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Pantry 279, the Pantry with TLC was conceived, built, stocked and ran by the Cadet Girl Scouts of Troop 69279

What We Do

They, with the help of the Leader, Parents, and Trinity Lutheran Church in Ellettsville Indiana have built a permanent food pantry for those in need in our community and surrounding areas. We have now been open for 2 years and have grown to become the 4th largest Food Pantry in the Hoosier Hills Area.

We currently feed upwards of 3200 people a month, representing 10 counties (although mostly Monroe, Owen, and Green), and the numbers continue to grow. We boast a large group of community gardens and monthly cooking classes now as well. We continue to add programs to serve the needs of the community as we find the need. Come join our growing movement!

We offer free groceries and toiletries to those in need once a week.

We have a special day for the disabled and elderly as well as delivery for homebound.

We have community gardens for continued fresh produce and are planning on adding an orchard this year.

We compost or give to local farmers any food that goes bad, so there is no waste, and we recycle.

We offer monthly free cooking classes and food education.

But more importantly, we offer the hand of friendship, in a non judgmental, safe environment, that many find helpful in their mental health.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard remains open throughout the Covid19 Crisis

Sarah Cahillane, Director of Development • www.mhcfoodpantry.org

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard (MHC) increases access to healthy food for all people in need in ways that cultivate dignity, self-sufficiency, and community. Our programs operate on the honor system. Our education programs equip people with the skills and knowledge to grow their own food, making nutritious food more accessible, and to prepare healthy, wholesome meals for their families. MHC envisions a community where everyone has equal access to nutritious food, waste is minimized, and all members are healthy, self-sufficient, and empowered to reach their full potential.

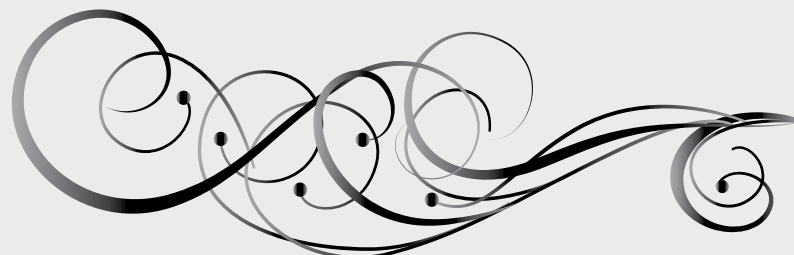


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OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Editorial Comment

Our 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.



PANTRY 279 Update

By Cindy Chavez

When the news of Covid-19 began to spread in Feb, we expected things to change and thought we were prepared. When things DID change on March 15, 2020, we at Pantry 279 quickly figured out how unprepared we were, but relied on our resourcefulness that has never failed us. We were one of the first pantries to go to a Drive Thru method for handing out food. That was the first change. From there, we began to search everywhere for more food, and increased the amount of food we were handing out in case people had to be quarantined or got sick, they would have enough food. We went from receiving 2 trucks of food a week to 6/7 trucks. Next we increased our hours, as the demand was rising so quickly. We went from serving 3000+ a month to 5000+ a month. With all of our increasing, we saw a drastic decrease in volunteers due to quarantines and fears of catching the virus. In the end a staunch group of 5-6 volunteers emerged to run the pantry from 10am - 7pm every day we were open, plus coming in on days off to receive trucks of food being sent from Indianapolis or HHFB. We also all agreed to keep to our homes and pantry only to prevent possible

contagion. Increased cleaning and safety measures were put into place. Just when we thought we were going to collapse from exhaustion, the National Guard was sent in for the rescue! I can honestly say, without them, I'm not sure where we would be today. HHFB became our solid rock of advice and food, and we started to get grants for the first time! It also became apparent that we needed a new larger building, as well as vehicles, we have started to work on these needs.

As well as a drastic increase in numbers of those in need, we saw a LOT of new people. Sure there were the regulars, but now we were seeing people we hadn't seen in 2-3 years. People who had dug their way out of the hole and were doing ok, now, with one little virus, were back to square one. Even more concerning was the large amount of new people coming. People who had never used a pantry before, and in all honesty, never thought they would ever have to. You could tell them apart from others. They had a look of fear, uncertainty, embarrassment, extreme sadness and anxiety. They apologized a lot. We learned a long time ago that running a food pantry is so much more than giving out food, it's very mental, it's giving out HOPE. We try to make light of

the situation, meet our guests with a smile, laughter, and a sense of "it's going to be ok. We got you!!" This virus is a fast and harsh teacher, and it shows people that we are all on the same playing field. Another difficult lesson was the fact of lack of transportation. Our home bound deliveries went from 6/8 a week to 30/50 a week. We also started the 5 Musketeers Traveling Pantry, which brings food to neighborhoods where there is need and no transportation.

As fall approaches, and we see no end in sight for the virus nor financial help from the government, the numbers continue to rise. Holidays are coming and with them the Pantry 279 Thanksgiving box program, as well as the ELF Dispatch Christmas program. With the huge increase in need, we are estimating around 2000+ families in need of a Thanksgiving box this year. Sign ups have already begun to both receive a box and donate at Thanksgiving – Pantry 279. Christmas sign ups will begin a few days after Thanksgiving. This virus has, in many ways, brought out the best in people, it has definitely taught us that we are capable of a lot more than we thought. We continue to strive to grow and get better while meeting the demand and making sure that no one in our community (or the other 26 counties that come to us) goes hungry.

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MHC's five programs (Food Pantry, Garden Education, Nutrition Education, Tool Share, and Advocacy) form a holistic approach to tackling the issues of hunger and food insecurity.

During 5 months of Covid19 response, we have spoken to many people who have come to access our services for the first time due to job losses in the family. We expect to see this number continue to rise over the course of this crisis, as more people suffer job losses and reduction in work. With the CARES act unemployment ending July 31, and no other assistance in sight, it is expected that the need will be dire for many of our current patrons and other community members who continue to

lose employment.

As an organization that is based in client choice, making the change to an impersonal distribution of boxes has been difficult, but necessary. We are doing our best to accommodate choice in this new model. This change was made, in addition to sending home all volunteers, in an effort to keep the seven staff members healthy for as long as possible. MHC recognizes that in this time of crisis, we will be a much needed source of food for many of our community members and because of this, we intend to do everything we can to stay open and to make as much food available as possible for those in need. We have begun to open our programs safely, offering zoom cooking classes and coordinating voter registration efforts, also via zoom. Our Garden program has distributed over 500 seedlings, and our Tool Share items are available, so that community members

can continue their gardening and cooking projects at home.

The challenge of Covid19 has laid bare the many inequities of our nation and community. In a community where the poverty rate for children under 5 years of age is a staggering 37.1%, this challenge will weigh heavily on the families who were already struggling. Bloomington is a city full of impressive organizations doing the hard work to protect these families. But, it is evident that our governmental institutions need to do more. Nonprofit organizations can only do so much. Systemic change is needed, and it's time for all of us to think outside the box, and push ourselves to create a more equitable community. We can start by recognizing that returning to "normal" is not an option for the most vulnerable in our community.

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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. Sign your name, and indicate whether you would like for your comments to be published.

Home to Many, Wheeler Mission Stays Open Amidst Crisis

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Bloomington – Wheeler Mission’s staff has worked tirelessly over the past five months to protect the safety of its guests, staff, and volunteers. Many of Wheeler’s guests have underlying health issues, placing them at greater risk. Staff are vigilant about cleaning and sanitizing its buildings and have taken the following steps:

- Adding hand-washing stations
- Facemasks and temperature screenings
- Additional Day Room spaces
- Daily showers and new clothing distribution
- Regimented cleaning and disinfecting practices
- Additional staff to meet the increased demands of COVID-19 protocols
- Several shelter guests volunteered as Peer Educators by distributing needed supplies and educating others experiencing homelessness about COVID-19 protocols.

“Unlike some businesses and organizations, we cannot shut down and send people home,” said Wheeler President and CEO, Rick Alvis. “Wheeler Mission is their home, so we have to do everything in our power to

keep our guests safe and provide clean and safe facilities. We’re concerned with the fluctuation in the market and economic fears that donations may take a dive, just when we need them the most.”

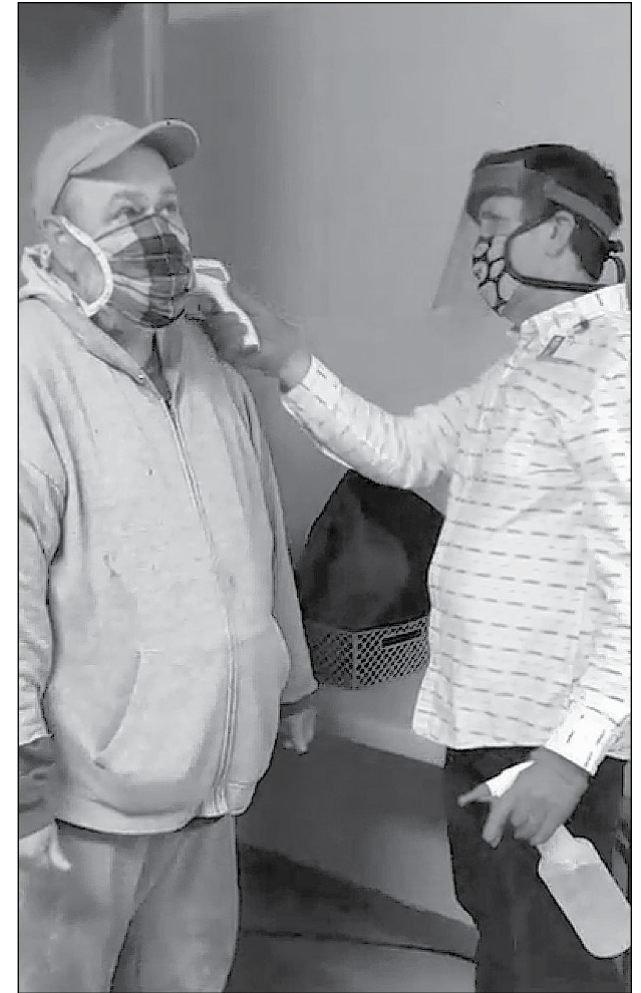
From March to present, Wheeler Mission – Bloomington has served 35,160 meals,

554 unique guests have received services, and 436 guests have stayed at Wheeler for the night. Overall, there have been 14,502 total nights of lodging provided since the beginning of the pandemic.

Wheeler continues to provide day room services from 7 AM to 9 PM, including meals and case management for all community members. The Center for Men offers a variety of long-term programs and services for men year-round.

Wheeler Mission continues to ask members of the public to consider providing support during this extraordinary time. Our organization welcomes donations of food, clothing, homemade face masks, and finances. Wheeler asks all who are healthy and able to consider volunteering.

In-kind donations can be dropped off at any time at Wheeler Mission–Bloomington's Center for Men, located at 215 S. Westplex Ave., Bloomington, IN 47404. Volunteers can find more information on serving at WheelerVolunteer.org. Monetary donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 3297, Bloomington, IN 47402 or by visiting WheelerMission.org.



THE SEEDS WE HAVE PLANTED

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

The 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.

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SCCAP is Still Here to Serve

By Jessie Yeary

Earlier this spring, when news of just how serious COVID-19 was and still is, hit us all, we here at SCCAP decided along with many other businesses to shut out doors to the public. We were and still are committed to the safety of our clients, staff, and community members. That's also why our staff continued to work hard from their homes to avoid any gap in services for our community. While our offices are still closed to the public, many of our programs are still functioning and we hope you will keep reading to see if any of our services appeal to you. All the following information about our programs can be found on our website at insccap.org or you can follow our Facebook for live updates on programs by searching @insccap.

South Central Community Action Program is happy to announce that we are now accepting applications for the Energy Assistance 2020/2021 program year. This program applies a one-time benefit to income qualified households' heating source's bill. To learn if you may qualify or how to apply we encourage you to visit our website or call your local SCCAP office. If you were on the program last year, you will receive an application packet in the mail.

Head Start and Early Head Start have begun their school year with some new classroom sites, new teachers, and new students. SCCAP Head Start is a family-centered program that supports the mental, social, and emotional development of children from birth to age 5 in Monroe County. If you are an expectant mother or in need of childcare for your kiddo under 5, please reach out to us by calling (812) 334-8350 ext. 301.

Growing Opportunities' hydroponic greenhouse is still growing healthy, fresh greens and selling them to the community. All the profits made from our produce sales help us to sustain our greenhouse, which provides job training for low-income people with barriers to employment. We would love to have visitors at the People's Market on Saturdays from 8am to 12pm at 5220 E. Third Street, Bloomington.

Our Weatherization Program reduces energy consumption in low-income households and insures that each client has a safe, operating heat source. Clients receive a furnace inspection and an energy audit. SCCAP uses private contractors to repair or replace heat sources, install insulation and seal the homes. This program is a great way to save money on your energy bill, save on your water bill, and have a safer home for you and your family. Contact your SCCAP office for information on applying.

SCCAP's Thriving Connections initiative is working to create inclusive, safe spaces for their members to share



and grow together during the pandemic. TC staff have been leading Zoom workshops and discussions on various topics such as mental health, goal setting, healthy recipes, maintaining positive relationships, and racial justice, just to name a few. They have also been creating and delivering "busy bags" to TC families which contain something new every week like books, inspirational quotes, educational

games, and necessary household items.

SCCAP's office located at 1500 W 15th Street, Bloomington has also recently become the newest Mask Station in collaboration with Bloomington Mask Drive. If you live in or around the Crestmont neighborhood and are in need of a face mask please come visit us to pick up a free, brand new one on weekdays 8am-4pm.

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The South Central Community Action Program has begun accepting applications for assistance with winter heating bills for households in Brown, Monroe, Morgan and Owen counties

by Julie Wilson

The 2020-2021 Energy Assistance program officially begins on November 2nd. For anyone currently in crisis, we suggest you call your utility vendor to let them know you are applying for the program, and to discuss a payment plan if needed to prevent being disconnected.

While our offices are currently closed to the public due to the pandemic, we are still serving clients. Ways to apply for energy assistance include: dropping off your application at your local SCCAP office, mailing it to SCCAP, faxing it to 812-334-8366, emailing it to eap@insccap.org, or you can apply online at <https://ihcda.rhsconnect.com/>.

Eligibility for the Energy Assistance program is based on gross household income. Households of one can have a maximum annual income of \$21,961; households of two can have a maximum annual income of \$33,949; households of three can have a maximum annual income of \$41,937; households of four can have a maximum annual income of \$49,925; and households of five can have a maximum annual income of \$57,913.

SCCAP will only accept fully completed applications that include all required documentation. Applications and other program materials are available at insccap.org. Information on what is needed to apply can also be found on our agency website. Unlike past years, only renters whose utilities are included in their rent will need a Landlord Affidavit.

If you've lost employment due to COVID-19, you might be eligible for an additional benefit to help with your

utilities. If this applies to you, please contact us for further information about the CARES Act funding.

SCCAP received over \$2.5 million in federal funding from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority for the 2019-2020 energy assistance program. We were able to serve more than 3,600 households and applied an average EAP benefit of over \$615 per household.

SCCAP is also seeking applicants for its Weatherization Program, which aims to reduce energy consumption in low-income households. Program clients receive a furnace inspection and energy audit. SCCAP uses private contractors to repair or replace heat sources, install insulation and seal homes. The program is federally funded and is free to low-income participants with up to 200% of federal poverty guidelines in Brown, Monroe, Morgan and Owen counties.

For an owner-occupied or rental household to be eligible to participate in the weatherization program, household income must not exceed federal poverty guidelines. To apply, call 812-339-3447, ext. 702.

For additional information about energy assistance, call one of the following offices: Monroe County, 812-339-3447; Brown County, 812-988-6636; Morgan County, 765-342-1518; Owen County, 812-829-2279. Offices are located at 746 Memorial Drive in Nashville, 1500 W. 15th St. in Bloomington, 159 W. Morgan St. in Martinsville and 205 E. Morgan St, Suite D, in Spencer.

SCCAP is a nonprofit organization that provides opportunities for low-income residents to move toward personal and economic independence.



Special Section: Voices Seldom Heard

Little Minds during Hard Times

By Katherine Duncan

Little minds during hard times.
We knew it was coming, but we didn't
understand what or why.
They sent us home and told us to stay.

Little minds during hard times.
We can't go play with our friends
Or stay with our loved ones.
Phone calls and video chats are not the same time.

Little minds during hard times.
We miss hugs and kisses, smiles and fun,
But thanks to moms and dads trying.

Little minds during hard times.
For us it's OK, we know you are protecting us
And keeping us safe.

Little minds during hard times.
Things will get better soon, this I know,
This time has given us time to grow
More love.

My little mind during this hard time knows.
Don't fret, moms and dads,
We understand, we love
Our little minds during hard times.

THIS MOMENT IN TIME

By Nordia McNish, Captain, Thriving Connections

I have been spinning in circles because I cannot seem to settle down
I keep thinking about things I want to say but too scared to say out loud
I don't want the attention but the attempted recognition that you are
there
I shouldn't take it personal, but it is! and hard to ignore, that death
lingers where he roam
my blood is boiling and my stomach feels like there is a knot inside
I am scared for his life and for mine
I feel powerless when I think about how to protect my child
have I been fighting a losing battle since the day he was born?
When can I exhale? I have been holding my breath for far too long
I felt her pain when I saw his knee on her child's neck
My teeth hurt from grinding too hard
I am angry!
My tears flow uncontrollably
I am a mother of a black child

Why Black Lives Must Matter

By Aja Jester, Captain, Thriving Connections

Why is equality too much to ask? Why must my promise of liberty and justice be
rationed out over hundreds of years? Why are the accomplishments and history
of my people kept as little known secrets? Why must I assume that the color of
my skin might be a factor? Why are there people fighting against my peace of
mind? Why is my melanin a scarlet letter that automatically makes me guilty?
Why doesn't my life matter? Why can't I breathe?

As a Black woman in 2020 America, these questions will always be with me.
They are already a part of our children's lives. I just want to believe that they
won't be for my grandchildren... Is one generation too hopeful? My grandmother
had this hope for me when she marched with Dr. King, as I am sure her
grandmother before her was just as hopeful.

Langston Hughes, in his poem Harlem (1951), pondered the possible outcomes
of a deferred dream. I am proud of the Black man's perseverance. Against all
odds we have not let our deferred dream "dry up like a raisin in the sun", or
"fester like a sore, and then run". It has sagged "like a heavy load", but what I
see now is the explosion that Hughes spoke of, happening. We are currently
experiencing that explosion. It's an explosion of energy, efforts, and demands for
results. This renewed hope must be embraced by all and will require the voice of
every ally to be effective. There is no middle ground! There are racist and anti-
racist. Anti-racism must be proven with action and we must act now! Please do
your part to maintain this momentum. I just don't want my children to have the
same conversations with their children!

I cannot begin to feel it is my place to tell anyone how to act, but for me
understanding is the first step. Those of you who don't understand or don't know
what to do... those of you who want to help, you might find the information from
the following organizations helpful:

National Community Action Partnership Statement: "National Community
Action Partnership Affirms Its Core Values"

[BlackLivesMatter.com](https://blacklivesmatter.com)

Bloomington BLM chapter



Special Section: Voices Seldom Heard

Kiger Family Lockdown 2020

Jeremy's Poem

This lockdown has been fun but sometimes bad.
Helping the kids with their school work sometimes makes me mad.
They don't want to sit and do school work -
Sometimes instead they want to go outside and play!

I tell them to do their work and sit down,
then they throw a fit and fall on the ground.
I say if they sit down and get their work done,
then you can go out and have some fun.

After their work is done,
we do have fun.
We go outside
and go on bike rides.
They play for a few hours,
then it's time to come in and eat and take a shower.

Then we go to bed and close our eyes.
Then the next day we wake up and cry
because as the day begins we realize
we have to do it all over again

Kids' Poem

Life has been crazy, that's no doubt,
These poor kids are tired of doing without.
They miss their teachers and hanging out with their friends,
They keep praying and asking for this virus to end.
They have had ups and downs along the way,
but what they like most out of this is having more family play.
They love playing outside - riding their bikes,
and listening to Luke Bryan before they turn in for the night.
Out of the lockdown and staying at home,
they best part they love is that they're never alone!

Katie's Poem

While I'm ordered to stay at home,
one thing's for sure - I'm NEVER alone.
Kids are crazy, I'm going insane -
if I make it through this, I'll never be the same.

From getting up early and getting homeschooling done,
then comes meals and housework - when is the fun?
1 kid is asking for a movie, 1 rolling cars down a track,
1 is completely naked; and 1 is asking for a snack.

Later at night when kids are tucked soundly in bed,
will I get to relax and rest my pretty head?



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

Volunteer Contact: Gina Lovell ([812]336-3570 x10; 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

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

Volunteer Contact: Melanie Hunter (330-7731 x 52137; 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. 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

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)

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)

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

Volunteer Contact: Scott Alber, ([812]335-1280 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

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

Volunteer Contact: Jennylynn Vidas, (812-336-2798 ext. 15, 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

Volunteer Contact: Amy Jackson (332-2168 x314; 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

Volunteer Contact: Julie Tobin, (812) 333-7710; 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

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/

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

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

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

Volunteer Contact: Melanie Miller (812-353-9818; 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

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

Volunteer Contact: Cathi Counterman ((812) 340-3467; 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

Individual Solutions-IU Health:

Call 1-888-531-3004 to make an appointment to see a certified Navigator, or visit iuhealth.org/individual-solutions

Monroe County Health Department:

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

SCCAP Health Coverage Assistance Program:

Call (812) 339-3447 for Navigator assistance.

Visit www.in.gov/healthcarereform to find a certified Navigator.

Call 211 (available 24/7 free of charge) or visit 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.

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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.