington Catholic Worker

**Address:** 821 North Blair Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana 47404

**Phone:** (812) 339-4456

**About:** We offer short-term, home-based hospitality to people facing homelessness.

### Housing (Pregnant women)

#### Hannah House Maternity Home

**Address:** 808 N. College Ave.

**Phone:** (812) 334-2662

**Web:** www.cpcbloomington.org

**About:** A comprehensive residential program or pregnant women and teenagers. Offers access to prenatal and pediatric care. Also offers life skills training and assistance in achieving longer-term educational and career goals.

### Housing (Rental)

#### Bloomington Housing Authority

**Address:** 1007 N. Summit St.

**Phone:** (812) 339-3491

**About:** Subsidized housing, Section 8, Public Housing. Cost varies to income eligible.

#### Housing and Neighborhood Development

**Address:** 401 N. Morton Street, Ste. 130

**Phone:** (812) 349-3420

**Web:** www.bloomington.in.gov/hand

**About:** Creates affordable housing opportunities in the City of Bloomington by working through its partnerships with local non-profit and for-profit developers and through its in-house housing programs. HAND provides housing counseling to individuals with housing needs or difficulties and provides a variety of learning opportunities for the community on housing related issues. In addition, HAND enforces the Property Maintenance Code and the City's weed and trash ordinances.

#### Housing4Hoosiers

**Website:** Housing4Hoosiers.org

**Email:** info@housing4hoosiers.org

**Phone:** 812-335-2200

**About:** Housing4Hoosiers.org is a one-stop website for renters and landlords in Indiana seeking resources on finding, renting, and keeping a stable and affordable rental home. Housing4Hoosiers offers guidance on where to find an affordable place to live, understanding your lease, and rights and responsibilities of tenants and landlords. The site also includes a Google map of 150 rental properties in Bloomington/Monroe County with details on rental costs, unit sizes, and those accepting Section 8 vouchers.

### Housing (homeless youth)

#### Stepping Stones

**Address:** PO Box 1366

**Phone:** (812) 339-9771

**Web:** www.stepsstones-inc.org

**About:** Transitional housing program and supportive service for homeless young people aged 16-20.

#### Youth Services Bureau

**Address:** 615 S. Adams St.

**Phone:** (812) 349-2506

**Web:** www.youthservicesbureau.net

**About:** Provides short-term residential care and crisis intervention for youth ages 8-17. Provides other services as well.

### Legal and court-related services

#### Community Justice & Mediation Center

**Address:** 205 S. Walnut Suite 16

**Phone:** (812) 336-8677

**Web:** www.cjamcenter.org

**Web:** www.cjamcenter.org

**Volunteer Contact:** Amanda Nickey ([812] 336-8677; vorpcm@bloomington.in.us)

**About:** Programs include the Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program, Shoplifter's Alternative Program, Workshops, Trainings, and Community

Mediation Services for neighborhood, school, family or business conflicts.

#### District 10 Pro Bono Project

**Address:** P.O. Box 8382

Bloomington, IN 47407

**Phone:** (812)-339-3610

**About:** Purpose is to match income eligible clients with an attorney who will take their case for free. Potential clients must apply by phone on Monday from 10 AM to 12 PM, and Thursday from 2 PM to 5 PM. Please, no walk-ins, by phone only.

#### Legal Services Organization of Indiana, Inc. Bloomington

**Address:** 214 S. College Ave.

**Phone:** (812) 339-7668

**About:** Cannot help people in criminal cases. Helps people in civil cases, including: Housing (eviction, foreclosure, landlord/tenant); Public Benefits (food stamps, SSI, unemployment, poor relief, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); Health (Medicaid, Medicare); Divorce or child custody where there is child abuse or spouse abuse; Child In Need of Services (CHINS); Consumer (collections and repossessions); Education (including expulsion and access to special education services and Vocational Rehabilitation); Access to Justice (e.g. denial of a court-appointed attorney in certain civil cases).

#### Monroe County Court Appointed Special Advocates

**Address:** 201 N. Morton Street

**Phone:** (812) 333-2272

**Web:** www.monroecountycasa.org

**Volunteer Contact:** Kelli Shannon ([812] 333-2272, ext. 11; kelli.shannon@monroecountycasa.org)

**About:** Provides direct advocacy for child victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect. Volunteer advocates represent children in the court process to protect the child's best interests.

#### Monroe County Prosecutor—Victim Assistance Program

**Address:** 301 N. College Ave., Rm. 211

**Phone:** (812) 349-2670

**Web:** www.co.monroe.in.us

**Volunteer Contact:** Sarah Lanman ([812]349-2670; slanman@co.monroe.in.us)

**About:** Helps to ease the trauma victim's burden by explaining the criminal justice process, accompanying victims to court, updating them on current cases and obtaining restitution.

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### Meals and pantries (no cost)

#### Meals

##### Area 10 Agency on Aging

**Address:** 631 West Edgewood Drive, Ellettsville, IN 47429

**Phone:** (812) 876-3383

**Web:** www.area10agency.org

**About:** Area 10 Agency on Aging offers 5 main nutrition and food services for senior citizens.

**Congregate Meals**—We offer congregated meals at the following times and locations: Maple Shades Apts., Ellettsville, 10:30 am; Cambridge Square Apts., Bloomington, 11 am; Spencer Senior Center, 11:30 am; Unionville Senior Center, 11:30 am. Seniors must be 60+ and can complete a brief application at the meal site of their choosing. A \$2 donation is requested.

**Mobile Meals**—We deliver meals to homebound seniors who are 60+ and who are unable to prepare meals for themselves due to illness or disability. An application to determine eligibility is required and a \$2 donation is requested. Contact Area 10 at (812) 876-3383 for more information.

**Food Pantry**—We provide homebound seniors with two bags of groceries and frozen food each month. Seniors must be 60+ and meet eligibility requirements. Call Area 10 at (812) 876-3383 to request an application.

**Restaurant Vouchers**—We provide restaurant vouchers to seniors 60+ to be used at the Village Inn in Ellettsville or the Stinesville Mercantile in Stinesville. A \$2 donation is requested. A brief application is required and vouchers can be picked up at Area 10 or the Stinesville Mercantile.

**Farmers Market Vouchers**—We distribute farmers market vouchers to seniors 60+ for use at the Bloomington Farmers Market or Spencer Farmers Market. Seniors must complete an application and meet income guidelines. Contact Area 10 at (812) 876-3383

##### Backstreet Missions (Gino's Cafeteria)

Monday–Friday: Lunch: 11–12 p.m.; Dinner: 4–5 p.m.

Saturday: Breakfast 8-9:30 a.m.; Lunch 11-12 p.m.

##### Bloomington Meals on Wheels, Inc.

**Address:** 727 W. 1st Street

**Phone:** (812) 323-4982

**Web:** www.bloomingtonmealsonwheels.org

**About:** Provides meals to homebound people who are unable to cook for themselves. No age or economic restrictions. To enroll, call number listed. A volunteer will arrange for meal delivery

and special dietary needs, explain the costs and how payments can be made.

##### Bloomington Catholic Worker

**Address:** 821 North Blair Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana 47404

**Phone:** (812) 339-4456

**About:** We share a home-based dinner every night of the week at 6:00 on the southside to which all are welcome. Thursday nights have the largest feast. Please call so we can direct you to the correct house.

##### City Church Food Outreach

**Address:** 1200 N Russell Rd. Bloomington IN 47404

**Phone:** 812-336-5958

**Web:** citychurchfamily.org

**Email:** info@citychurchfamily.org

**About:** City's Food Outreach brings the mission of LOVE people, BUILD family, LEAD to destiny to life. Currently the Food Outreach gives groceries to families every month following the 3rd Saturday of the month service. Saturday service starts at 5:30 and tickets are distributed discreetly during service. December 20th, January 17th, February 21st, March 21st

##### Community Kitchen

**Address:** 1515 S. Rogers St.

**Phone:** (812) 332-0999

**Web:** www.monroecommunitykitchen.com

**Volunteer Contact:** Annie Brookshire ([812] 332-0999; volunteer@monroecommunitykitchen.com)

**Monday-Saturday:** Dinner: 4-6 p.m.

**About:** Provides hot meals in a sit-down area as well as cold carry-out boxed meals. Also provides meals for afterschool programs at Boys and Girls Club, The Rise, Girls, Inc., Monroe County Community Corrections JAMS Program, Teen Learning Center, and Rhino's Youth Center.

##### Community Kitchen Express

**Address:** 1100 W. 11th St.

**Monday-Saturday:** Dinner: 4-6 p.m.

**About:** Provides hot and cold meals as carry-out only. See Community Kitchen listing (above) for phone and volunteer information.

##### First Christian Church

**Address:** Corner of Kirkwood Ave. and Washington St.

**Sunday:** Breakfast: 8-9:30 a.m.

##### First Presbyterian Church

**Address:** Corner of Lincoln and 7th Streets

**Saturday:** Breakfast: 7:30-9:00 a.m.

##### Harvest House Soup Kitchen

**Address:** 1107 S. Fairview Dr.

**Phone:** (812) 339-4462

**Sunday:** Lunch: 2-4 p.m.

##### Shalom Community Center

**Address:** 620 South Walnut Street

**Phone:** (812) 334-5728

**Web:** www.shalomcommunitycenter.org

**Monday-Friday:** Breakfast: 8-9:30 a.m.; Lunch: 12-1:30 p.m (except Wednesday lunch, 12-1 p.m.)

**About:** A daytime resource center for those experiencing homelessness and poverty. The facility is open all day and functions as a Day Shelter for guests, where they can use restroom facilities, make phone calls, and do their laundry. Guests can go there to see case workers, employment counselors, connect with visiting agencies, seek assistance through the Family Homelessness Prevention Project, store belongings, receive mail, use restroom facilities, and take a hot shower.

### Pantries/Groceries

##### Area 10 Agency on Aging

See meals and pantries —meals

##### Hoosier Hills Food Bank

**Address:** 2333 W. Industrial Park Drive

**Phone:** (812) 334-8374

**Web:** www.hhfoodbank.org

**Volunteer Contact:** Kai Westerfield (334-8374; volunteer@hhfoodbank.org)

**About:** Collects, stores and distributes donated food to 84 nonprofit organizations with feeding programs that directly serve needy and hungry people. Distributes about 2 million pounds of food to hungry people each year.

##### MCUM Emergency Food Pantry

**Address:** 827 W. 14th Ct.

**Phone:** (812) 339-3429

**Web:** www.mcum.org

**Hours:** Monday-Friday 8-11:30 a.m.; 1-3:15 p.m.

**About:** Distributes non-perishable food, three days' supply provided. Must be Monroe County resident and complete a brief intake form.

##### Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

**Address:** 1100 Allen Street

**Phone:** (812) 355-6843

**Web:** www.mhcfoodpantry.org

**Hours:** Monday-Friday 12-6 p.m.

**About:** Provides nutritious food to people in need. Most of the food is received from the Hoosier Hills Food Bank. Also operates a Nutrition Education Program and an organic Community Gardening Program.

##### Salvation Army

**Address:** 111 N. Rogers St.

**Phone:** (812) 336-4310

**Hours:** Tues, Thurs 1-3:30 and Wed, Fri 9-11:30

**About:** Need ID. Depending upon income and resources, can offer one week's supply of

groceries. Will not provide again for at least 30 days.

##### SLO FoodS garden pantry

**About:** The program emphasizes locally grown produce and dispenses food to those in need on a weekly basis.

**When:** Wednesdays from 1:00–3:00 pm

**Where:** 615 N. Fairview Street (Trained Eye Arts Center) (on the B-Line Trail just south of 11th St. underpass)

**Volunteer Contact:** Mylo Roze, Director–Eco Media Center Coordinator–SLO FoodS garden pantry

**Web:** http://ecomediacenter.org  
greenthcity@yahoo.com

##### First United Methodist Church

**Address:** 219 E. 4th Street

**Hours:** Wednesdays, 3:00-5:30 p.m.

**About:** Provides brown bag lunch, groceries.

##### Township Trustees Food Pantries—Bloomington

**Address:** 2111 W. Vernal Pike

**Phone:** (812) 336-4976

**Hours:** Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

**About:** Provides canned goods. Must be a resident of Bloomington Township.

##### Township Trustees Food Pantries—Perry

**Address:** 1010 S. Walnut St.

**Phone:** (812) 336-3713

**Hours:** Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

**About:** Provides canned goods. Must be a resident of Perry Township.

### Medicaid

##### Division of Family Resources

**About:** Medicaid is a federal and state funded medical assistance program that pays for approved and needed medical care for persons who meet eligibility requirements. For more information on the Division of Family Resources see the family services listing.

### Older citizen programs

##### Area 10 Agency on Aging

**Address:** 631 W. Edgewood Drive, Ellettsville, Indiana 47429

**Phone:** (812) 876-3383

**Web:** www.area10agency.org

**About:** Offers programs and services, as well as being a resource of information about services for older and disabled citizens living in Monroe and Owen counties. Services that can be accessed include the Aging and Disability Resource Center, 2-1-1 Infolink, in-home health-related services and referrals, home-delivered meals, food pantry, congregated meal sites,

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support groups, education for family caregivers, affordable housing, assistance for the homebound, handyman services, a long-term-care ombudsman program for residents of area nursing homes, RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program, recreational and arts programs at Area 10's Endwright Center in Ellettsville, and Rural Transit bus service.

### Pregnancy testing, counseling, education

#### Planned Parenthood

See health care.

#### WIC Program

See family services.

### Rent, utility, bill assistance

First call the Township Trustee in the Monroe County Township in which you live: Bean Blossom (876-5109), Benton (339-6593), Bloomington (336-4976), Clear Creek (824-7225), Indian Creek (824-4981), Perry (336-3713) Polk (837-9446), Richland (876-2509), Salt Creek (332-9777), Van Buren (825-4490), Washington (331-0809).

### Youth programs

#### Big Brothers Big Sisters

**Address:** 807 N. College Avenue

**Phone:** (812) 334-2828

**Web:** www.bigsindiana.org

**Volunteer Contact:** Mark Voland, mvoland@bigsindiana.org, 812-334-2828, ext. 227.

**About:** Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana helps children in Monroe and Owen counties reach their potential through professionally supported, one to one relationships with measurable impact.

#### Bloomington Boys and Girls Club

**Address:** 311 S. Lincoln St.

**Phone:** (812) 332-5311

**Web:** www.bgcbloomington.org

**About:** A guidance organization which fosters the physical, intellectual and social growth of boys and girls ages 6-18 with a special concern for those most in need of service.

#### Girls Inc.

**Address:** 1108 W. 8th St.

**Phone:** (812) 336-7313

**Web:** www.girlsinc-monroe.org

**Volunteer Contact:** Lucy Berger, Director of Operations ([812] 336-7313; lberger@monroe.girls-inc.org)

**About:** Girls Inc. of Monroe County, is an

affiliate of a national youth organization dedicated to inspiring girls to be strong, smart, and bold through after school programming, organized sports, and summer/winter camps. Provides programming for girls ages 6 to 18. Services include transportation, organized sports, a teen room, technology, self-defense and homework help.

#### Harmony School

**Address:** 909 E. 2nd St.

**Phone:** (812) 334-8349

**Web:** www.harmonyschool.org

**About:** An independent pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade school providing education to youth ages 3 to 18 from a wide range of economic and educational backgrounds.

#### WonderLab Museum of Science, Health and Technology

**Address:** 308 W. 4th St.

**Phone:** (812) 337-1337

**Web:** www.wonderlab.org

**Volunteer Program:** (812) 337-1337 ext. 20 or volunteer@wonderlab.org

**About:** WonderLab is an award-winning science museum with hands-on exhibits and programs for children and their families. WonderLab offers a free Teen Night monthly during the school year. WonderLab also participates in the Access Pass Program, which provides reduced admission of \$1 per family member per visit for eligible families. The museum also offers many half-price admission events. Volunteering is a natural next step for teens. Those entering grade 7 are eligible to become volunteers at the museum. Additionally, high school students are eligible to apply for summer internships at WonderCamp, the museum's summer science day camp.

#### Youth Services Bureau

**Address:** 615 S. Adams St.

**Phone:** (812) 349-2506

**Web:** www.youthservicesbureau.net

**About:** Alongside youth shelter (see housing [youth]), provides counseling, education, supervised recreation, and transportation to and from school, as well as referrals to a variety of agencies for other needed services.

### Additional services

#### Catholic Charities-Bloomington

**Address:** 631 North College Avenue

**Phone:** (812) 332-1262

**Web:** www.CatholicCharitiesBtown.org

**About:** Provides education, social service delivery, and advocacy. Takes special interest in poor, disabled, and otherwise disadvantaged persons. Serves residences of Brown, Lawrence, Morgan, Monroe, Orange and Owen counties, especially through mental health services. Provides individual, family, couples and group

counseling to the English- and Spanish-speaking clients.

#### City of Bloomington Volunteer Network

**Address:** 401 N. Morton St. Suite 260

**Phone:** 812-349-3433

**Web:** www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer

**About:** The Volunteer Network, which has over 200 local partner nonprofit and governmental organizations, is your one-stop source for volunteer information in Bloomington and Monroe County. Member organizations post their volunteer needs on the Network's online database so potential volunteers can see what community needs they can meet. The Volunteer Network also offers training in volunteer management to new volunteer coordinators and training in nonprofit board service to new and continuing board members. The Network partners with the Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration Commission in the organization of the 'A Day On, Not a Day Off' day of service, in which thousands of Bloomingtonians participate. In addition, the Network matches the material needs of local nonprofit organizations with community members and businesses who can meet those needs through our partnership with the Herald-Times on the Community Wish List.

#### Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County

**Address:** 213 E. Kirkwood Avenue

**Phone:** (812) 331-4069

**Web:** www.monroecountyhabitat.org

**About:** Habitat for Humanity helps families and volunteers to build homes for those living in inadequate housing. The homes are for families who have an income but do not have the funds to secure a bank loan. The money to build the homes comes from contributions from local churches, citizens, businesses, and other sponsors. Families pay back a zero interest mortgage over 15-25 years. That money goes into a fund which helps to pay for more houses.

#### Monroe County Safe Kids Chapter

**Phone:** (812) 353-5437

**About:** Certified Child Passenger Safety technicians will help you install your child's car seat and answer questions regarding general vehicle safety. If you need financial help with the purchase of a seat, let us know. All services are by appointment only.

#### Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project

**Address:** 310A S. Washington St.

**Phone:** (812) 339-8710

**Web:** www.pagestoprisoners.org

**Volunteer Contact:** Tess Hannah (339-8710;

midwestpagestoprisoners@yahoo.com)

**About:** Provides free reading material to inmates upon request. Encourages self-education among prisoners in the United States.

#### Monroe County Public Library

**Address:** 303 E. Kirkwood Ave.

**Phone:** (812) 349-3050

**Web:** www.mcpl.info

**About:** Offers free books, magazines, music CDs, and movies to check out; public Internet computers; downloadable audiobooks and ebooks; and free programs for all ages. It serves the county through facilities in Bloomington and Ellettsville, the Bookmobile, the Outreach Van, and Homebound service. Library cards are available at no charge to all county residents. The VITAL literacy program offers one-on-one confidential tutoring to adult learners and ESL conversation groups. During the school year, the library offers homework help to elementary students and math and reading/writing homework help to teens. During income tax season, volunteers offer free tax help. The library also has public meeting rooms for use by nonprofit groups. Anyone in the community can produce a program through Community Access TV (CATS) for the Public Access Channel.

#### New Leaf–New Life, Inc.

**Address:** 1010 S. Walnut St., Suite F

**Phone:** (812) 355-6842

**Email:** newleaf1010@gmail.com

**Web:** www.newleaf-newlife.org

**About:** New Leaf–New Life runs therapeutic programs in the Monroe County jail, and provides products and services to ex-offenders at our office at 1010 South Walnut, Suite F. Services offered include: assistance in obtaining a birth certificate or social security card, employment help, support groups, family support, community referrals, clothing, bus tickets, hygiene products, and funding for GED testing. Volunteer opportunities can include: mentoring, transition services, office work, family outreach, and programming in the Jail. Check our Facebook page for news and updates.

#### Reach High Consulting & Therapy LLC.

Autism ABA and Diagnostic Clinic

**Address:** 2101 W Tapp Rd. Bloomington IN 47403

**Website:** reachhighconsulting.org

**Phone:** 812-330-4460

**Fax:** 812-330-4461

**Email:** aba@reachhighconsulting.org

**About RHC:** Reach High is Bloomington's first ABA clinic. Reach High was birthed out of a growing need in the City of Bloomington. Providing Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) has meant families and clients are equipped with the tools to reach their maximum potential. Reach High strives to have clients in multiple environments within the community, this allows for skill sets to be strengthened and become more natural overtime.