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The Feminine Face of Poverty

By Beverly Calender-Anderson, Director

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March is Women's History Month, a time to celebrate and be inspired by the accomplishments and achievements of women. However, during this time of celebration there are a few sobering facts to consider.

According to the Center for American Progress, women in America are more likely to be poor than men. Over half of the 37 million Americans living in poverty today are women. The women who make up the low-wage workforce may not be who you think. Data from the National Women's Law Center indicates that the vast majority are neither high school dropouts nor teenagers. Most don't have a spouse's income to rely on. Many are supporting children—and their family incomes are low. Over half of the women in the low-wage workforce work full time and nearly three-quarters work all year. Nearly half are women of color.

Why, in 2016 is this our reality? The reasons are varied:

- Women are paid less than men, even when they have the same qualifications and work the same hours;

- Women are segregated into low paying occupations, and occupations dominated by women are low paid. Women are tracked into “pink-collar” jobs such as teaching, child care, nursing, cleaning, and waitressing, which typically pay less than jobs in industries that are male-dominated;
- Women are more likely to bear the costs of raising children. When parents are not living together, women are more likely to bear the economic costs of raising children;
- Pregnancy affects women's work and educational opportunities more than men's. The costs associated with pregnancy are more significant for women than for men;
- Domestic and sexual violence can push women into a cycle of poverty. Experiencing domestic or sexual violence can lead to job loss, poor health, and homelessness.

The 2016 Women's History Month theme for the City of Bloomington is

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El rostro femenino de la pobreza

Por Beverly Calender-Anderson, Directora

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Marzo es el mes de la mujer, un momento para celebrar y ser inspirados por las realizaciones y los logros de las mujeres. Sin embargo, durante este tiempo de celebración hay algunos datos que se deben considerar.

Según el Centro para el Progreso Americano, las mujeres en los Estados Unidos son más propensas a ser pobres comparadas con los hombres. Más de la mitad de los 37 millones de estadounidenses que viven en la pobreza son mujeres. Pero las mujeres que componen la fuerza laboral de bajos salarios no son necesariamente quien usted piensa. Los datos del Centro de la Ley Nacional de la Mujer indican que la gran mayoría no son adolescentes, ni mujeres que no terminaron la secundaria. La mayoría no tiene los ingresos de una pareja en quien confiar. Muchas están manteniendo a sus hijos aunque sus ingresos familiares son bajos. Más de la mitad de las mujeres en trabajos de bajos salarios, trabajan tiempo completo y casi tres cuartos trabajan todo el año. Cerca de la mitad son mujeres de color.

¿Por qué, en el año 2016 es esta

nuestra realidad? Las razones varían:

- Las mujeres ganan menos que los hombres, incluso cuando tienen las mismas cualificaciones y trabajan las mismas horas;
- Las mujeres están segregadas en ocupaciones de bajos sueldos, y las ocupaciones dominadas por las mujeres son mal pagadas. Las mujeres se ven empujadas a puestos “cuello de color rosa” de trabajo, como la enseñanza, cuidado de niños, ancianos, limpieza y como meseras, que típicamente pagan menos que puestos de trabajo en las industrias que son dominados por los hombres;

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Bridges To Somewhere: People Helping People Building Bridges, Not Moats

Safety-Net is a free volunteer-driven community publication that is published once every three months and is sponsored by the South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP). Its mission is two-fold. Part of the mission is to educate community members about programs available that help individuals and families to enrich their lives. And a second part of the mission is to make positive connections between those in our community who have resources, and those who do not. The ultimate goal is to encourage everyone to participate in making Bloomington a special community that links everyone together. A big “thank you” to all of you who encourage the publication of Safety-Net by contributing articles that make Safety-Net possible. Each issue features the many agencies, as well as City and County programs, that reach out to people and offer much needed community services. At the end of the publication there is an extensive Agency Guide that enables individuals to locate appropriate resources. Comments from readers are most welcome. Please address them to the editor, white@indiana.edu, as well as to the assistant editor, doug@insccap.org. Place Safety-Net on the subject line, and state whether you would like your comments printed in the next issue. Past issues of Safety-Net are available at the Safety-Net website, <http://safety-net-newspaper.com/>.

14th Annual Homeward Bound 5k Walk

www.homewardboundindiana.org/bloomington

Time: Noon–4pm

Start Date: 04/10/2016

**The Waldron, Hill and Buskirk Park
Formerly known as 3rd Street Park**

Come join us for the 14th Annual Homeward Bound Walk on April 10th! The walk is a fun filled day packed with entertainment, food, and exercise. Best of all, your participation helps promote positive change in our community: Homeward Bound assists eight local agencies (Amethyst House, LifeDesigns, Centerstone, Shalom Center, Middleway House, Mother Hubbards Cupboard, New Hope and Stepping Stones) in combating homelessness here in Bloomington! Everyone is welcome, including pets! Come to The Waldron, Hill, and Buskirk Park on April 10th. Registration starts at noon and the walk commences at 1 p.m. Before and after the walk, there will be performances, food, and other fun activities. All funds raised stay in Bloomington

to help those in need. For more information visit, www.homewardboundindiana.org/walk/bloomington, or find us on Facebook and Twitter! Help us fight homelessness one step at a time by participating in Homeward Bound.

Entertainment and Registration start at Noon—walkers can pre-register online or register the day of the walk. Registration tables will be set up inside the Allison Jukebox Center. All walkers who donate \$20. or more will automatically receive a free t-shirt!! Walk starts promptly at 1pm—so don't be late—hurry back to the park for more entertainment, fun at our Kids Island, and Pet Island—free food and lots of fun!! See you on April, 10h!

FEMININE FACE

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“Women in Government.” Hopefully more women in elected office and serving on advisory committees and commissions will result in a government that is aware of and sensitive to the well-being of *all* women and children. The best policy solutions to address women’s poverty should combine a range of decent employment opportunities with a network of social services that support healthy families, such as quality health care, child care, and housing support. Policies should also recognize the multiple barriers to economic security women face based on race, ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, physical ability, and health status. Approaches that promote an equitable social and economic status for all women by expanding their opportunities to balance work and family life are ones that will make Women’s History Month a true celebration.

ROSTRO FEMENINO

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- Las mujeres son más propensas a asumir los costos de la crianza de sus niños. Cuando los padres no están viviendo juntos, las mujeres son más propensas a asumir los costes económicos de la educación de los hijos;
- El embarazo afecta el trabajo de las mujeres y las oportunidades educativas más de la de los hombres. Los costos asociados con el embarazo son más significativos para las mujeres que para los hombres;
- La violencia doméstica y sexual puede empujar a las mujeres en un ciclo de pobreza. Experimentando la violencia doméstica o sexual puede conducir a la pérdida del empleo, la mala salud y la falta de vivienda.

En la Ciudad de Bloomington el tema del mes de la historia de la Mujer para

el 2016 es “Mujeres en el Gobierno.” Esperamos que más mujeres estén en cargos políticos y que sirvan en los comités consultivos y comisiones. Ya que esto dará lugar a un gobierno que es consciente y sensible al bienestar *de todas* las mujeres y los niños. Las mejores soluciones de política para abordar la pobreza de las mujeres deben combinar una serie de oportunidades: empleo digno, con una red de servicios sociales que apoyen a las familias saludables, tales como el cuidado de la calidad de la salud, cuidado de niños, y apoyo para la vivienda. Las políticas también deben reconocer las múltiples barreras que las mujeres se enfrentan como la seguridad económica basada en la raza, etnia, condición migratoria, orientación sexual, capacidad física y estado de salud. Los enfoques que promueven un estatus social y económico equitativo para todas las mujeres mediante la ampliación de sus oportunidades de equilibrar el trabajo y la vida familiar son los que harán este mes de la mujer en una verdadera celebración.

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Each issue of

Safety~Net has

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the many non-profit/
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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.

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Preparing for Severe Weather Emergencies

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With Spring approaching now is the time to get your family and co-workers prepared for severe weather. Now is a great time to discuss the different types of severe weather and how you should react to different situations. One of the most important things to discuss is how you are going to be notified of the emergency. There are many methods with today's technology. Wireless emergency alerts are available on most new cell phones today. You can also sign up for text alerts from most local news stations and the county EMA office. There are a number of free and paid applications for cell phones and tablets available that can be set to play an alert when emergency weather info is received. Weather alert radios available today offer only the specific alerts you want to receive and are specific to your geographic location. Tornado sirens are available in most communities and work well, but they shouldn't be your only means of notification. If you are sleeping or if you are in your home with the windows and doors closed it will be difficult to hear the tornado sirens unless you live very close to one of them.

You also need to discuss where you are going to shelter during a tornado warning. Does your home have a basement? Does your neighbor have a basement? If not you will need to shelter on the lowest level of your home in a location that is farthest from windows and doors. This could typically be a bathroom or closet. The key is going to be early warning to allow yourself and your family to get to the shelter location before the storm hits. Don't forget to plan for your pets during an emergency.

If you live in a low lying area you should also discuss where to shelter during a flooding event. You can shelter on an upper level of your home but evacuating before the flood starts is always the best plan. Again, early warning is going to be the key factor in evacuating. If you have elderly or disabled family members or neighbors be sure to plan ahead for them as well.

For all emergencies you should prepare a home emergency kit and have some basic supplies prior to the emergency. An emergency kit should include basic first aid supplies and enough food, water and medication to last a week for every member of your family (and pets). You should also develop an emergency communications plan for friends and family prior to the emergency. In the event that the phone systems are down the recommended method is text messaging. This takes some of the strain of repeat calls off the system and the message will stay on your device until it can get enough tower signal to send them message. Emailing and posting updates to your social media accounts is also a good way to communicate but is going to require your device to have a cellular or wifi connection. Communications is critical for citizens and emergency responders so efforts to get the systems back online will be high priority during any disaster.

If you need assistance in planning for weather or other emergencies you can contact your local fire department or emergency management office.

You can now find us on Facebook at Bloomington Fire Department or Bloomington Fire Department—Fire Prevention Division and Twitter at @BloomingtonFire.

Special Section: Voices Seldom Heard

Women writing for (a) change Bloomington and the Writing for a Change Foundation-Bloomington started their work at the Monroe County Corrections Center in August of 2006. This summer marks nine years of this writing program coming together with New Leaf; New Life to try to help incarcerated women make new lives for themselves.

Our project involves inviting women into a safe community that encourages writing as a tool for self-expression, story telling and community building. We ask each participant to reflect on and write about her experience in poetry and prose, to share her words with the rest of the writers in the circle and to listen deeply to her fellow writers and community members.

We are proud of the work we do encouraging strength, voice and self-expression through writing. We see these women become more insightful and reflective about their own lives. We are excited to continue to offer writing services to women at the MCCC every Saturday throughout the year. For more information on our adult circles, young women's programs and other outreach programs, please see our website: www.womenwritingbloomington.org

"I wrote the word SOBRIETY. Sobriety is a big part of my life right now. The only way I can live my life is by being sober because my life is completely unmanageable when I'm using drugs and alcohol. I wrote it on the star because that is my one wish for my life right now, I to be able to live in sobriety."

Sierra Succiuau
2/27/2016

JOB FAIR

Multiple Employers



Entry level to Professional Opportunities

Wednesday March 31st, 1-3:30 pm

111 No. Rogers St. Bloomington

*Attend the "How to Work a Job Fair" presentation and be the **First** to meet with the employers. Presentation starts at 12:15 pm come ready to be interviewed ie. dress appropriately and bring your resume or sample job application.*

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The Energy Challenge

By Doug Wilson
SCCAP Director of Communications

The Monroe County Energy Challenge (MCEC) has recently learned that its efforts to reduce energy use have placed it 27th out of 50 communities competing for the \$5,000,000 Georgetown University Energy Prize.

"We're pleased, but we know we can do better," said Jacqui Bauer, sustainability coordinator for the City of Bloomington and one of the primary organizers of the Monroe County Energy Challenge. "We learned a lot in 2015, and will really ramp up our efforts in 2016 for the last year of the prize competition."

Accomplishments during 2015 included hosting or participating in over 70 events, completing 260 home assessments, and visiting 2,500 homes. As part of the effort, free home assessments will continue to be offered to residents throughout the county. Thermal



Molly O'Donnell, Monroe County Energy Challenge Residential Committee Chair, insulating a window for winter.

To find out more about the Monroe County Energy Challenge, free home assessments, the Workplace Partners Program, or the Energy Leader program, visit <http://mocoenergychallenge.org/> or call 812-349-5883.

imaging is also available when weather allows.

The MCEC's new energy outreach coordinator position, funded through a matching grant received in 2015 from Partners for Places, the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County and the Duke Energy Foundation, will bolster visibility and outreach efforts.

As part of its 2016 efforts, the MCEC is seeking participation in two new programs.

First, the MCEC has launched a Workplace Partners Program, which offers a way for local businesses to get involved in the competition. Through this program, local employers help distribute information about the Challenge to their employees and clients. Partners can also host events, promote the Challenge on social media, or participate in other ways. In February, Old National Bank and Harrell-Fish Inc. became the first Workplace Partners to sign on.

Second, MCEC is seeking nominations for the new Energy Leader program, which will kick off in March. Local residents are asked to nominate friends, family, neighbors or co-workers that have taken significant steps to improving energy efficiency in their home or workplace. Selected leaders will receive recognition for their contribution to the Challenge and their energy improvements and innovations will be shared with the community.

"Everyone can take steps to save energy," said new Energy Outreach Coordinator Jackie Duemler. "It's easy, and saves money too. These new programs will help us point people in the right direction."

The Georgetown University Energy Prize is a nation-wide, two-year energy savings competition focused on reducing natural gas and electricity use in residences, municipal buildings, and K-12 schools. If Monroe County wins the prize, the funds would be used to establish an energy endowment, an energy-focused revolving loan fund, and energy efficiency grant program for Monroe County.

The South Central Community Action Program had two major celebrations during February

By Doug Wilson
Director of Communications, South Central Community Action Program

February was a month of celebrations for the South Central Community Action Program.

One was for the 50th Anniversary of the SCCAP's Head Start program, a federally funded early childhood program that serves children from birth to age 5. That celebration featured a week of spirit events capped by parties with parents and students at all 11 SCCAP Head Start classrooms across Monroe County.

When Head Start began its first classes in Bloomington on Feb. 14, 1966, it was mainly a home-based program with teachers visiting houses to offer services. Now, SCCAP Head Start has 11 sites throughout Monroe County where students and their parents can receive comprehensive services from health care and education to family services.

"Over the course of time, we have really focused more on getting parents involved and engaged, working on family goals, child goals, working on teaching parents how to get involved in their child's education, finding jobs and supporting them in going to school," Head Start Director Stacey Edwards said. "The more we have parents engaged, the better child outcomes you see."

SCCAP's other big celebration in February involved its Growing Opportunities greenhouse job training program, which celebrated its second class of graduates on Feb. 22.



Children in Head Start classrooms completed art projects and participated in a week of spirit days as part of SCCAP's celebration of 50 years of Head Start.



Participants in Growing Opportunities celebrated their completion of 200 hours of classroom and greenhouse training aimed at a graduation ceremony at Stone Belt.

At the graduation ceremony, a crowd of excited parents, staff and other supporters gathered at the gymnasium at Stone Belt, adjacent to the Growing Opportunities greenhouse. Growing Opportunities Greenhouse Interim Manager Audrey Cyr praised each of the graduates who completed 200 hours of greenhouse and classroom training. Cyr's remarks included:

- Stephanie Weber is the master of planting seeds! This job suits her because she is always excited to get things started, from class activities to daily greenhouse tasks. She puts 110% into everything she does, and it is contagious. After graduation, she wants to get a position at Kohl's or a volunteer job in Bloomington.

- Michael Ely has an amazing laugh that you can hear from another room! This reflects his large and uninhibited personality and contagious happiness. He is responsible for keeping the greenhouse lettuces accounted for week after week. After graduation, he wants to start his own

freelance web design business.

- Jessie Walker almost always has a positive attitude! She helps lead and encourage her coworkers in the greenhouse, and whatever she does she pays attention to each detail, making sure her work is done well. After graduation, she wants to get a job at Olive



Head Start children had fun participating in Crazy Hair as part of a Spirit Week celebrating the 50th anniversary of Head Start in Monroe County.

Garden or another restaurant.

- Ashley Clark is a natural-born leader. She can always be found leading a team and keeping everyone on task. Although her all-time favorite job is transplanting, she never complains when asked to work in another part of the greenhouse for a change. After graduation, she plans to work at a pet store.

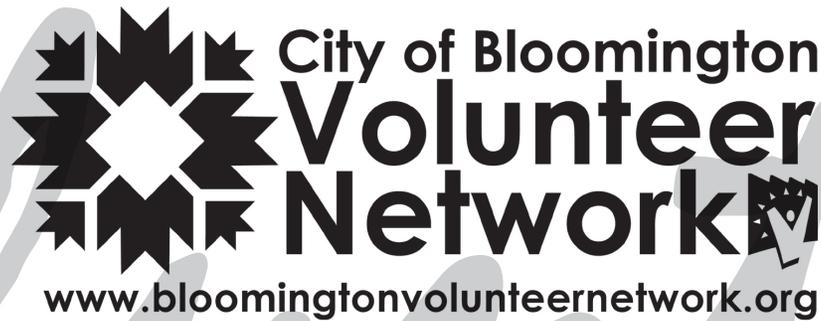
- Rob Hahn is without a doubt the most attentive to food and personal safety in the greenhouse! He wears sunscreen every day and makes sure to drink plenty of water when he is outside in the warm greenhouse. At work, Rob has improved very much at working in a group! After graduation, Rob wants to get a job in the community.

- Jeffery Stillions has a deep care for others which carries over to the plants in the greenhouse. He has always been extra-attentive to caring for the vulnerable plants, such as those that are growing in the nursery. He makes sure the water is working and that the plants are growing fully every day. After graduation, Jeffrey wants to get a job at Lowe's Hardware Store.

- Brandon Kerfoot is so good at working while having fun at the same time. He is humble about making sure everything in the greenhouse is in good shape before he leaves, from bagging up all the trash, to making sure things get put back in their proper place. After graduation, he plans to get a job at Kroger.

- Sammi Owen is always open to trying new jobs in the greenhouse. Even if they are a little daunting, she almost always keeps a positive mindset. She has enjoyed learning so many new skills in the greenhouse, especially harvesting. After graduation, Sammi wants to get a job at Barnes and Noble or a pet store.

Growing Opportunities lettuce and other produce can currently be found at Feast Bakery Cafe, Bloomingfoods East, Yogi's Grill & Bar, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, Community Kitchen, and Center for Global Children. For further information about Growing Opportunities, contact Cyr at 812-332-2168, ext. 281 or by email at Aucyr@insccap.org.



volunteers

There Are Many Ways to Relieve Poverty, to Prevent Poverty and to Work towards Social Justice!

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The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is the primary source for information about volunteering locally. To search for more opportunities, visit www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer, call 349-3433 or email volunteer@bloomington.in.gov. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

AIDS Walk—Light Up the Night—April 22

The South Central Indiana Community AIDS Action Group and IU School of Public Health will host the Btown AIDS walk and festival on April 22. The festival will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Bloomington Convention Center eastside parking lot; the walk will step off at sundown, around 8 p.m. The theme, "Light Up the Night" will be fun and family-friendly, incorporating glow-in-the-dark activities and attire. Festival admission is free; walk registration is \$25 and includes a t-shirt and two glow items. Walk registrants are encouraged to raise donations. All funds support IU Health Positive Link, supporting HIV prevention and client services. To register, please go to www.btownaidswalk.org. To volunteer, please contact Meredith Short at (812) 353-3153 or mshort4@iuhealth.org. (www.thecaag.wordpress.com)

Hannah-Thon 2016—April 29

The Hannah Center, formerly Crisis Pregnancy Center and Hannah House Maternity Home, is a nonprofit ministry serving women, their partners, and families, who are seeking help in making decisions about their pregnancies and related concerns. Hannah Center is seeking volunteers to work two to four hour shifts between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. on April 29 for Hannah-Thon, their annual fundraiser. Volunteers will take telephone pledges, assist with child care, or help with general day-of-event needs.

Minimum age is 18. Please contact Nate Tomson at (812) 334-0104 or nate@hannahcenter.org. (www.hannahcenter.org)

Build a home without lifting a hammer at Habitat ReStore!

Habitat ReStore is a donation and retail center that accepts building materials and home furnishings, then sells them to the public at deeply discounted prices. All proceeds directly benefit Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County. ReStore is seeking volunteers for a variety of positions including: sales assistant, greeter, customer relations, office assistant, donation pick-up assistant, donation intake assistant, donation repair and facility maintenance. The schedule is flexible and they will work to find the best fit for your interest and talents. Volunteers are asked to commit to a regular schedule. Some positions require lifting of up to 60 pounds. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Sherrie Shuler at (812) 331-2660 ext 204 or shuler@monroecountyhabitat.org. (www.monroecountyhabitat.org/restore)

Bookkeeper for Opportunity House Thrift Store

Opportunity House is seeking a bookkeeper, experienced with nonprofits, to create income statements, manage balance sheets, and oversee financial transactions. Opportunity House

is a volunteer-run, nonprofit resale store which supports the affordable childcare and emergency services of Monroe County United Ministries. In addition, items are sold at very low prices, which makes it a great resource for those struggling to make ends meet. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Jill Argenbright at (812) 360-7049 or argenbri@gmail.com. (www.mcum.org/opportunityhouse/)

Office Assistant for District 10 Pro Bono Project

The District 10 Pro Bono Project, a nonprofit social service legal aid program serving low-income populations who could not otherwise obtain legal counsel, is seeking volunteer office assistance for 2–8 hours weekly or bi-weekly. Candidate should be computer savvy, and will assist with filing, data entry, document scanning, shredding and housekeeping duties. Volunteer may occasionally assist with client intakes or legal interviews. Candidate must have an understanding of poverty and the issues that contribute to the needs of the financially challenged. Minimum age is 18. If you are highly organized, have respect for confidentiality and enjoy helping people, please apply by sending a cover letter, resume and three professional references to Rala Williams at rala.dist10probono@gmail.com. (www.facebook.com/district10probonoproject)

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VOLUNTEER

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Drive Veterans to V.A. Medical Center in Indy

Veteran service organizations and volunteers throughout Indiana donate time and materials so that veterans have free access to transportation to medical appointments. If you enjoy driving, can clear your calendar one day per month, and want to support veterans, consider becoming a volunteer van driver for Roudebush Veterans Administration Medical Center in Indianapolis. Volunteers drive veterans to routine appointments, hear their stories and laugh with them. The van and gas are provided; volunteers choose one day a month with time off as needed. The schedule is usually 7 a.m.–2 p.m., depending on needs. Volunteer onboarding includes fingerprinting, TB test, physical exam and orientation. Minimum age is 21. Please contact volunteer Ken Amorman, Monroe County volunteer coordinator, at (812) 332-4684 and leave a message. For those who need this service, call the same number and leave your name, phone number, and date and time of your medical appointment. (www.indianapolis.va.gov/giving/index.asp)

Community Bigs Program

January is National Mentoring Month and Big Brothers Big Sisters is recruiting volunteers for the Community Bigs Program, where an adult is matched in a one to one relationship with a school-aged child. The Big and Little build a friendship by sharing everyday activities, such as a trip to the park or cooking dinner together. The minimum commitment is eight hours per month for twelve consecutive months. A car or access to reliable insured transportation, an interview and training are required. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Mark Voland at (812) 334-2828 ext. 227 or mvoland@bigsindiana.org. (www.bigsindiana.org)

Training for New CASA Child Advocates

When home is no longer safe, children are placed in foster care. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is seeking a two year commitment from community members aged 21 and older who care about these children and are interested in learning about family dynamics and the juvenile court system. Through this program, everyday citizens are appointed by judges to speak up for a child's safety and well-being. There are currently over 80 children on the wait-list. Ideal candidates will have a fairly flexible schedule, reliable transportation and 12–15 hours available a

month. No special skills are needed. Training is provided at no cost to those willing to invest 33 hours. Prior to training you must submit an application and attend a volunteer interview. Minimum age is 21. For more information and to learn the next series of training dates, please contact Amber Shride at (812) 333-2272 or amber.shride@monroecountycasa.org. (www.monroecountycasa.org)

After School Program at Girls Inc.

If you enjoy being around kids, and support the Girls Inc. mission of inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold, please consider volunteering for the Girls Inc. after-school program during January, when they particularly need assistance. If volunteers are interested, they may also facilitate a one-time program of their choice with the girls. This gives volunteers the opportunity to share their own passions, hobbies, and talents with young girls. Minimum age is 18. Please contact June Taylor at (812) 336-7313 or jtaylor@monroe.girls-inc.org. (www.girlsinc-monroe.org)

Build a Home for a Family in Need through Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County is seeking construction volunteers on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to build new homes with families in need. No prior experience is necessary—individuals and groups of all skill levels are welcome as on-site training and instructions are provided. Tasks vary from day to day. Minimum age is 16; those younger than 16 can contribute by bringing snacks or lunch for a particular day's volunteers! Please contact Sarah Young at (812) 331-4069 ext. 202 or vsl@monroecountyhabitat.org. (www.monroecountyhabitat.org)

Tutor Students in English through MCCSC Adult Education

Through the MCCSC Adult Education program at the Broadview Learning Center, volunteers tutor students in English for one to two hours per week. Volunteer tutors do not need to speak another language or have prior experience, but they do need patience and regular attendance. All materials are provided

by the teachers. This is a wonderful way to experience other countries and cultures without all of the travel costs! Minimum age is 18. Please contact Diana Hoffman at (812) 330-7731 ext. 53187 or dhoffman@mccsc.edu. (www.mccsc.edu/adulted)

Visually Impaired Preschool Services

There are many ways to support the work of Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS) as a volunteer! VIPS empowers families to achieve educational excellence for their young children with visual impairments, which builds a strong foundation for the children to reach their highest potential. Volunteer opportunities include office assistance, assembling welcome bags for new VIPS families and assembling story book boxes for VIPS children. (Instructions are provided.) Volunteers also make specific items for children as specified by VIPS teachers, such as coloring screens and computer paper box desks. In the summer, volunteers can assist with the enrichment camps. Volunteers can also assist with yard work. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Tana Hellwig at (888) 824-2197 or thellwig@vips.org. (www.vips.org)



Tri-North Y.E.S. Club (Youth Engaged in Service) Members receiving the 2015 Be More Energized award.

Be More Awards March 29, 2016

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The entire community is invited to the Be More Awards at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29 at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater. The Be More Awards program, organized by the Bloomington Volunteer Network, is our community's way of honoring and applauding the outstanding, but often unrecognized efforts of our community volunteers. Ten awards will be

BE MORE AWARDS
2016 Celebrating Volunteers

presented at this celebration which will honor all of the 61 individuals and groups which were nominated. A \$500 check, compliments of the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe

County, will be presented to each of the recipient's volunteer organizations. Other co-sponsors include the IU Credit Union, United Way of Monroe County, and WTIU Public Television.

The 2016 Be More Awards program is an Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project honoring our state's 200 years of history. Learn more at www.Indiana2016.org.

SAVE THE DATE

**2016
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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.

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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 offers free, individualized instruction and guidance to teen and adult learners who need to get their GED diploma, want to improve basic job and literacy skills or learn new ones, are trying to learn English as a Second Language, or who aspire to create better opportunities for themselves and their families. There are also low-cost beginning computer classes for people age 55 and over. Classes start again August 16. Orientation for new students is Monday August 22; check for times. Located on Coolidge between Rogers St. & Rockport Rd., on the #2 South BT 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)

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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 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.

Job Links

About: An Area 10 Agency on Aging RSVP program that helps people evaluate job needs, inventory skills, review available jobs, develop a resume, prepare for an interview, and link with potential employers. Services are free, confidential, and non-discriminatory for job-seekers of all ages. Job Links counselors are available at Shalom Center (334-5728), and Area 10 Agency on Aging (876-3383).

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.

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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.

Hoosier Healthwise for Children

Address: 401 Morton St., Suite 260 (City Hall)

Phone: (812) 349-3851

Web: www.hoosierhealthwise.net

About: A state sponsored health insurance program for children, pregnant women, and low-income families. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria. Free or low cost, depending upon income.

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.

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.

Backstreet Missions

Address: 215 Westplex Ave.

Phone: (812) 333-1905

Web: www.backstreet.org

About: A men’s shelter with services including a crisis and 12 month housing program, meals, the provision of clothing, ministry to spiritual needs, job and life skill training, GED classes, and employment and volunteer opportunities.

Martha’s House

Address: 919 S. Rogers (Shelter)

Phone: (812) 332-1444

Web: marthashouseofbloomington.org

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.

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 for 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.

Housing (homeless youth)

Stepping Stones

Address: PO Box 1366

Phone: (812) 339-9771

Web: www.steppingstones-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: 120 W. 7th St., Ste. 310

Phone: (812) 339-1551

Web: www.bloomington.in.us/~mediate

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.

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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.

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

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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.mhcfpantry.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://ecomediacycenter.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, 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

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Endwright Center in Ellettsville, and Rural Transit bus service.

Pregnancy testing, counseling, education

Planned Parenthood

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WIC Program

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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 Volland, mvolland@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

Volunteer Contact: Libby Gwynn ([812] 334-8349; libby@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.

Rhino's Youth Center

Address: 331 S. Walnut St.

Phone: (812) 333-3430

Web: www.rhinosyouthcenter.org

Volunteer Contact: Brad Wilhelm ([812] 333-3430; rhinosdirector@ameritech.net)

About: Provides entertainment as well as other programs for the youth of our community in an alcohol, tobacco, and drug free environment. In addition to music and shows, provides programs in partnership with the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department through the week after school. Several creative and practical classes and workshops, as well as mentoring, tutoring, counseling, and more, are available.

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.

Monroe County Wrap-Around

Address: 645 S. Rogers St.

Phone: (812) 337-2225

About: Monroe County Wrap-Around is a multi-agency committee that provides needed services to families with children. For example, a case is brought to a particular agency, then a representative from that agency can present the case to Wrap-Around and all participating Wrap-Around agencies can play a role in coordinating help to the family in the most effective way. The planning process is done with the families "in the driver's seat". Each family identifies a "team" that works with them, and the team develops a plan based upon the strengths and needs of the specific family. Representatives from families also serve on committees that examine the policies and goals of Wrap-Around. This summer, the Lost Child Fund, which operates within Wrap-Around, is accepting funds to send children of working single parents to camp.

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.