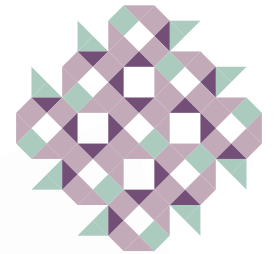


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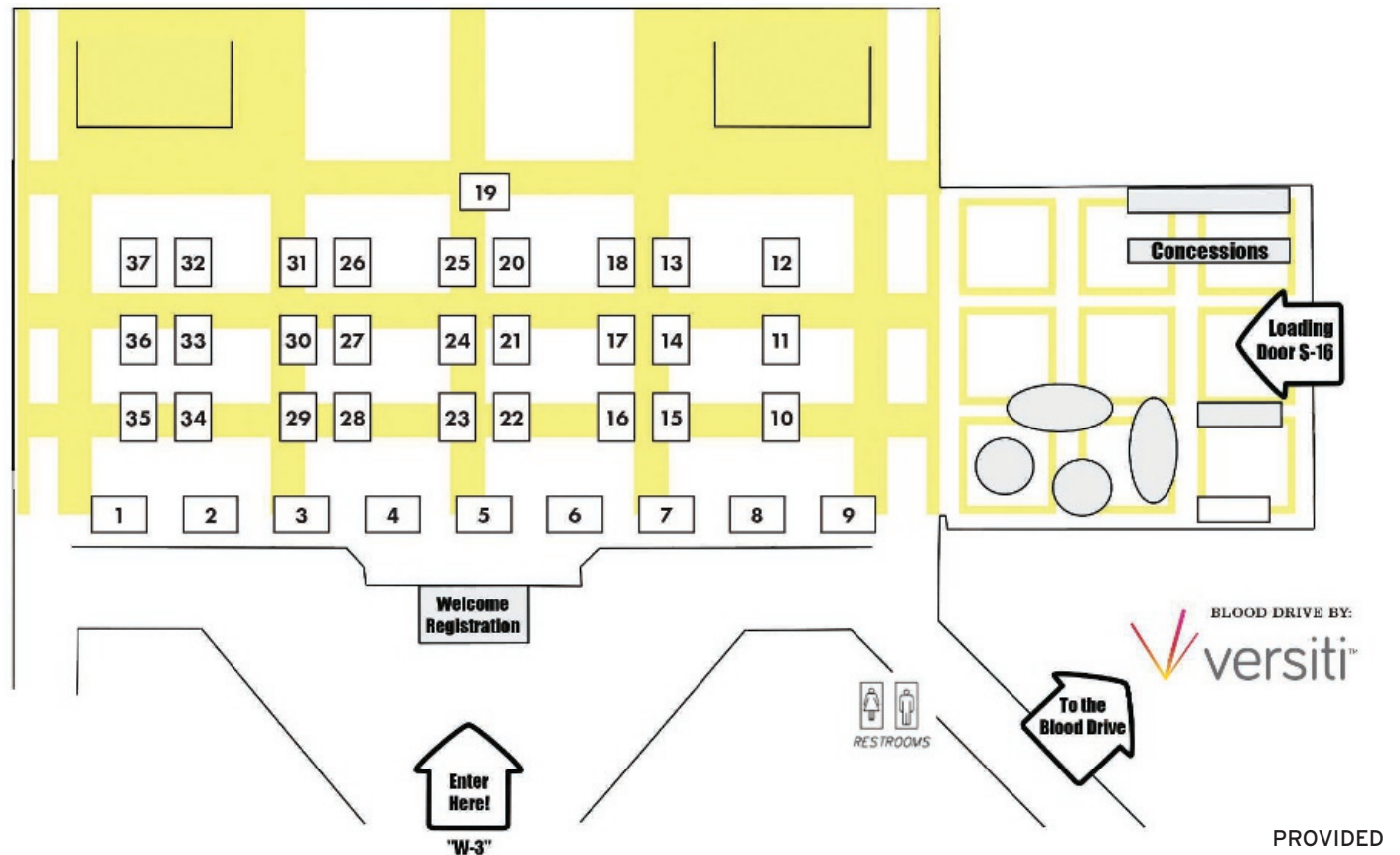
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Crown Point Community Foundation Volunteer Fair Map

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Volunteer Fair

BACK AFTER PANDEMIC PAUSE

Event helps individuals find a good fit with area nonprofits

CARRIE STEINWEG | Times correspondent

The pandemic has changed our world in so many ways, and it has had a big effect on nonprofit organizations.

The need for services increased many times over as jobs were put on hold, income was uncertain and maintaining good mental health became difficult. But many of the organizations that provide assistance had to close as well. As things re-opened, volunteer pools took a hit with social distancing and those typically active in charities, including vulnerable seniors or those with health risks, staying home.

Leaders of many nonprofits are trying to recruit significant levels of volunteers, and one way that is being done in the Region is the 13th Annual Crown Point Community Foundation Volunteer Fair & Blood Drive.

Participating organizations will be highlighting their missions, operations and need for volunteers who can optimize the way they function.

The Volunteer Fair is the perfect opportunity to match charitable organizations with those who are interested in volunteering. It gathers many nonprofits from throughout the Region in one convenient place, letting potential volunteers get to know dozens of charities.

“Our Volunteer Fair is one of our largest and most anticipated events of the year,” said Mary Nielsen, president of the Crown Point Community Foundation. “It’s a great opportunity for area nonprofit organizations to meet potential volunteers face-to-face, share their

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The fair brings together myriad Northwest Indiana nonprofits and potential volunteers.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

The Cedar Lake Historical Association is back this year, looking to add to its volunteers corps.

If you go

Crown Point Community Foundation

Volunteer Fair & Blood Drive

10 a.m.-2 p.m.
March 5

Crown Point High School

1500 S. Main St.

Crown Point

Admission is free.

For more information, visit www.thecpcf.org

For a list of participating charitable organizations, visit www.thecpcf.org/volunteer-fair.html

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Organizations and potential volunteers come together at the Fair in Crown Point High School.

Pause

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missions as well as to build connections with other charities in our community?"

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available, from delivering meals to homebound individuals with Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana to mentoring young runners with Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana to constructing homes with Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana.

Whatever your gifts and talents are, you'll be able to find a way to put them to use for a good cause. Having so many organizations in one place at one time allows potential volunteers to find the best fit when it comes to how to give their time and talent. Whether you're looking to volunteer occasionally or weekly and whether you want to help from home or be more hands-on, you'll find so many ways that you can make a difference in your community.

A vast range of nonprofits will be represented at the Fair. Among the participants will be Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited, which provides educational and therapeutic riding instruction for people with special needs of all ages; Fair Haven Rape Crisis Center, the only stand-alone rape crisis center in



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Versiti Blood Centers will again conduct a blood drive during the Fair.

Indiana; and the Cedar Lake Historical Association, whose mission is to present the relevance of Cedar Lake history.

The CPCF 13th Annual Volunteer Fair will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 5 at Crown Point High School, 1500 S. Main St.

In conjunction with this year's event, there will be an on-site blood drive conducted by Versiti Blood Centers. Schedule appointments by calling 219-629-0826. ID and mask are required when donating. Donors should eat iron-rich foods before and drink plenty of water.

Exhibitors

2022 Volunteer Fair exhibitors include:

- Best Buddies
- Campagna Academy
- Cedar Lake Historical Association
- Community Help Network Inc.
- Connect Christian Camp/LRCA
- Crown Point Emergency Management Agency
- Crown Point PACE (Parks, Athletics, Communications & Events)
- Department/City of Crown Point
- Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited
- Fair Haven Rape Crisis Center
- Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana
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- Wabash Center
- Winfield Community Foundation
- Wittenberg Village



Community members join foundation board member Marilyn Kaper at the 30th Anniversary Celebration. PROVIDED

Decades OF GIVING

Crown Point Community Foundation awards nearly \$1.5 million in grants a year

CARRIE STEINWEG | Times correspondent

For 32 years, the Crown Point Community Foundation has carried out its mission of enhancing the quality of life in the Region by facilitating charitable giving, initiating responses to targeted needs and building permanent named endowment funds to support nonprofit organizations in the community and beyond through grants and special projects.

Thanks to the generosity of individuals, families and businesses, the CPCF administers more than 360 funds and distributes nearly \$1.5 million in grants and scholarships benefiting residents every year. One of 700 community foundations in the country, it also has been instrumental in providing financial support to charities that have struggled in the pandemic.

The CPCF disburses funds to cover projects, equipment and care.

Grants cover a wide range of areas including youth development, education, recreation, religion, community improvement and housing. From safe shelter for expectant mothers to infrastructure needs at churches and

parks to supporting foster pet programs, the CPCF helps in myriad ways to touch countless individuals.

“The most visible way that the CPCF makes a difference to those in our community is through our annual grantmaking and scholarship programs. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that provide direct support to address specific community needs can apply for grants to advance their mission, community programs and projects,” said CPCF President Mary Nielsen. “We also administer over 110 scholarships benefiting local students to advance their education. In 2021, the CPCF distributed 475 grants and scholarships totaling over \$1.4 million.”

Those who benefit from the Foundation are widespread and diverse, but where there is a need, the Foundation aims to ensure assistance that will provide a better quality of life for those in the Region. For those who want to help, the Foundation provides a conduit to make meaningful and lasting contributions.

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6 Generations
of FUNERAL
SERVICE
EXCELLENCE

“Volunteerism is a big part of our business. Volunteers are caring, selfless and compassionate, which is what our profession is all about. I’m proud to help the Crown Point Community Foundation achieve their mission to enrich the quality of life in South Lake County.”

-Larry Geisen

Crown Point
Community
Foundation
Board Member





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Members of the Crown Point Community Foundation draw names to award six \$5,000 grants to local nonprofits at their 30th anniversary community event. Pictured from left are: Foundation Board Members Dean Jones, Darryl Miller, Cyndi Walsh, John Manis and Marilyn Kaper; and Foundation President Mary Nielsen.

Giving

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“Every individual, couple, family, nonprofit and for-profit business has a unique giving story. You may have questions about how to give back to your community. As your local community Foundation, the CPCF provides you the opportunity to permanently support the causes you care about most, both now and for generations to come,” said Nielsen. “We do this by protecting and administering permanent funds, called endowments, through thoughtful grantmaking to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve.

“Whether you establish your own endowment fund or contribute to one of the 365-plus funds administered by the Foundation, we are here to assist you with your charitable goals, ultimately creating a positive impact for those in our communities.”

For Nielsen, who has been president for more than five years, being part of the Foundation is a labor of love in which she’s able to see the many ways that its programs touch its recipients and contributors. “I love the people and their passion for making our community a better place to live. From our donors, nonprofit partners, community stakeholders, volunteer board of directors



Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana receive a \$5,000 grant at the Crown Point Community Foundation’s 30th anniversary celebration. Pictured from left are: Dan Welch, Cedar Lake Club director; Chris Karp; Mary Nielsen, Foundation president; and members of the Cedar Lake Boys and Girls Club.

and our amazing staff, everyone is working together for a common purpose,” she said.

For those looking to give their time, the Foundation’s Volunteer Fair is an opportunity to find an organization that best fits a person’s schedule, abilities and interests.

After a cancellation last year due to the pandemic, the fair will return to Crown

Point High School March 5. “It’s great to be back! Volunteers are the lifeblood of nonprofit organizations. The Fair is one of the ways we as the Crown Point Community Foundation help to support them and the importance of their work in our community,” said Nielsen.

For more information on ways to donate, visit thepcf.org. Follow the CPCF on social media for updates.

About the Crown Point Community Foundation

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Photos of Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation associated patients are on display at a charity event.



The Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation has scheduled its St. Baldrick's event to raise funds for kids with cancer March 13.



KALE WILK PHOTOS, FILE, THE TIMES
The NICK Foundation has sponsored a tree featuring kids it has helped at the Indiana Welcome Center in Hammond.

Rolling with the CHANGES

How volunteer roles and needs have been altered through pandemic

CARRIE STEINWEG | Times correspondent

Volunteering in the Region has taken on a different look the last couple years. Many volunteer roles were in-person with one-on-one contact with others. Those have been altered drastically by COVID.

For an organization such as Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly, in which the mission revolves around social interaction, the operation has changed in light of how to safely serve its clientele, which has an average age of 82.

“Our work was presented with a serious and unusual challenge when the pandemic struck,” said Jacqueline Townsend, expansion program planner for Northwest Indiana. “For example, our work involves relieving isolation and loneliness among the elderly, which consisted of visiting one-on-one in-person, and celebration of life, which included parties and events in the community.

“The pandemic forced us to discontinue all in-person contacts, and

train staff, volunteers and seniors to switch to phone and virtual contacts,” Townsend said. “We made deliveries to elders’ homes and met outside when the weather permitted.

“The pandemic presented us with a number of changes we had not anticipated,” she said. “For example, we had to learn and prepare to work from our homes, make changes when in office and rely on the phone and computer to deliver our services to our seniors. We had to learn to adjust our orientations and meetings to Zoom and recruiting drives to phone and computer contacts utilizing apps, email, and conference calling.”

The desire to help was still there, however, and the volunteer numbers are close to where they should be with 89 current volunteers. But there’s always a need to add to the roster and have an incoming group of fresh faces to fill the increasing demand for companionship among their clients.

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Changes

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“While we’ve had to move the majority of our volunteer recruitment process online via Zoom (we love to meet prospective volunteers in-person), our volunteer retention has managed to stay close to pre-pandemic numbers. The volunteers that we do have, have stepped up in different ways or adapted to the changes we’ve had to implement to continue to engage with our elders and our organization,” Townsend said.

She added that Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly has been able to maintain direct service delivery, but has been challenged to add to its volunteer numbers without being able to participate in recruitment events as it’s done in the past.

Volunteers can give the amount of time they’re able to — as little as six hours per year — it’s a great way to give a little of your time and make a new friend.

“We are a volunteer-based organization at the service level,” Townsend said. “Therefore, our volunteers are a crucial part of everything we do. We could not complete our mission without the outstanding group of people who so freely give their time and resources to help us relieve the loneliness and isolation among the seniors we serve.

“While we are constantly reminded the pandemic is still with us and still presents a reason for concern, we cannot and will not let it deter our efforts to what we can do to help our seniors,” she continued. “Therefore, we encourage those who know a senior who’s dealing with isolation and loneliness to refer that senior to us and we do not monetize the senior in any way whatsoever.”

The pandemic also created a financial burden for organizations and charities that depend on annual fundraising events to thrive.

“Our fundraisers were affected in 2020 due to the pandemic, which resulted in creating more awareness for our foundation so the community is aware of us and knows there is a need for our foundation in Northwest Indiana” said Nicole Yarrow, executive director of Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids (NICK) Foundation, which provides hope and support to families affected by childhood cancer and raises money to help fund research for a cure.

The pandemic put a halt to all of the organization’s events, which stifled donations and led to a temporary end to the need for volunteers. Executing events is where its volunteer need lies.

Fortunately, the NICK Foundation has been able to begin holding in-person



JOHN J. WATKINS, FILE, THE TIMES
Nicole Yarrow, from left, and Donna Criner of the NICK Foundation applaud after receiving a donation of \$13,019.12 from the Crown Point Volunteer Fire Department represented by Lt. Bob Szot, Lt. Scott Abraham and president Mark Reed, right.



JOE RUFFALO, FILE, THE TIMES
Several members of the Cedar Lake Historical Association stand on the porch of Lassen's Resort during the grand opening of the new Cedar Lake Historical Museum.

fundraisers again with the next one being a St. Baldrick's event March 13 at the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 Hall in Merrillville. Details can be found on the organization's website, nwicancerkids.org, and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/NorthwestIndianaCancerKidsFoundation. “We are lucky to have people in the

community who want to give back and volunteer at our events and believe in our mission,” she said.

For the Cedar Lake Historical Association, the pandemic brought the entirely volunteer-run organization to a standstill for many months. Initially, it lost half of its volunteer force, according to Executive Director Julie Zasada.

“We had to delay major initiatives for one year (special programs, rebranding efforts, new exhibit debut). Nothing that was planned for 2020 was able to be executed until 2021. Fortunately, we were able to recover very strongly in 2021,” she said. “Fortunately, for us, because of the major initiatives, volunteerism is growing for us now.”

Volunteers with the organization share a passion for the history of the community and serve in various capacities of recording and sharing that history, operating the organization's museum, assisting with events and serving as board members.

“You have to give people a reason to care and then they will volunteer. Once their passion for the organizational mission is ignited, they become energized. And there must be an activity or role within the organization that fits their knowledge, interest and ability. Volunteerism must be a win-win for the organization and the individual,” she said. “Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization. We do not have any paid staff. Our entire operation depends on people willing to give freely of their time, talent and treasure.”

Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly, the NICK Foundation and Cedar Lake Historical Association will be on hand at the Crown Point Community Foundation Volunteer Fair to discuss their missions and needs.

Region OF SERVICE

Charitable organizations in NWI and how you can help

Best Buddies Indiana

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Suite 165
Indianapolis, IN 46250
www.bestbuddies.org/indiana
Mark Lantz
317-436-8440
Indiana@bestbuddies.org

Mission:

Best Buddies International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development and inclusive living for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Services:

The IDD community that Best Buddies serves includes people with Down syndrome, autism, Fragile X, Williams syndrome, cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury and other undiagnosed disabilities. Best Buddies is the world's largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Our programs empower the special abilities of people with IDD by helping them form meaningful friendships with their peers; secure successful jobs; live independently; improve public speaking, self-advocacy and communication skills; and feel valued by society.

Volunteer services:

At Best Buddies, inclusion isn't

canceled - it's evolving. Best Buddies is rapidly adapting to serve our community in new ways, ensuring supportive friendships and employment opportunities are still available to people with IDD. Now more than ever, it is our supporters and volunteers who will empower us to keep going. Volunteer in our one-to-one friendship program for youth and adults. Volunteer to lead an event, host a meeting, be a guest presenter or speaker, or board member!

Volunteer requirements:

No specific requirements. Our adults in friendship programs require a background check before being matched.

Campagna Academy

7403 Cline Ave.
Schererville, IN 46375
www.campagnaacademy.org
Kimberly Trevino
219-322-8614
Ktrevino@cahope.org

Mission:

Our mission is to serve youth who struggle with emotional, behavioral or educational problems and issues of abandonment, abuse, neglect, persistent truancy, depression, delinquency, substance abuse, trauma and/or severe family conflict.

Services:

Psychiatric residential treatment, private secure residential treatment, Pathways emergency shelter, open residential, intellectual and developmental disabilities residential, diagnostic and evaluation

program, substance abuse programs, vocational training, pet therapy, art therapy, therapeutic foster care, after care services, evening reporting/probation and educational programming.

Volunteer services:

Day volunteers
Member of LAUW/RSVP senior opportunities
Vocational/experiential opportunities
Education assistance
Art and pet therapy
Birthday Cheer volunteers
Drive volunteers
Event volunteers

Volunteer requirements:

Must be 21 and complete necessary paperwork to participate. Limited opportunities for those younger than 21 are available.

Cedar Lake Historical Association

P.O. Box 421
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
www.lassensresort.org
Julie Zasada
219-390-9423
info@cedarlakehistory.org

Mission:

The 1920s come alive on the lake at the Museum at Lassen's Resort. Unwind and discover while you explore how Cedar Lake enriched a region and touched lives around the world.

Services:

Operate history museum on the shores of Cedar Lake
Collect and display artifacts illustrating the history of Cedar Lake
Disseminate historical

information
Preserve historical materials for scholarly research

Volunteer services:

Museum docent/tour guide
Museum greeter
Museum gift shop
Museum beautification (gardening, cleaning)
Museum exhibit maintenance
Committee member (building and restoration, collections care, finance, transportation, events, guest services)
Special event staff

(Community Art Show, Steamboat Days, Family Train Day, fundraisers)
Behind-the-scenes (archives, cataloging, data entry)
Media support (video recording or production, web or social media)
Construction (carpentry, window repair, plumbing, electrical, trim refinishing)
Internship (nonprofit management, museum operations, historical research, event

management)

Volunteer requirements:

Flexible time commitment
16 years of age to volunteer on your own
12-15 years of age can volunteer with parent/adult family member
All applicants should complete the volunteer inquiry survey at lassensresort.org/about

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Jacqueline Townsend, of Little Brother-Friends of the Elderly in Merrillville, is with a client at a 2018 event.



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Community Help Network Inc.

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Crown Point, IN 46307
communityhelpnet.org
Bonnie Meyer
219-805-3717
communityhelpnetwork
2020@gmail.com

Mission:

Through programs such as Buddy Bags, we strive to help for food-insecure students and their families throughout South Lake County. We will work to create future programs to improve the lives of those most in need in our community. We will work with other agencies and organizations to make sure those in need have the necessary information to get assistance to lead to a life of self-reliance.

Services:

Buddy Bags, Household Pantry, Little Free Library, Winterwear

Volunteer opportunities:

Buddy Bag packing and delivering. Stocking shelves. Helping in the Household Pantry.

Volunteer requirements:

16 or older unless accompanied by a parent.

Connect Christian Camp/LRCA

7007 E. 117th Ave.
Crown Point, IN 46307
www.connectchristiancamp.org
Roland Nightengale
219-663 2530
office@connectchristiancamp.org

Mission:

Connect Christian Camp and Retreat Center is a Kingdom-focused nonprofit that believes in building lasting relationships and stronger families within Northwest Indiana churches and communities.

Services:

Day camps for kids grade K-8 that include daily activities and lessons throughout the year especially in summer months. Overnight camps

for children and teens to experience the presence of God and build life-changing memories

Retreat center events for groups of up to 220 people in facilities that provide a safe place for groups to grow and learn with each other

Alumni banquets and special events for fundraising and connecting

The Farm, a safe space (with animals) where broken and hurting people can experience restoration and the power of the Gospel

Volunteer services:

Summer staff: Kitchen service, lifeguards and mentoring leaders for the kids.

Off-season projects and repairs requiring skilled labor and volunteers
Off-season kitchen volunteers for any event outside of our summer schedule

Special project volunteers for projects around the camp that need to be done

Volunteer requirements:

Attend all camp-sponsored training
Follow camp code of conduct
Receive food and lodging with the understanding that volunteers will be living at the camp during their time of service from June 4 to Aug. 6, 2022
Applicants 18 and older may apply for a summer-long paid position; applicants younger than 18 can apply for volunteer position only. Lifeguards must have all certifications

Crown Point Emergency Management Agency

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Crown Point, IN 46307
www.crownpoint.in.gov/163/
Emergency-Management-EMA
Mike Wysocki
219-662-3254
cpema@crownpoint.in.gov

Mission:

As a supporting agency of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency, our ongoing mission is to reduce

the loss of life and property and protect citizens from natural and technological hazards by leading and supporting the city in a comprehensive, risk-based emergency management program of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

Services:

CPEMA works with the city administration, government agencies, first responders and the citizens of Crown Point to promote and strengthen emergency preparedness, resilience and the coordinated response to and recovery from major emergencies and disasters in Crown Point.

Volunteer opportunities:

Volunteer needs include help with traffic and crowd control as well as assisting with special events and summer festivals.

Volunteer requirements:

Applicants must live in Crown Point, in an adjoining community of St. John, Merrillville, Winfield, Lowell or Cedar Lake or within a 6-mile radius if in unincorporated Lake County. Current members who live outside of this boundary may be allowed to maintain membership with the department. Applicants who do not meet these residency requirements generally will not be considered for membership. The applicant must be at least 18 and a high school graduate. The applicant must have a valid driver's license from Indiana or another state and present an Indiana license within three months of application.

Crown Point PACE Department/City of Crown Point (Parks, Athletics, Communications & Events)

183 S. West St.
Crown Point, IN 46307
www.crownpoint.in.gov
Diana Bosse
219-661-2271
dbosse@crownpoint.in.gov

Mission:

The PACE Department furthers the City of Crown

Point's mission to "build a stronger community from within" by providing outstanding, unparalleled quality of life amenities to the Crown Point community.

Services:

The City of Crown Point PACE Department provides quality of life services for residents and guests including:
Parks and recreation
Youth sports and athletics
Special events and entertainment
Communication and technology

Volunteer opportunities:

Assist in various events
St. Patrick's Day Festivities
Fourth of July Parade
Car Cruise
Oktoberfest
Umpires, coaches, referees etc.

Volunteer requirements:

Criminal background check

Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited

5699 E. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410
www.eeunwi.org
Lucille White
219-945-0726
whitelumarie@gmail.com

Mission:

The mission of Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited is to provide educational and therapeutic horseback riding activities to those of all ages with special needs for an improved quality of life, utilizing professional instructors and trained volunteers in a safe and secure environment.

Services:

EEU is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charity, governed by a volunteer board of directors. Horseback riding has been widely recognized as one of the most beneficial forms of therapeutic recreation. Benefits include improvement in:
Self-esteem
Self-confidence
Social interaction
Learning skills
Balance
Coordination
Muscle tone
Posture

Volunteer services:

Volunteers play a vital role in our therapeutic horseback riding program. Volunteers do not need prior experience with horses or helping individuals with special needs. Volunteers may assist with student riding lessons by leading the horses or side-walking with the students to steady the rider as needed. Volunteers help with barn upkeep and horse care, such as feeding, grooming, cleaning stalls, etc. Volunteers also are needed for fundraising events, technology support and minor maintenance of the facilities.

Volunteer requirements:

EEU mandates every volunteer participate in an annual training and orientation program. Background checks of volunteer applicants may be performed. Volunteers must be at least 16 to lead an equine during lessons and to sidewalk.

Fair Haven Rape Crisis Center

2645 Ridge Road
Highland, IN 46322
www.fairhavenrcc.org
Shana Robertson
219-961-4357
info@asafeport.org

Mission:

Our mission is to provide faith-focused services to those affected by sexual violence and trauma.

Services:

Provide victim-centered, trauma-informed services, crisis advocacy, individual or group recovery sessions, emotional support animals and anti-trafficking resources. Promote prevention and education efforts that challenge social norms and evidence- and research-based program for students K-12 and youth organizations. Effect positive change in Northwest Indiana for survivors of sexual violence and develop partnerships with the community to raise awareness.

Volunteer services:

Prevention and education program support
Volunteer medical advocate and participate in Direct Services Volunteer Medical Advocacy Responder team Awareness and fundraiser events a couple times during the year

Volunteer requirements:

Prevention and education Program Support: Age 16 and older to help with sorting, counting, paper clipping stapling and labeling materials for school program.
Volunteer medical advocate: 19 and older
Awareness and fundraising events: 16 and older to run games, hand out water and staff other stations

Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana

821 W. 45th St., Suite D
Griffith, IN 46319
www.gotrofwni.org
Erica Gomez
219-776-8600
erica.gomez@girlsontherun.org

Mission:

We inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experienced-based curriculum that creatively integrates running.

Services:

Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana (GOTR of NWI) is a physical, activity-based positive youth program for girls in grades 3-8 designed to enhance girls' social, psychological and physical skills and behaviors to successfully navigate life experiences. Our mission is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident. Our 10-week transformational program places an emphasis on developing competence, confidence, connection, character, caring and contribution. GOTR of NWI started in the fall of 2007 with 15 girls and has since served more than 15,000 girls in our community. In 2022, we will serve 2,500 girls. GOTR of NWI has a clear commitment to access for all girls as

demonstrated by providing scholarship assistance to more than 70% of girls, exceeding \$200,000, in our community every year. This ensures every girl can participate in our transformational program, regardless of her socioeconomic status. GOTR of NWI receives no city, state or federal funding and is entirely dependent on the support of our community.

Volunteer services:

Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana needs coaches, junior coaches, board members, 5K day-of volunteers and other volunteers. If you want to help, we will find a place for you.

Volunteer requirements:

Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Head coaches must be older than 21. Junior coaches must be 16-21.

Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana

3777 Colfax St.
Gary, IN 46408
www.nwihabitat.com
Leslie Corona
219-923-7265
volunteer@nwihabitat.org

Mission:

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Services:

Habitat for Humanity partners with people in your community, and all over the world, to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With your support, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families. Through our 2020 Strategic Plan, Habitat for Humanity will serve more people than ever before through decent and affordable housing.

Volunteer services:

Volunteers get the opportunity to pick from one of our ReStores and construction. We have our ReStore in Griffith. Our hours are from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Volunteers can pick what time frame works best for them. Our construction days are 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. Volunteers need no experience for either opportunity; a team member is always available for training.

Volunteer requirements:

Team players, good attitude, respectful and eager to learn.

Healing Streams Oasis Charismatic Church

2000 N. Main St., Suite 3
Crown Point, IN 46307
www.healingstreamsaoasischurch.com
Pastor Dennis Olsen
574-400-3676
colsen245@att.net

Mission:

We are an oasis of healing, love and restoration for those in need. We minister Jesus Christ as Savior and the Holy Spirit as the power behind God's Word for Grace, mercy, compassion, salvation, healing and prosperity for all people.

Services:

Provide spiritual and physical healing for all in need of prayer. Provide visitation and prayer for sick when allowed in hospitals and nursing homes. Provide food for the community during holidays. Provide teaching and Bible studies online and radio.

Volunteer services:

We could use computer and AV help

Volunteer requirements:

Excellent knowledge of computers and media equipment

Indiana Ballet Theatre Northwest

8888 Louisiana St.
Merrillville, IN 46410
www.ibtnw.org
Gloria Tuohy
219-755-4444
info@ibtnw.org

Mission:

IBT is dedicated to transforming lives and enriching the community through the world of dance. For more than 40 years, IBT has committed to its mission through performance, outreach and the finest dance education.

Services:

We are a fine arts dance school and performance company, teaching a European-graded ballet syllabus, in addition to Tap, Jazz, Modern, Hip-Hop and Irish, for all ages from recreational to pre-professional levels. We also offer educational programming, including special needs Dance Movement Therapy. Field trip performances are available for schools and special-interest groups, for all age levels.

Volunteer services:

Production help, general office duties, mailing-list updates, cleaning and maintenance.

Volunteer requirements:

A clean background check, a smiling face and a willingness to work with children.

Lake County Fire Chiefs Association/ Lake County Hazmat Team

2900 W. 93rd Ave.
Crown Point, IN 46307
www.lakecountynfirechiefsassociation.com
Rachel Wilkinson
219-736-9680
lakefirechiefs@sbcglobal.net

Mission:

The Lake County Fire Chiefs Association is a 501(c)(3) organization for general administration of mutual aid services relating to fire department operations. Our Hazardous Materials Team is composed of volunteers from various fire departments throughout Lake County. The team is on call 24/7; 365 days per year. Not only does the team protect the county, but, at times, it also provide mutual aid to adjoining counties.

Services:

Lake County Fire Chiefs Association services include firefighting and associated operations; hazardous material handling such as training and acquisition of materials, equipment and supplies and response; emergency medical services including basic and advanced life support operations, joint purchasing powers and the administration of any mutual-aid agreement to provide any or all of these services and other powers applicable under the Inter-Local Cooperation Act of the State of Indiana.

Volunteer services:

Our Hazardous Materials Team is composed of volunteers from various Fire Departments throughout Lake County. The team is on call 24/7; 365 days per year. Not only does the team protect the county but at times also provides mutual aide to assist adjoining counties.

Volunteer requirements:

None

Lake County Right to Life

110 W. Main St.
Griffith, IN 46319
lakeloveslife.org
Vickie Walters
219-838-1138
office@lakecortl.org

Mission:

Lake County Right to Life is a nonprofit public benefit organization that promotes concern for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death through education of the public about abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia and supports legislation and constitutional changes to protect the right to life of all innocent human beings.

Services:

We provide educational services for healthy relationships, parental education for young parents and more.

Volunteer services:

General office, telephone, group activities.

Volunteer requirements:

Must believe in our mission.

Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly

1944 N. Main St.
Crown Point, IN 46307
www.lbfecchicago.org/
Jacqueline Townsend
219-736-5233
nwindiana@
littlebrotherschicago.org

Mission:

Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly is part of a national network of nonprofit volunteer-based organizations committed to relieving isolation and loneliness among the elderly. We offer to people of good will the opportunity to join the elderly in friendship and celebration of life.

Services:

Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly serves men and

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Volunteer with VNA and make best days possible

Adults and teens, volunteer with your local nonprofit hospice! We need volunteers in all areas of life at VNA, including:

- Office volunteers
- Baking volunteers
- Veteran to Veteran volunteers
- Hospice Center volunteer
- Meals on Wheels of Porter County drivers
- VNA Phoenix Center, grief support for children
- Therapy Pets and their human companions

Contact Erica Kerkes, Volunteer Services Coordinator at (219) 531-8057 or ekerkes@vnanwi.org

vnanwi.org/volunteer.php



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women 70 older who are aging without family and friends to support them. With the help of caring volunteers, LBFE provides lifelong friendship along with fun activities, parties, vacations and more to seniors who are alone.

Volunteer services:

Volunteers are matched with seniors to visit or call. Volunteers also drive and accompany seniors to events and help prepare for parties, outings and holiday celebrations.

Volunteer requirements:

All ages are welcome, but you must be 18 to volunteer independently. Children can volunteer along with a parent or a group. You must attend an orientation and complete a background check.

Lupus Foundation of America, Indiana Chapter

9302 N. Meridian St., Suite 203
Indianapolis, IN 46260
www.lupusindiana.org
Damiah Woodmore
317-225-4400
info@lupusindiana.org

Mission:

The Lupus Foundation of America, Indiana Chapter, offers multilevel support to people with lupus and their families, while working to advocate for better health-care policies and to contribute to national lupus research.

Services:

Our organization provides services such as:
Support groups
Fundraising events
Wellness classes
Lupus education
Assistance program (PATH)
Patient navigation program

Volunteer services:

Our volunteer services include:
Lead a support group
Join an event planning committee
Represent LFA Indiana Chapter at health fair/community event



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The Crown Point Community Foundation Volunteer Fair is in its 13th year.

Assist in the LFA Indiana office
Serve on the board of directors
Lead wellness classes
Photography/videography
Volunteer day of event

Volunteer requirements:

Anyone is eligible to volunteer
Submit application to www.lupusindiana.org

Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana

8446 Virginia St.
Merrillville, IN 46410
www.mownwi.org
Charlie Misovye
219-756-3663
charlie@mownwi.org

Mission:

The mission of Meals on Wheels is to deliver nutritious meals to those in need with the support of community volunteers.

Services:

Meals on Wheels provides a hot lunch meal, a supper meal, and frozen meals as well as a wellness check Monday-Friday.

Volunteer services:

Van delivery drivers

Meal delivery drivers
Kitchen help
Office assistant
Bag stamper

Volunteer requirements:

Our volunteers show a willingness to serve others and make a difference in the lives of clients with each delivery. Turning compassion into action will transform you into a greater person. Volunteer once or twice a month or weekly. Our new Mobile Meals App is easy to use and remarkably convenient. Our "no-touch" delivery process keeps the volunteer as well as the client safe. Meals on Wheels delivers Monday-Friday. Meal delivery drivers must have a valid driver's license and insurance. All volunteers will undergo a background check.

National Spanish Exams

1070 S. Calumet Road
P.O. Box 1059
Chesterton, IN 46304
www.nationalspanishexam.org
Lisa Greenman
219-465 2100
lgreenman@nationalspanishexam.org

Mission:

The mission of the National Spanish Examinations is to recognize student achievement and to promote language proficiency in the studies of Spanish and Portuguese. NSE has been around since 1957 and the national office has been in Chesterton for almost 10 years. In a non-COVID year, we serve up to 150,000 students yearly.

Services:

The purpose of the National Spanish Examinations and the National Portuguese Examinations is:
To recognize achievement in the study of the Spanish and Portuguese languages
To promote proficiency in interpretive communication in the Spanish and Portuguese languages
To assess the national standards as they pertain to learning Spanish and Portuguese
To stimulate further interest in the teaching and learning of Spanish and Portuguese
We recognize student achievement through scholarships and travel awards.

Volunteer services:

Volunteering and interning opportunities are available at many levels, including office assistance, leadership councils and language assessments and acquisition assistance. We would also accept volunteers to help with marketing and conferences.

Volunteer requirements:

Requirements depend upon the activity. We accept high school and college students for office internships. Other positions have language and education requirements.

New Star

8674 Broadway
Merrillville, IN 46410
www.newstarservices.org/
Christine Rechsteiner
219-440-7430
crechsteiner@newstarservices.org

Mission:

To provide choices and opportunities for people with disabilities and their families through a culture of innovation and caring to enrich their lives and maximize their independence.

Services:

New Star services in Indiana include:
Employment services
Family caregiving training
Community-based habilitation
Residential habilitation and support
Respite care
Participants assistance and care
Recreational therapy
Music therapy
PEERS® training for young adults
Virtual class for young adults

Volunteer services:

Volunteers help support the mission by sharing their time, skill and interests with the people we serve. Opportunities include:
PEERS® coaches to assist young adults interested in learning ways to make and keep friends, navigate social interactions, handle conflict and rejections and develop romantic relationships.
Through a 17-week program that includes training, the volunteer assists in

role-playing and feedback. Currently, PEERS® is a virtual class.

Recreational therapy assistants to provide one-to-one interaction during group therapy events or to help with setup and takedown. Family support assistance with gardening and to read stories, play games, create crafts and more. Virtual opportunities to assist or lead classes such as Game Nights, Health and Wellness, Employment Readiness and Creative Expression. Junior Ambassadors for the Youth Leadership program

Volunteer requirements:

Attend a two-hour in-person or virtual orientation, Background check and special COVID precautions may be required for certain volunteer opportunities.

NICK Foundation

Northwest Indiana
Cancer Kids

P.O. Box 824
Schererville, IN 46375
www.nwincancerkids.org
Nicole Yarrow
219-552-1217
info@nwincancerkids.org

Mission:

Providing hope and help to Northwest Indiana families affected by childhood cancer and supporting promising research so all children with cancer can be healed.

Services:

We provide financial and emotional support to families in eight Indiana counties who have a child battling cancer. We provide financial assistance, along with additional resources the family may need; host three major fundraisers a year; hold "special events" for some of our families who have lost a child to cancer; and donate to childhood cancer research.

Volunteer services:

Volunteers are needed at our events we host throughout the year.

Volunteer requirements:

Volunteers are expected to help when needed and help spread the word of our mission to their friends and family.

Old Sheriff's House & Jail Foundation

226 S. Main St.
Crown Point, IN 46307
www.oldsheriffshouse.org
Denise Gundelach
219-281-2213
Crownpointjail@gmail.com

Mission:

The mission of the Old Sheriff's House & Jail Foundation is to preserve the architectural integrity of the former Lake County Indiana sheriff's residence and jail building listed on the National Register of Historic Places and to compile relevant cultural and historic documentation in a balanced presentation. This will be accomplished by restoration of the site for public educational, informational and research purposes. Usage may include house and jail interior museum, lecture and meeting space and commercial and retail enterprises.

Services:

The Old Sheriff's House & Jail offers educational tours and is open for events and rentals.

Volunteer opportunities:

The Old Sheriff's House & Jail needs volunteers of all types: Tour guides, gift-shop help, haunted house actors and 5K race volunteers, as well as people available to help with building and garden maintenance.

Volunteer requirements:

The Old Sheriff's House & Jail is open to all volunteers.

Phil's Friends

1249 Arrowhead Court
Crown Point, IN 46307
www.philsfriends.org
Leah Huizenga
224-653-8315
info@philsfriends.org

Mission:

To provide Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer. We are committed to carrying out our mission in a Christ-centered, caring culture dedicated to supporting individuals and families affected by cancer. We adapt to the dynamic needs of the people we

serve by acting responsibly, with a sense of urgency and a passion for excellence. With integrity, our team serves with compassion, respect and kindness, offering hope and peace to all.

Services:

Phil's Friends engages thousands of volunteers, who enable the organization to support hundreds of thousands of our friends with cancer across the U.S. through care packages, Cards of Hope, hospital visits and prayer. Phil and Carrie Zielke have devoted their lives to the bold vision of supporting those with cancer in homes and hospitals across the world. All our services are free to recipients and fully funded by our local community.

Volunteer services:

Our Crown Point Hope Center can accommodate up to 25 volunteers at a time and welcomes groups of family and friends, clubs, community organizations, churches, corporations, sports teams and more. During these 90-minute sessions, volunteers will make and pack care packages and color Cards of Hope.

Individual walk-in hours at Crown Point are 5-6:30 p.m. Mondays, 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays and 9:30-11 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Volunteer opportunities:

There are opportunities for everyone at our Hope Center. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Prevent Child Abuse Lake County

1308 N. Main St.
Crown Point, IN 46307
pcalakecounty.org
Joy Heminger
219-779-9295
pcalc@gmail.org

Mission:

To prevent child neglect and abuse through education, increased awareness and advocacy.

Services:

Child Abuse Prevention Forum annually in April and "CHAIrish the Children" Art

Projects for Schools and Organizations.

Volunteer opportunities:

Assist with annual events and posting on social media.

Volunteer requirements:

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old.

Self-Injury Support Groups of Northwest Indiana

416 E. 86th Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410
selfinjuryNWI.org
Ruth Ogden Halstead
219-201-8994
selfinjuryNWI@gmail.com

Mission:

The Self-Injury Support Groups of Northwest Indiana strive to offer support and help for people and their loved ones to find better coping, improve family relationships and build community support. We strive to lessen the stigma, judgment and harsh interventions surrounding non-suicidal self-injury by bringing education and resources to the greater community.

Services:

Self-Injury Support Groups (SIG) offer free and confidential support groups for those who have been using self-injury to cope. We also offer a support group to family and friends. We are in Crown Point and Merrillville with hope to expand with more groups in Northwest Indiana.

Volunteer services:

SISG needs help with event booths, website design, craft ideas, family events, public outreach and awareness and administrative tasks. We will be reorganizing our board members and looking for facilitators as well. Facilitators need some clinical education.

Volunteer requirements:

Anyone interested in volunteering with the Self-Injury Support Groups of NWI need to talk to Ruth Ogden Halstead, a licensed marriage and family therapist, at 219-201-8994. There will be a place to fit your skills and interest level.

Sojourner Truth House

410 W. 13th Ave.
Gary, IN 46407
www.sojournertruthhouse.org
Kristy Olsen
219-806-3413
accounts@sojournertruthhouse.org

Mission:

Sojourner Truth House is a ministry of hope and help for homeless and at-risk women and their children sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. Through hospitality, advocacy, integrative services and collaboration, participants improve their quality of life and that of the community in a safe, trusting environment. Our unique model of service and collaborative actions inspires the human spirit so participants can improve their quality of life and become contributing members of their communities.

Services:

Sojourner Truth House provides a day center program to homeless women and women with children. We take a holistic approach to address physical, mental and emotional needs. We understand that participants have real barriers, and we work with them to find the path back to independence and wholeness. Whether parenting, addiction, mental health, occupational or educational, our classes are designed to identify the root causes of financial and/or emotional instability. These types of wrap-around services help provide tools to overcome these barriers. While on-site, participants enjoy freshly prepared breakfast and lunch, receive transportation to appointments, use our laundry facilities and have access to our onsite child enrichment program. We offer services to the community through our food pantry. Gary residents

can access our food pantry, which also provides personal care products. Our pantry service also includes a Clothes Closet for women, providing basic clothing needs. Other services include basic health screenings and referrals to local clinics.

Volunteer opportunities:

Sojourner Truth House has volunteer opportunities for individuals or groups. We depend on volunteers to keep our programs running smoothly. Volunteers have been essential in our efforts to end homelessness and hunger for women. Sojourner Truth House can accommodate small to medium-size groups on special projects. Some examples of group volunteer tasks are deep cleaning of the ministry; packing personal hygiene items for clients; sorting and bundling clothing items; and creating household

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WALK FOR STH 2022

June 11, 2022

If you sponsor the Annual Walk for STH in 2022, as you have in the past, we have a special offer for you!

Sojourner Truth House's 25th Anniversary Event is Sunday, September 18, 2022. If you sponsor the Walk at any level, you unlock 50% off the Anniversary sponsorships PLUS an extra marketing opportunity for the Walk.

219-885-2282 • sojournertruthhouse.org • walkforsth.org

SPECIAL OFFER FOR RETURNING SPONSORS ONLY

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urgent-need kits. Volunteers are also welcome to sign up as a group to volunteer at the annual Walk fundraiser held the second Saturday in June of each year.

Volunteer requirements:

Please complete the online application at www.sojournertruthhouse.org/volunteer or call Kristy Olsen at 219-885-2282.

St. Jude House

12490 Marshall St.
Crown Point, IN 46307
www.stjudehouse.org
Michelle Thiel
219-662-7066
mthierl@stjudehouse.org

Mission:

Celebrate life and serve with joy. Our values are:
Respect - Reflect God in all we do.
Dedication - Passionately carry forward this ministry entrusted to us.
Stewardship - Responsibly use the gift of our resources.
Joy - Giving from our hearts.

Services:

24-hour crisis line for support, information and referral at 800-254-1286. TTY assistance for the hearing impaired is available by calling the above number. Safe emergency, temporary shelter for victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault and their dependent children and assistance in pursuing a violence-free life. Residential or nonresidential one-on-one counseling and support groups for adult victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or incest. Residential or nonresidential one-on-one counseling and support groups for children living in violent homes, child incest victims, victims of dating violence/sexual assault. 24-hour rape response team and sexual assault survivor support advocacy. Legal advocacy for assistance in filing battery complaints, protective orders, support during court hearings and attorney referrals. Community education on

domestic violence; sexual assault; dating violence; good touch/bad touch; nonviolent discipline techniques; and conflict resolution, available to community groups, service providers, schools and churches. Volunteer program utilizing volunteers in all aspects of service delivery.

Volunteer services:

More than 100 volunteers currently support our mission in a variety of ways. They have been trained to assist the staff by working either directly with clients or in indirect ways. Volunteers play an important role in helping the St. Jude House staff maintain our high standards of service delivery, whether working on a regular basis or as an occasional volunteer. Opportunities include:
Special events/fundraising
Crisis line workers
Administrative assistants
Client assistants

Volunteer requirements:

Volunteers must complete an application, background check and orientation.

The SHARE Group

P.O. Box 1502
Crown Point, IN 46308
thesharegroup.us/index.html
Len Reynolds
219-667-0090
thesharegroupusa@gmail.com

Mission:

To create awareness of human rights abuses in the U.S. and around the world and to advocate for health care and shelter for its victims. Our focus is directing our efforts locally on stopping human trafficking, providing shelter for victims and creating suicide awareness and prevention. The SHARE Group is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization registered with the Indiana Secretary of State and the IRS.

Services:

The SHARE Group provides resources, training and educational opportunities for anti-human-trafficking and suicide awareness and prevention for the public and professionals. Our focus is on prevention,



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Little Brothers–Friends of the Elderly volunteers are festively masked as they make Halloween visits.

protection and prosecution for the purpose of creating awareness and fighting against abuse and human-trafficking in Indiana. Plus, we actively pursue educational avenues that create realities about suicide awareness and prevention. We maintain a constant level of current, factual and professional education to the community regarding the issues pertaining to human trafficking and suicide awareness and prevention. We create awareness and are an advocate for an age-appropriate curriculum for students in fifth through twelfth grade on the dangers of human trafficking, suicide awareness and prevention and its impact on society, individuals and families. We have a funding mechanism to establish a safe home for survivors of human trafficking to heal, retool and refocus on their lives and to offer direction to those who entertain suicidal avenues.

Volunteer services:

Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas. You may be helpful by greeting people at an educational event or possibly help with maintaining a home. Help us to bring help to those who need the help.

Volunteer requirements:

If you care about people and believe in giving the victims of the horrific and violent life

of human trafficking a chance to survive, then you can help us make a difference.

TradeWinds Deaf Services Inc.

3201 E. 83rd Place
Merrillville, IN 46410
www.tradewindsnwi.org
Lisa Tatina
219-945-0100
info@tradewindsnwi.org

Mission:

Serving people with special needs by empowering them to realize their full potential.

Services:

Interpreting services, case management services, deaf sensitivity training, American Sign Language classes, assisted-listening technology and the use of videophone. For information on services, call 219-945-0100, ext. 204.

Volunteer services:

Outdoor activities can include landscaping or gardening at our residential facilities
Spring clean-up/fix-up at our residences - painting, cleanup, yard landscaping, gardens.

Volunteer requirements:

Volunteers who are 18 and older are required to complete an application that includes consent to conduct state and other background checks. A county background check must be provided by the volunteer. COVID-19 vaccinations are required, if applicable. All volunteers

are required to attend TradeWinds' orientation before volunteering. For more information regarding volunteer opportunities, contact Lisa Tatina, director of Development and Marketing, at 219-945-3116.

TradeWinds Services Inc.

3198 E. 83rd Place
Merrillville, IN 46410
www.tradewindsnwi.org
Lisa Tatina
219-945-0100
info@tradewindsnwi.org

Mission:

Serving people with special needs by empowering them to realize their full potential.

Services:

Childcare for infants to 6 years
Summer/Functional Skills and Winter Camps for children of all abilities age 6 to 17
ADAPT–Adult Day Activity & Program Training–for adults 18 and older with physical and developmental disabilities
Pre-vocational services of sewing manufacturing and packaging and assembly services
Employment services through sign shop (open to public)
Deaf services including interpreting, case management, ASL classes
Residential living and respite care
TradeWinds Community

Pantry
Chicago Lighthouse Low Vision Clinic

Volunteer services:

Indoor activities in classrooms can include arts and crafts, reading, games, puzzles, exercise activities such as yoga
Outdoor activities can include landscaping or gardening at our residential facilities
Spring clean-up/fix-up at our residences including painting, cleanup, yard landscaping, gardens.

Volunteer requirements:

Volunteers who are 18 and older are required to complete an application that includes consent to conduct state and other background checks. A county background check must be provided by the volunteer. COVID-19 vaccinations are required, if applicable. All volunteers are required to attend TradeWinds' orientation before volunteering. For more information regarding volunteer opportunities, contact Lisa Tatina, director of Development and Marketing, at 219-945-3116.

Tri-Town Safety Village

1350 Eagle Ridge Drive
Schererville, IN 46375
www.safetyvillage.us
Barbara J. Toosley
219-865-9600
admin@safetyvillage.us

Mission:

Serving people with special needs by empowering them to realize their full potential. Tri-Town Safety Village is dedicated to educating children in grades 4 through 12 in safety prevention of fire, pedestrian, bicycle, drug, stranger danger and railroad through a hands-on experience in a way that is easy to understand.

Services:

Safety education to children and adults.

Volunteer services:

Secretarial work, gardening, lawn maintenance, and building maintenance.

Volunteer requirements:

We have no requirements other than knowledge of the services above.

United Way of Northwest Indiana

951 Eastport Center Drive
Valparaiso, IN 46383
www.unitedwaynwi.org
Rebecca Weber
219-464-3583
info@unitedwaynwi.org

Mission:

To help your neighbors beat unbearable challenges—financial peril, homelessness, drug addiction, disability, hunger and more.

Services:

Level Up includes access to job training/certification and employment support for people seeking better paying jobs and access to financial management coaching, quality child care and basic needs supports. Our navigators guide clients on establishing financial and career development goals while providing support and service referrals to overcome barriers, such as accessing child care, emergency car repairs and paying past due rent/mortgage or utility bills.

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program) offers free tax preparation services to those with an adjusted gross income of \$58,000 or less. IRS-certified volunteers provide free federal and state tax return preparation to qualified people. Annually, the program begins in February and runs through April 13.

Resource Round Up was created to help community members locate the needed resources in their area www.resourceroundup.com.

Volunteer services:

AmeriCorps is an opportunity to change your life and the lives of those around you by applying your skills and ideals to help others by meeting critical needs in the community while gaining new skills and experiences. Members receive a living stipend as well as Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to pay for college, graduate school or to pay back qualified student loans.

RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) is changing the image of older adults. Members of RSVP, America's largest volunteer network for people 55 and older, tackle tough issues in their community through volunteer opportunities for older and more experienced adults. When you join RSVP, you will have a chance to learn new skills, utilize the skills you already have and become involved in activities that will benefit your local community.

Volunteer opportunities are available in Lake, LaPorte, Porter and Starke Counties. As a VITA volunteer, you'll provide tax preparation service to those who do not have the ability to prepare their own returns. Volunteer opportunities include being a greeter, a reviewer and a tax preparer. Volunteer hours are flexible. Training is free and easy. You'll receive certification training from a certified VITA volunteer or IRS employee. After the completion of the training, you will be an IRS-certified preparer. Online training begins in November and runs through January prior to the new tax season. NWIVolunteer.org is the Regional Volunteer Center created to help local nonprofits find the volunteer support they need. The center serves nonprofits in Lake, LaPorte, Jasper, Marshall, Newton, Porter and Starke Counties.

Volunteer requirements:

AmeriCorps
18 years of age at the commencement of service. U.S. Citizen, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident alien of the U.S. A high school diploma or an equivalency certificate (or agrees to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalency).

RSVP

Seniors 55 and older
Seniors who have a genuine desire to make a difference in their community
Seniors who have time to give

VNA Hospice of NWI

501 Marquette St.
Valparaiso, IN 46383
www.vnanwi.org
Erica Kerkes
219-462-5195
ekerkes@vnanwi.org

Mission:

Making best days possible

Services:

Hospice and palliative care, Meals on Wheels, medical alert, Phoenix Center grief support

Volunteer services:

Hospice opportunities include home patient volunteers, hospice center volunteers, office volunteers, veteran to veteran volunteers, bereavement support volunteers, pet therapy volunteers, teen volunteers and baking volunteers, Life services opportunities include medical alert volunteers, Phoenix Center volunteer and Meals on Wheels volunteers.

Volunteer requirements:

At VNA Hospice of Northwest Indiana, our volunteers are an integral part of our team and assist in many of the day-to-day activities that help our agency run smoothly. To safeguard the patients and families in our care, volunteers will be asked to complete background checks, TB tests, online training programs, continuing education in-services and other documentation. Please contact us at volunteerinfo@vnanwi.org or 219-462-5195 if you are interested in volunteering.

Wabash Center

11055 Broadway, Suite C
Crown Point, IN 46307
www.wabashcenter.com
Leslie Pirtle
219-802-5900
info@wabashcenter.com

Mission:

To optimize the quality of life for people with disabilities or special needs.

Services:

Residential services, respite services, community integration activities, transportation for

individuals of all ages with disabilities.
Summer Adventures Camp for youth with disabilities up to age 22.

Volunteer services:

Summer Adventures Camp for youth with disabilities up to age 22
Parent engagement group
Social club for individuals with disabilities

Volunteer requirements:

At least 18 years of age, background check required for ongoing volunteers

Winfield Community Foundation

10645 Randolph St., Suite B
Crown Point, IN 46307
www.winfieldcommunityfoundation.org
Renee Clayton
219-281-2201
wcfsecretary@gmail.com

Mission:

Striving to improve the quality of life of residents in Winfield Township

Services:

Plan various activities for the community, teacher grants to those serving township schools.

Volunteer services:

Any member of the community is welcome to join.

Volunteer requirements:

Reside in Winfield Township

Wittenberg Village

1200 E. Luther Drive
Crown Point, IN 46307
www.wittenbergvillage.org
Alexis McCullough
219-663-3860
alexis.mccullough@lulife.org

Mission:

Empowering vibrant, grace-filled living across all generations.

Services:

In addition to residential living and assisted living options, signature "My" programs at Wittenberg Village focus on the individuality of those we serve and the personalized

ways in which overall wellness can be maximized: MyRehab short-term rehabilitation
MyNeighborhood health care
MyTapestry memory support
MySolutions senior move/relocation management

Volunteer services:

The following departments are looking for volunteers: Resident life assistance with engagement, crafts, games, pet therapy, transport, general store/gift shop, visitation, one-on-one interaction, beauty salon, administrative duties and more.

Dining assistance to and from the dining room, rolling silverware and more. Chapel assistance to and from Sunday service

Volunteer requirements:

Volunteers at this time must be vaccinated and complete an application, background check and waiver agreement.



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You can help:

- Build interior of our new barn/arena.
- Help with Fundraising & Social Media.
- Care for horses with the Barn Crew.
- Work with students & horses as a horse leader or side walker.

BARN /ARENA @ 5699 EAST 73RD AVENUE, MERRILLVILLE
MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 53, HOBART, IN 46342



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Our volunteers lead happier, healthier lives and enhance the communities they serve!

We are looking for adults 55 and over of all backgrounds to give their time and talent. AmeriCorps' local administrator, Northwest Indiana Community Action, is now looking for seniors to be companions to older adults through community connectedness and providing transportation to needed activities like doctor appointments and grocery shopping.

We are also seeking foster grandparents to support students with special or exceptional needs in early learning to 12th grade.



Services available in Lake, Porter & LaPorte Counties
To start volunteering or learn more call
1-800-826-7871 x2261 or visit NWI-CA.org