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## New Leaf-New Life

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### Who We Are

New Leaf-New Life is a local volunteer-driven nonprofit whose mission is to address the overall problem of recidivism by providing a continuum of care covering the needs of offenders while in the jail and upon release.

Recidivism is a serious problem in our jail as an analysis of the jail population showed that the typical jail inmate has been incarcerated five times. Were it not for recidivism our jail would not be overcrowded and there would be less crime in our community.

Many first time offenders do not go to jail. They are given alternative sentences, learn their lesson from the experience, and never reoffend. Serial recidivists, however, must make changes in their attitudes and behaviors in order to become law abiding citizens and our in jail programs are designed to help them identify the needed changes and to begin making those changes.

Many of those released from jail are not ready to make the necessary lifestyle changes, but those who are ready often must overcome serious obstacles when released. At the New Leaf – New Life Transition Support Center we provide support for them in overcoming those obstacles.

### Transition Support Center

Many people are released from jail with nothing but the clothes they were wearing when they were arrested. They often have lost their homes, jobs, and identification documents, and they struggle to access food, housing, and employment. Also, they may suffer from addictions, medical problems, and lack of education and job skills. Although Bloomington is blessed with many

outstanding social service agencies, many of them are overloaded and must ration their services. Navigating this network can be a challenge.

Released inmates are welcomed at our Transition Support Center at 1010 S. Walnut St. where we work with them to develop and reach their goals and make a successful transition to productive citizenship. To deal with their immediate needs we provide emotional support, clothing, hygiene products, and guidance toward food and temporary housing. For their long term needs our volunteers help them build resumes and computer skills, and our caseworker works with them to find jobs and permanent housing and to access our social services network for services we cannot provide. Transportation to job interviews, doctor visits, social services, and probation department services and requirements can be a huge problem so we provide bus passes to many clients that need them.

The Transition Support Center is a busy place. About 25 persons a day visit the center, and our caseworker works intensively with about 500 clients a year.

### In-Jail Programs

With support of the sheriff and the jail administration New Leaf – New Life operates many enriching programs inside the Monroe County correctional Center. Volunteers and staff provide:

- Addicts in Recovery (AIR) block
- NLNL/MCCC Education classes
- Creative writing
- Meditation groups
- Read-to-me program for parents
- Transition help including birth certificates, eyeglasses, Amethyst applications, FAFSA applications and the like

- Recreational Bingo
- Safe storage for property of people being transferred to the DOC

All together we interact with about three-fourths of the jail population.

### Read-to-me Program

The Read-to-Me program in the jail provides incarcerated parents the opportunity to select a book for their child. As they read it aloud, it is recorded. The recording is transferred to a personalized CD and sent along with a copy of the book to the child. Since July 2015, nearly 350 books have been recorded and sent to children. Parents are always pleased to have a chance to be in touch with their children in this way.

This New Leaf-New Life program is led by Mary Goetze and supported by Team First Books of Monroe County and the Unitarian Universalist Hope for Prisoners Task Force.

### Quotes from parents' letters:

“The read to me program has been such a blessing for me and my son. Bret received his book from the program a few days after his birthday, so it made it sorta like a present from mom! My son had been in the dumps, had even acted out in school once, which never happens. When he got the book, his spirits lifted. It was like he refueled, my parents said. We don't have a lot of money so we don't get to talk often. With the book he gets to hear my voice whenever he needs to. .... If you could see his expression change when asked about the book, hear the excitement in his voice or be able to see a total attitude change, then you would see that even if it touches just one child in this manner, it makes it all worthwhile. Thank

you to all involved in connecting us with our children.” (Michelle, August, 2016)

“Zech was playing when my husband put in the CD, and he came running and smiling saying ‘Mama’ and blowing me kisses. Thank you so much for this opportunity and helping us both feel closer to each other. My husband plays the CD many times a day. Zech just loves it and of course, I'm happy that he is happy.” (Te'wana, August, 2016)

“The Read to Me program is wonderful. My daughter enjoys it very much. The program is hoping fathers behind bars sat in thus with their kids. Thank you very much.” (Matt, June 2016)



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Editorial Cartoon by Joe Lee

# Autumn Hills partners with the IU Alzheimer's Student Alliance to serve Holiday Brunch to residents and family members

By Elizabeth M. Dodd, MA • Community Resource Director • Autumn Hills Alzheimer's Special Care Center  
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**B**loomington, IN — Autumn Hills Alzheimer's Special Care Center hosted a holiday brunch on December 3, 2016, for its residents and family members.

“We understand that the holidays can be a particularly difficult time for people suffering from dementia and their families,” says Jan Ledlow, Administrator at Autumn Hills. “It was our goal to create a lovely holiday experience for our residents and their loved ones. From good food, festive decorations, wonderful live music, and the quality time spent with families, I feel we achieved that.”

At Autumn Hills, residents are so much more than their diagnosis. Maintaining the dignity and individuality of the residents is their primary goal, and the basis of their Meaningful Moments program. Ledlow explains, “We have a holistic approach to resident care, where we honor the resident as an individual and care for the whole person—physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.”

Student volunteers from the Alzheimer's Student Alliance arrived hours before the event to help pamper residents, including painting nails, doing hair, and putting on makeup for the women—all meaningful interactions.

“We were excited to participate in such an extraordinary event. Most of our students have a personal connection to Alzheimer's and we loved being able to interact with the residents at Autumn Hills,” states Diana Arman, President of the IU Alzheimer's Student Alliance. “We are dedicated to raising awareness of this devastating disease and we hope to invest in a future without Alzheimer's.”

Maggie Kennedy is a Certified Nursing Assistant at Autumn Hills. She is also a student at IU and serves as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Student Alliance. “It's amazing to be able to work with such a great group of people. Everyone's life story is unique and worth honoring, and that's one thing we try to do on a daily basis at Autumn Hills.”



Meaningful interactions at Autumn Hills Alzheimer's Special Care Center. IU Student volunteer Yash Kachhara (center) helps serve a resident and his daughter Heather Hales at the Autumn Hills' Holiday Brunch.

Creating memories at holiday times is something most families strive to do, and the sharing of a meal is at the heart of it. Heather Hales, a daughter of a resident at Autumn Hills, expressed, “When I arrived I got choked up. The residents looked so happy! It was truly a lovely event!”

Autumn Hills Alzheimer's Special Care Center is located at 3203 Moores Pike Road, in Bloomington, IN, and serves the needs of individuals living with Alzheimer's and other dementia. Autumn Hills also hopes to be a resource to the Bloomington community for all folks who are either living with or have a loved one living with Alzheimer's, and invites the community at large to their educational speaker series the third Tuesday of every month. The facility also sponsors a Support Group at 6pm on the third Wednesday of every month. Interested parties can reach Autumn Hills at 812-335-4655.

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**—Maggie Kennedy,  
Certified Nursing  
Assistant and  
Volunteer Coordinator  
for the Alzheimer's  
Student Alliance**

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### AGENCY REPORTS

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

### AGENCY GUIDE

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

### WE WELCOME COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

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

# Milestones psychiatry is changing

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**B**ecause one of Milestones' psychiatrists decided to take a job across town, changes have been made. The Milestones Outpatient Clinic will be reduced by about half, with a shift in focus that more closely aligns with Stone Belt's mission.

To better understand this plan, a brief review of Milestones' background in mental health services is needed. When Stone Belt decided to begin providing psychiatric services in 2005, Milestones launched and hired Dr. Mindy Weakley, who already had a partial caseload of children without disabilities who followed her to Milestones. This was an important initial step in building the practice, because the available population of individuals with disabilities did not fully support hiring a psychiatrist.

As a result, the Milestones Outpatient Clinic began providing services to two distinct populations: individuals of all ages with Intellectual Disability (ID) and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder (Stone Belt's targeted clientele) and children experiencing mental health challenges, but having no disability.

For several years, the outpatient practice grew. As a

result a second psychiatrist, Dr. Lia Kettenis, was hired in late 2007. Eventually, the clinic reached its maximum capacity and has stayed there for the past few years with a psychiatric caseload of a little more than 1,500 clients. Those clients are about evenly split between people of all ages with disability and children without.

The outpatient clinic has been stable for a number of years with very little clinician turnover and a steady flow of referrals. At the same time, low reimbursements for mental health services and stiff regulatory requirements have consistently asserted significant financial pressures on the organization.

At the end of 2016 when Dr. Kettenis decided to leave Milestones and work for Centerstone in Bloomington, some decisions needed to be made about how to move forward with psychiatry at Milestones.

The main options were to (a) hire a replacement psychiatrist and continue to provide services to both populations or (b) reduce the client population being served to Stone Belt's core constituency of people with ID and/or autism. Many factors were considered, including the impact of the disruption of services to some clients who

would be referred out, financial pressures, the practice's caseload makeup and the mission of Stone Belt.

In order to plan, Stone Belt CEO Leslie Green, Milestones Director Jim Wiltz and Dr. Weakley met and discussed the best course moving forward. The three considered the options, and then concluded that the best plan was to reduce the size of the practice and focus on services for people with ID and/or autism.

One thing is not changing – Dr. Weakley, who is Milestones' medical director, will continue providing psychiatric services as she has since the clinic opened 12 years ago. Over that period, she has developed an expertise in working with people with disabilities and their often-complex mental health.

There still is work to be done to complete this transition, but Milestones is up to the challenge. Patients being referred out of the clinic have received information on this change. Staff will work with all patients to make this transition as smooth as possible. Questions and concerns can be addressed to practice manager Deb Lane, [dlane@stonebelt.org](mailto:dlane@stonebelt.org), or Jim Wiltz, [jwiltz@stonebelt.org](mailto:jwiltz@stonebelt.org), or call 812-333-6324, ext. 186 and 194, respectively.

## Why Hate for People without Homes is Never Okay

By Rev. Forrest Gilmore, Executive Director, Shalom Community Center

**T**wo summers ago, the beating of a homeless, Hispanic man made the national news. Two men beat this poor man with a metal pipe and then urinated on him.

This drew national attention because the two assailants, as they were beating the man, were reported to have said, "Donald Trump was right... All these illegals need to be deported."

When Donald Trump heard of the incident, he described it as a shame and then countered, "I will say, the people that are following me are very passionate. They love this country. They want this country to be great again."

Because the beating and defiling of a vulnerable homeless man has anything to do with making this country great...

Between 1998 and 2013, there were 1,437 recorded acts of violence committed against homeless individuals by housed perpetrators in the United States (and countless more unrecorded acts). 375 people lost their lives as a result of those attacks (3x more than all other hate-crime-related murders combined).

Most don't make the news.

I remember one of our guests coming in to the Shalom Center one day beaten, bruised, and stitched, his face so swollen he was hard to recognize. He told me a young man jumped out of the back of a pickup truck with a 2x4 and beat him across the face. He was lucky to be alive.

We each build a circle of empathy around ourselves. These circles extend to include those beyond ourselves, those we believe have value and dignity, those we consider worthy of life, and exclude those we don't. Some of those circles are big. Some small. Some in

between. Our greatest societal conflicts emerge in our communal debates over who lives within and who lives outside those circles – the person of color, the LGBT person, the religious minority, the impoverished, the mentally ill, the addicted, the homeless.

It's our job as a society to expand the circle... to keep including those who have not been included, those who have been marginalized, oppressed, murdered.

It's not okay to hate.

It's never okay to hate.

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*To help end hunger and homelessness through the work of Shalom, please make a contribution by mailing in a gift to PO Box 451, Bloomington, IN 47402-0451 or donating online at [www.shalomcommunitycenter.org](http://www.shalomcommunitycenter.org).*

# Special Section: Voices Seldom Heard: Writings From Jail Inmates

## SELF-CREATED HELL

Aaron Crafton

My escape created Hell, and what I mean is exactly this  
In love with a dirty needle, always fiending for the next fix  
My mind was always focused, on 1 thing and 1 thing alone  
When that warmth took over, I started to itch. And that's  
when I felt at home.

If you are close to me, be prepared, I'll eventually do you  
bad.

All I want is to escape my fears, I'm tired of being sad.  
When I see that blood draw back, euphoria starts to set in  
But really in my head I'm thinking, I hope this is the end.  
Take me out, drop me, let me go out the way I went  
I'm tired of always chasing this, it became pain to me, not  
fun!!

Here I go again, awakened by the sweet, fear, and shakes  
And just to get well, not high, I'll do whatever it takes  
Flame to the spoon, I draw back, God please let me find a  
vein

I don't wanna be dope sick any more, this'll numb the pain.  
The rush took over, wow!! Is this really real?  
My eyes begin to slowly close, my heartbeat becomes so still.  
Hours pass, they walk in, my body is purple and blue  
I no longer feel the pain I felt, I passed it on to you  
I don't feel you as you shake me, I don't see you as you cry  
This disease called addiction, has just taken my life.  
I was too busy being selfish, always focusing on only me  
Never realizing the pain it causes to all my family.  
It's too late to say I'm sorry, so let it be a story to tell  
That this is the definition of self-created Hell.

## Time to '86 the thoughts

Craig Grimes

So I can get out of my head  
Time to drop the gear from neutral  
Before the engine goes dead  
There was a time where thoughts embraced  
I oft am longing for  
There'll come a time again one day  
Where I'll find myself wanting more

But today I'm in the present  
I choose to work on now  
I may not have the answers  
To the what, when, why, or how  
But right now I have this moment  
To reflect on what's come to pass  
I live each day more certain  
Each moment as if it's my last

## A CRUTCH

William D. Booker

As I sit here wondering, am I right or wrong,  
I dig deep deep down in my soul.  
I say to myself, I did it for my family,  
but if I had a job wouldn't they have been  
more happy?  
I know that they are sad because I'm in this  
place, it is not because of my race, that I'm in  
this place, it is because my judgement was misplaced.  
I need to escape - I need to escape.  
There is nowhere to go but inside my pencil and  
my pad, I wonder, can I part with some of these  
thoughts that're racing through my head, so I sit  
down and write and hopefully tonight I have made  
enough room to sleep in peace in my bed.  
I think you all know that I love my family very  
much, the worst thing I ever done was use them as  
a crutch. I'm going to make it up to them some way  
some how, find a way to turn my babies' frowns  
back to smiles.

## (DELUSION MINDS)

By Pancho

They say 20 to life.  
Got me gasping for air.  
People crying, screaming, and  
yelling in the courtroom.  
Are they aware?  
Naw!  
They mind is delusion.  
I guess they don't know no rule.  
This isn't the school hardknots.  
This shit is real.  
Yeah, like a battlefield.  
My mind is racing hundred mile  
running.  
What have done?  
This is no fun.  
They say 20 to life.  
The walls are closing in.  
I'm short of breath.  
What is the next step?  
I got to fight.  
They say 20 to life.

# Home fire safety for the winter months

Scott Smith, Fire Prevention Officer,  
Bloomington Fire Department

**W**ith cooler weather starting in Indiana now is the  
time to think about how to protect your family and  
your home from fires. Statistics show that winter  
fires are a real danger:

- 905 people die in winter home fires each year.
- \$2,091,000,000 in property loss occurs from winter home  
fires.
- 67 percent of winter fires occur in one- and two-family  
homes.
- Cooking is the leading cause of all winter home fires.
- 5 to 8 p.m. is the most common time for winter home fires.

When thinking about home fire safety we should always  
take time to develop and practice a home fire escape plan,  
complete with a meeting place. Working smoke alarms are  
critical to surviving a fire, doubling your chances of escaping.  
Smoke alarms should have the batteries changed at least one  
time a year, and should be tested monthly. Any smoke alarm  
that is older than 10 years needs to be replaced. Dual sensor  
smoke alarms provide the most protection against fire since  
they are able to detect a slow smoldering fire and a rapidly  
spreading fire.

Any home that has gas appliances, or parks a vehicle in an  
attached garage should have at least one Carbon Monoxide  
detector. The detector should be placed near the sleeping areas  
in the home. Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that  
is extremely deadly.

Servicing and cleaning of fireplaces, wood stoves and  
furnaces should be scheduled prior to using them when cold  
weather strikes. Having these items inspected by a professional  
will help to ensure their safe operation.

If you must use a space heater of any type it must be kept  
away from combustible materials such as bedding, curtains, etc  
to prevent the radiant heat from starting a fire. The space heater  
should always be plugged directly to a wall outlet and never  
used on an extension cord. Use caution when placing a space  
heater to prevent the device from being knocked over by a child  
or pet.

During a power outage generators should only be used  
outside the residence and should be kept away from all  
openings so carbon monoxide doesn't get into the residence.  
Gas fired cooking appliances such as grills and ovens should  
never be used as a heat source since they also put off a  
significant amount of carbon monoxide.

Planning is very important for every family. Put together a  
first aid kit and stockpile enough food, water and medication to  
supply each family member for one week. Don't forget to plan  
ahead for your pets as well.

If you have questions or need assistance with home  
fire safety issues feel free to contact the Bloomington Fire  
Department at 812-332-9763 and ask to speak with the Fire  
Prevention Officer.

# Thriving Connections is seeking new participants for a class that starts this spring

By Katie Rodriguez, CKF – Monroe, Owen & Brown Outreach and Enrollment Specialist, South Central Community Action Program

**T**hriving Connections is seeking new participants for a class that starts this spring. Provided below is my story in a letter to potential leaders. If you are interested in learning more about Thriving Connections, please contact Linda Patton, Thriving Connections Coordinator, at 812-339-3447, ext. 520, [lindap@insccap.org](mailto:lindap@insccap.org).

Dear New Potential Leaders,

In 2009, I sat where you now sit. My kids were 4, 3, and 14 months old. I was so tired. My husband and I moved from Martinsville to Bloomington to a little 2BR apartment in 2007. I finished college at IU in 2008, with a newborn baby strapped to my chest. My husband was washing dishes at a restaurant around the corner from us. After I graduated, I went on a string of job interviews, none of which resulted in a job. I was depressed, and my husband was coping in some unhealthy ways. We loved each other, but our relationship wasn't healthy either.

Joining Thriving Connections (which was known as Circles at the time) was the best decision I could have made. The worst part of our situation was how lonely and exhausted I felt all of the time. TC solved that when I

stepped in the door. Here I was surrounded by people with similar problems and I was in a place where we could talk openly about them. I wasn't lonely anymore. And I had a time and space each week to think about the future. For the past 5 years or so, I had only been thinking in terms of "for now". Like "This is good enough for now. This is all we can do for now. We'll deal with this for now." But 'for now' turned into 5 years really fast and I couldn't figure out anything that would get us out of that. Having time each Thursday to think about the future and problem solve with other people who knew or had other resources, gave me hope.

Thriving Connections connected me to Catholic Charities, too. I had always thought that counseling was for crazies. I had had a bad experience with a counselor and really hadn't ever given it a thought about going back and trying it again. But because I had supportive friends around me, I tried it again. I even took my husband with me and we tried it together. It changed our relationship, it gave us tools to deal with our individual past ghosts and also with the recent damage we had done to each other. Taking care of ourselves in that

way helped us each to have the strength to continue fighting to get our family ahead. I didn't know it then, but those things had to be dealt with before we could ever achieve stability. Otherwise, maybe I would've gotten a really great job, but I wouldn't have lasted there because sooner or later he and I would have had a blow out and I would've no-call/no-showed again or he would've gotten into another fight with a co-worker, and it wouldn't have lasted anyways.

So if there's any advice I can give you from the perspective of someone looking back, it's to take care of yourself first. You've learned to cope with things because you have to, but be honest with yourself - you can't go on like that forever and no change you make will last unless you've taken care of yourself. Going back to school, getting a new job, meeting new people, getting off of assistance -- all of those things are stressful enough. But if you're taking care of yourself, you'll be strong enough to push through that stress and come out stronger on the other end.

Throughout all of it, the ups and the downs, my allies were right beside me. They introduced me to different ways of thinking



about things, and made me feel accepted and loved. They never told me what to do, but they brainstormed with me and reflected with me. They offered whatever support I needed to move towards my goals. I don't even call them my allies anymore. They are just my good friends, or like extended family.

Know that all of us are here for you. We're here to listen, to share our experiences if you want us to, and just cheer you on in general. Even if not all of us are here every Thursday for a meeting, you know that we're on your side and we're rooting for you to grow and learn and have a happier family. You'll have setbacks, it'll take longer than you expect, and we're here for you then, too.

Good luck!!

## Love it or hate it, health insurance is the law

By Katie Rodriguez, CKF – Monroe, Owen & Brown Outreach and Enrollment Specialist, South Central Community Action Program

**M**ost people know by now that there's a penalty for not having health insurance coverage. For 2016, the penalty is either 2% of your income for the year that you were not covered, OR \$695 per person/\$347.50 per child, whichever is HIGHER.

Rob, a recent retiree who lives on a fixed income and thought that his health savings account would qualify as his health insurance, is now facing a \$695 penalty for not having a health insurance plan that meets the requirements under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

"When we met Rob, he was pretty confused about his coverage options. He didn't know what HIP 2.0 was, or if he would be eligible. He was upset that he was going to be facing a penalty for something he didn't understand, but had ultimately felt forced to pay it because he couldn't afford health insurance" explained Hannah Watt, an Indiana Licensed Health Insurance Navigator for SCCAP's Covering

Kids and Families (CKF) of Monroe, Owen & Brown.

As of the 2015 census, Indiana had 14.5% of Hoosiers living at or below the Federal Poverty Guidelines and 11.2% of Hoosiers who were uninsured. For someone living at or around the federal poverty level, as so many Hoosiers like Rob do, the penalty is a potential burden that really isn't even meant for them. But without the right tools and guidance, they end up paying it.

There are several exemptions that Hoosiers could potentially qualify for, especially if they are low-income, so that they would not be hit by a penalty that could amount to up to \$2000.

The first of the exemptions is an income exemption. If you are not required to file taxes because your income is too low, you are exempt from the penalty. Other exemptions include: If you have experienced homelessness, have had a disconnect notice from a utility company in the last 3 years,

have experienced domestic violence, filed for bankruptcy, had medical bills you couldn't pay from the last 3 years, cared  
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## Ways to Get Involved— to Relieve Poverty, to Prevent Poverty, and to Work towards Social and Economic 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](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer), call 349-3433 or email [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto: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.*

### **Area 10 Agency on Aging - Deliver Food Monthly to Home-Bound Seniors**

A small commitment makes a big impact in the Area 10 Agency on Aging's food pantry program, which delivers sacks of groceries once a month to community members who are homebound due to age or disability. There are currently 70 volunteers who either bag the food or deliver the groceries, serving almost 300 individuals a month from three food pantry sites. They even have pet food! There are 8-10 individuals on each route, which takes about 1.5 hours. Groceries are ready for pick-up and delivery between 12:30-3 p.m. on Wednesdays or between 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thursdays. All you need is a little bit of time, reliable transportation, and a valid driver's license. Minimum age is 16; no minimum if accompanied by an adult. Please contact Amy O'Brien at (812) 876-3383 ext. 535 or [aobrien@area10agency.org](mailto:aobrien@area10agency.org). ([www.area10agency.org](http://www.area10agency.org))

### **Banneker Community Center - New Family Events**

If you like kids, especially those between the ages of two and seven, you might enjoy assisting with monthly youth programs at Banneker Community Center. Past programs included Banneker Drive-In, Scary Story Time, Fall Fun at Banneker, and It's a Gingerbread Party! You can volunteer for one or all, and may assist with planning, setup, activities, and teardown. Programs are usually held on the second Fridays of the month from 5-8 p.m. Minimum age is 18. To sign up, please go to <http://goo.gl/McjjWg> or contact Nikki Wooten McEachern at (812) 349-

3739 or [parksvol@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:parksvol@bloomington.in.gov).  
([www.bloomington.in.gov/parks](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/parks))

### **Bloomington Community Bike Project**

The Bike Project is a local cooperative that empowers people to live sustainable lives by emphasizing bicycle maintenance and repair education. It provides a space, tools, free used parts, and bicycle maintenance books for your perusal. They also have a shop monitor to help you diagnose and fix your own bike. Other volunteers keep things clean and organized and make repairs on Bike Project bicycles. Please contact them at [bloomington.bike.project@gmail.com](mailto:bloomington.bike.project@gmail.com). ([www.bloomingtonbikeproject.com](http://www.bloomingtonbikeproject.com))

### **Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington**

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington focus on three core program areas: healthy lifestyles, academic success, and good character & active citizenship. Individuals and groups can get involved through afterschool programming, day camps, and special events. Opportunities exist at all club locations - Lincoln Street, Crestmont, and Ellettsville - for anyone age 18 or older. Professional and pro bono volunteers are welcome to share their time and talents - what would you gladly give to this organization if they could make it possible for you to do so? Please contact Jack Laskey at 812-332-5311 or [jlaskey@bgcbloomington.org](mailto:jlaskey@bgcbloomington.org). ([www.bgcbloomington.org](http://www.bgcbloomington.org))

### **Council for Community Accessibility - Screeners for Accessibility Decal Project**

The City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility is recruiting volunteers



*All Options Volunteer Advocates*

to survey a variety of locations to determine their accessibility for people with disabilities. Screeners use established criteria for parking, paths, entrance, elevators, stairs, railings, common areas, restrooms, and customer service. Qualifying businesses are then presented with a decal to display on their storefronts. Screeners are asked to perform each survey when they wish and, if desired, with a partner. Screeners complete at least one survey per month. Training and mentoring provided. Minimum age is 18. To submit your interest and availability go to: [bit.ly/CCASurveyors](mailto:bit.ly/CCASurveyors) or contact Michael Shermis at (812) 349-3471 or [cca@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:cca@bloomington.in.gov). ([bloomington.in.gov/cca](http://bloomington.in.gov/cca))

### **Fairview Elementary School**

Fairview Elementary School welcomes you to contact them to discuss ways to engage you, your group, your organization or your business in skilled or pro bono service at their school. They invite you to use your skills to further their mission and programming. With your talents as a part of their team, they can build their capacity to serve their students and our community in meaningful and effective ways. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Whitney Thomas at 812-330-7732 or [wthomas@mccsc.edu](mailto:wthomas@mccsc.edu). ([www.mccsc.edu/fairview](http://www.mccsc.edu/fairview))

### **Free Community Tax Service**

Become someone's tax hero! If you enjoy working with numbers, the Free Community Tax Service is seeking volunteers to serve as tax preparers. Tax preparers electronically complete simple state and federal tax returns for low- and moderate-income taxpayers, while maintaining strict confidentiality. Bilingual volunteers are also needed. Continuing education credits are available to qualifying professionals. This is a great way to learn new skills and serve a community need! Please contact Amy Leyenbeck at 812-334-8370 ext. 11 or [amy@](mailto:amy@)

[monroeunitedway.org](http://monroeunitedway.org). ([www.monroeunitedway.org/freetaxesvolunteer](http://www.monroeunitedway.org/freetaxesvolunteer))

### **Girls Incorporated**

Girls Inc. has been serving Monroe County for over 35 years, inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold through myriad programming including after-school and holiday programs, summer and winter day camps, and organized sports leagues for girls ages 6 to 18. Volunteers are welcome in all programming! Professional and pro bono volunteers are also welcome to share their time and talents - what would you gladly give to this organization if they could make it possible for you to do so? Contact June Taylor at 812-336-7313 or [jtaylor@monroe.girls-inc.org](mailto:jtaylor@monroe.girls-inc.org). ([www.girlsinc-monroe.org](http://www.girlsinc-monroe.org))

### **Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

Build a home without lifting a hammer! Habitat ReStore is a donation and retail center that accepts building materials and home furnishings and sells them to the public at deeply discounted prices. All proceeds directly benefit Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County. The ReStore is currently in need of regular volunteers for a variety of positions including: sales assistant, customer relations, office assistant, donation pick-up assistant, donation intake assistant, donation repair and facility maintenance. The schedule is flexible; they will help you find the best fit for your interests and talents. Volunteers are asked to commit to a regular schedule; students and snowbirds are welcome. A few positions require lifting of up to 60 pounds. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Kevin McWhirter at (812) 331-2660 or [mcwhirter@monroecountyhabitat.org](mailto:mcwhirter@monroecountyhabitat.org). ([www.monroecountyhabitat.org/restore](http://www.monroecountyhabitat.org/restore))

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### Interfaith Winter Shelter

The Interfaith Emergency Winter Shelter involves over 20 faith communities, over 450 volunteers, and several public, private, and governmental entities working together to provide emergency shelter to homeless individuals. It offers a safe, warm place to sleep for men and women who-for whatever reason-have no alternative but the streets. The shelter is at different locations on different nights of the week and depends largely on volunteers to keep its doors open. All volunteers, including those who were involved in previous years or have experience at other shelters, are required to attend training. Minimum age is 18, with the exception of those volunteering for the setup shift. Those younger than 18 may attend the training and may volunteer for the setup shift if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Training dates are posted on their website; individual training sessions can easily be scheduled. Please contact Daniel Watts at [wattbush@gmail.com](mailto:wattbush@gmail.com) or 732-939-9426. ([www.interfaithwintershelter.org](http://www.interfaithwintershelter.org))

### Middle Way House - Domestic Violence Training

In order to maintain the level of service provided to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, Middle Way House trains new volunteers on a regular basis. Upcoming training dates can be found on their website. Both women and men are strongly encouraged to attend. There are many volunteer opportunities including: crisis line, childcare, tutoring, legal advocacy, community reception, and youth mentoring. While this training is a prerequisite to volunteer with Middle Way House, it is also appropriate for those interested in learning more about the dynamics of gender and domestic violence. No pre-registration is necessary. For more information, please call (812) 337-4510 or e-mail [volunteer@middlewayhouse.org](mailto:volunteer@middlewayhouse.org). ([www.middlewayhouse.org](http://www.middlewayhouse.org))

### Monroe County United Ministries

Monroe County United Ministries is a nurturing organization serving working families and those in distress by helping people achieve self-sufficiency and providing subsidized childcare. They provide quality education and a safe place for children, basic needs assistance for families experiencing hardship, including a food pantry, and community service opportunities for all. Interested in serving one of these programs? Professional and pro bono volunteers are also welcome to share their time and talents - what would you gladly give to this organization if they could make it possible for you to do so? Please contact Steve Thomas at 812-339-3429 or [stthomas@mcum.org](mailto:stthomas@mcum.org). ([www.mcum.org](http://www.mcum.org))

### My Sister's Closet - Interview Skills Mentor

My Sister's Closet is seeking volunteers with human resources experience to work with their low-income and at-risk clients. Depending on their individual needs, mentors may give advice about writing resumes and cover letters and assist with basic interview skills, including conducting mock interviews. Mentors may also help clients look for jobs online, and then fill out online job applications, including posting resumes online. Minimum age is 20. Please contact My Sisters Closet at (812) 333-7710 or [info@sisterscloset.org](mailto:info@sisterscloset.org). ([www.sisterscloset.org](http://www.sisterscloset.org))

### PALS Volunteer Training

People & Animal Learning Services offers volunteer training for those interested in participating weekly in PALS therapeutic equine programs. Upcoming training dates can be found on their website. Responsibilities include leading horses or side-walking clients during riding sessions. Volunteers have the opportunity to work closely with PALS clients, learn about therapeutic equine programs, and help groom, saddle, train, care for horses and help with barn chores. No horse experience is necessary! Volunteer shifts are usually between 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Minimum age is 16. You can submit a volunteer application via the website or contact Cynthia Wakley at 812-336-2798 ext. 15 or [cynthia@palstherapy.org](mailto:cynthia@palstherapy.org). ([www.palstherapy.org](http://www.palstherapy.org))

### Pantry 279 - Help Seniors and People with Disabilities Shop on Tuesdays

Pantry 279, 'the Pantry with TLC' (Trinity Lutheran Church in Ellettsville), was conceived, built, stocked, and run by the cadet Girl Scouts of Troop 69279. This troop has initiated a senior citizen and disabled citizen-only night. This will allow quicker access to food without the hour-plus wait in line, as well as extra help with carrying food while shopping at the pantry. People who can volunteer on Tuesdays from 4:45-6:15 p.m. are needed! Minimum age is 12. Please contact Cindy Chavez at (812) 606-1524 or [pantry279@yahoo.com](mailto:pantry279@yahoo.com). ([www.pantry279.weebly.com](http://www.pantry279.weebly.com))

### Shalom Community Center

Shalom could not offer the services it provides to people experiencing homelessness and extreme poverty without community support. Volunteers are needed to sort clothing donations, so they can get to those who need them. They particularly need help in the kitchen from 7:30-9:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. In the afternoons, Hospitality desk volunteers have the important task of sorting and distributing mail. Extra help is needed every day, but especially on Mondays. Help is needed on Thursdays all day, but especially in the morning. Please contact Sue Murphy at (812) 334-5734, ext. 23 or [sue@shalomcommunitycenter.org](mailto:sue@shalomcommunitycenter.org). When responding, please let Sue know



Be More Award nominees gather on stage prior to the start of the 2016 event.

## Nominate a Volunteer for a Be More Award

Submitted by Bet Savich, Director, City of Bloomington Volunteer Network, ([volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov); (812)349-3472; [www.BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org](http://www.BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org))

**D**o you know an extraordinary volunteer or volunteer group who deserves to be recognized? Honor them as a Be More Award nominee! Ten volunteers in a variety of categories will be awarded Be More Awards on March 28. And, thanks to the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, they each will earn \$500 cash for the organizations where they volunteer! Nominations are being accepted now through Feb. 3. Nominate online at [BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org/bemore](http://BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org/bemore), where you can also see photos and read biographies of previous nominees and recipients. Please contact Lucy Schaich, Bloomington Volunteer Network, at (812) 349-3433 or [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov).

if you have attended a volunteer orientation, or if you have volunteered there before. ([shalomcommunitycenter.org](http://shalomcommunitycenter.org))

### South Central Community Action Program - Growing Opportunities

The South Central Community Action Program exists to provide opportunities for low-income citizens to move toward personal and economic independence. Innovative programs such as Growing Opportunities, an urban hydroponic farm, provides job-training opportunities for low-income people with barriers to employment, especially people with disabilities. Volunteers are welcome to participate in assisting with site and crop maintenance and harvest delivery to local eateries, markets, and schools. Professional and pro bono volunteers are also welcome to share your time and talents - what would you

gladly give to this organization if they could make it possible for you to do so? Please contact Errin Logsdon at 812-332-2168 ext. 281 or [elogsdon@insccap.org](mailto:elogsdon@insccap.org). ([www.insccap.org/pages/growingopportunities](http://www.insccap.org/pages/growingopportunities))

### Visually Impaired Preschool Services

Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS) empowers families by providing educational excellence to young children with visual impairments to build a strong foundation to reach their highest potential. Volunteer opportunities include office assistance, creating welcome bags for new families, assembling story book boxes for children, making specific items for children as specified by their VIPS teachers, assisting with bulk mailings, yard work, and summer enrichment camps. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Tana Hellwig at (888) 824-2197 or [thellwig@vips.org](mailto:thellwig@vips.org). ([www.vips.org](http://www.vips.org))

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for an ill, disabled, or aging family member, had a death of a close family member, natural or human caused disaster that caused substantial damage to your property, or otherwise experienced a hardship that kept you from being able to buy health insurance.

“We talked to Rob about his situation and determined that he fell into one of the categories that qualified for an exemption. The application was a bit lengthy, so we went through it all together and mailed it in. We were really excited to help Rob fill out his exemption form and hopefully save him from having to pay \$695 that he shouldn't have had to pay” continued Hannah.

The South Central Community Action Program is now the home of a local coalition in partnership with Covering Kids and Families of Indiana (CKF). CKF of Monroe, Owen and Brown is a local coalition that serves clients in the aforementioned three counties. As of October 2016, CKF of Monroe, Owen, and Brown is staffed by two full-time Indiana State Licensed Health Insurance Navigators. They are available Monday through Friday, 8am - 4:30pm, to assist you in applying for traditional Medicaid, Hoosier Healthwise, CHIP, HIP 2.0, and Marketplace plans. A Navigator can help you figure out which program you are eligible for, and help you choose a plan and provider that will best fit your individual needs. They also have access to state-level resources that can help troubleshoot complex application issues. Once enrolled in a plan, navigators can help you understand your benefits and make sure that you're getting the most out of the plan that you've chosen. If you're not satisfied with your plan, navigators can sit down with you during Open Enrollment (November 1 - January 31) to compare the rates and benefits of other providers to see if they can find you a better option.

CKF's health care assistance services are absolutely FREE and open to any individual or family. Navigators are not compensated in any way by hospitals, medical providers, or insurance companies, which means that they can offer you completely unbiased guidance and support. If you're interested in making an appointment, you can reach us by calling (812) 339-3447, emailing us at [katherine@insccap.org](mailto:katherine@insccap.org) or [hannahw@insccap.org](mailto:hannahw@insccap.org), or 'liking' us on Facebook. Our Facebook page offers an appointment making link, and a button to directly call our office.

CKF seeks to raise awareness in the community around health disparities and how we can all use our voices to make positive and sustainable changes to our health care system. CKF is dedicated to advocating for the reduction of barriers to access for health insurance, as well as increased availability and affordability for all Hoosiers. If you're interested in joining our Coalition or volunteering your time, contact us!

# Directory of agencies and services

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

## Addiction Counseling

### Amethyst House

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

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

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

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

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

### Centerstone of Indiana, Inc.

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

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

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

### Alcoholics Anonymous

**Address:** Hours and locations vary.

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

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

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

## Adult Education

### MCCSC Adult Education

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

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

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

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

**About:** The Monroe County Community School Corporation's Adult Education program 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](http://www.bloomingtonhospital.org)

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

## Clothing, furniture, housewares

### Monroe County United Ministries

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

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

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

**About:** Provides a subsidized Child-Care Program for low-income families in Monroe County, which includes a year-round program for children two to six years old, and a summer camp subsidized child-care for children ages six to ten, when school is out of session. All care-givers in the families either

work full time or attend school part-time and work part-time. There is also an Emergency Services Program that assists families who are experiencing a short-term crisis. The Emergency Services Program includes a food pantry, a clothing program, and financial assistance for rent or utility payments.

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

*See Employment resources and job counseling.*

### Salvation Army

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

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

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

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

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

**Address:** 4607 West State Road 46

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

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

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

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

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### 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

**Acercar:** 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

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### 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

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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](http://iuhealth.org/individual-solutions)

#### Monroe County Health Department:

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

#### SCCAP Health Coverage Assistance Program:

Call (812) 339-3447 for Navigator assistance.

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

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

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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.

### **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.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:** 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. 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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## DIRECTORY

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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>  
[greenthecity@yahoo.com](mailto:greenthecity@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 Endwright Center in Ellettsville, and Rural Transit bus service.

### Pregnancy testing, counseling, education

##### Planned Parenthood

*See health care.*

##### 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.