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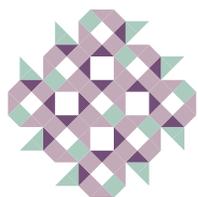
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*15th Annual* **VOLUNTEER FAIR**

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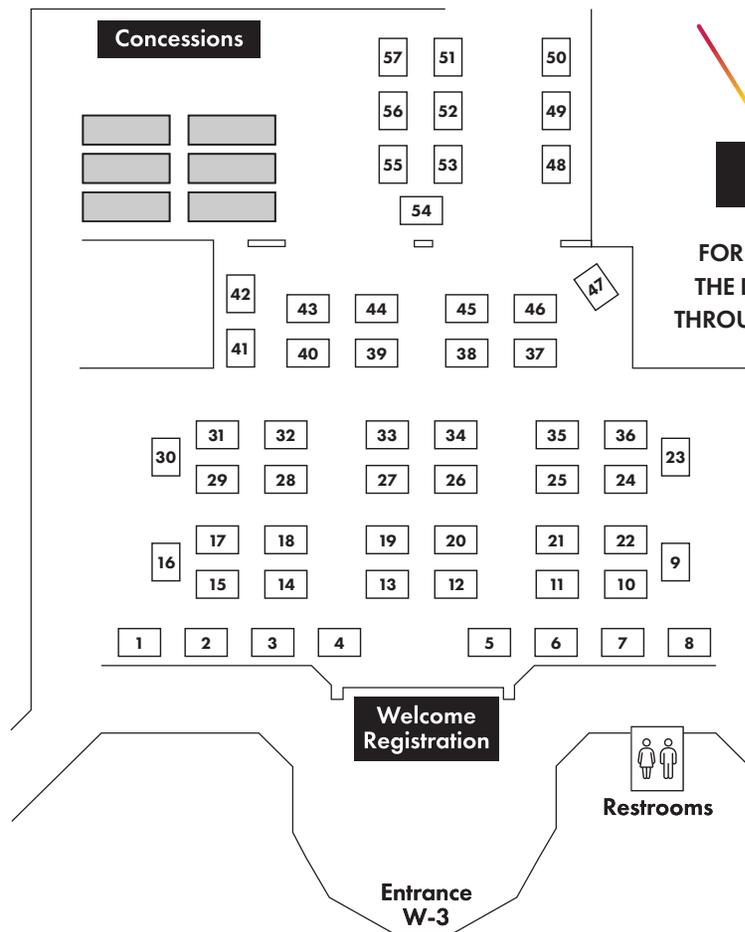
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# CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER FAIR MAP



## Blood Drive

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## VOLUNTEER FAIR DETAILS

Date: Saturday, March 2

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Crown Point High School, 1500 N. Main Street, Crown Point

Admission is free

For more information, visit [www.thecpcf.org](http://www.thecpcf.org)

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# VOLUNTEER FAIR REACHES MILESTONE

## 15 Years of Connecting the Community

**The annual Volunteer Fair & Blood Drive, sponsored by the Crown Point Community Foundation, has been connecting nonprofits and potential volunteers for 15 years.** Held annually at Crown Point High School, the Volunteer Fair gathers dozens of nonprofits together in one place, giving community members the unique chance to learn about the groups' missions and volunteer opportunities in one convenient location.

"The Fair helps to bring awareness to dedicated nonprofit organizations in our local communities that make a difference each and every day," said Mary Nielsen, Crown Point Community Foundation President. "We are thrilled to reach another milestone by celebrating our 15th anniversary of hosting the Fair."

In honor of the Volunteer Fair's 15th anniversary, the Crown Point Community Foundation will be awarding six grants for \$2,500 each to randomly-selected participating organizations at the conclusion of the Fair. This is an increase from the \$1,000 grants that are normally awarded. Over 50 nonprofits are scheduled to have booths at the Fair, with some of them having participated in each of its fifteen years. The nonprofits value the opportunity to not only connect with the community, but also with other fellow nonprofit colleagues.

"The City of Crown Point is proud to have such a strong partnership with the Crown Point Community Foundation," said Crown Point Mayor Pete

Land." It is hard to believe we have attended the Volunteer Fair for nearly two decades. The Foundation lives and breathes our motto, 'Building a Stronger Community from Within,' and events like the Volunteer Fair do just that. We look forward to our continued partnership with the Foundation, its leaders and beneficiaries."

The Old Sheriff's House Foundation has had the pleasure of being involved with this great community event for many years," said Sandy Boyd, President of the Old Sheriff's House Foundation. "This event has provided us with an opportunity to connect with other nonprofits that have faced some of the same challenges and has offered a way for us to communicate and share information. The CPCF has made this event very easy to participate in and a great way to showcase our mission and meet the community. Members of the community are able to see efforts by various groups and organizations in many different fields of interests. It's truly a community based event! Thank you for all these years."

"Year after year the St. Jude House team looks forward to attending the Crown Point Community Foundation's Volunteer Fair," said Ryan Elinkowski, Executive Director of St. Jude House. "This event is an incredible opportunity to share our mission and needs with those individuals in our community looking to serve. It also gives us the chance to connect with numerous other organizations who work diligently to help those in need in our community."

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“Volunteers are the heart of Meals on Wheels mission,” said Sandra Noe, Chief Executive Officer of Meals on Wheels. “This event brings together our great need for volunteers with those who want to make a difference in the lives of their neighbors.”

In addition to the Volunteer Fair, there will be an onsite Blood Drive conducted by Versiti Blood Centers. “Donating blood is easy and helps countless people in their most dire time of need,” Nielsen said.

Since 1990, the CPCF has served the citizens of Crown Point and South Lake County through a range of charitable and civic activities, while helping individual donors achieve their philanthropic goals. As a public charitable organization, the CPCF is dedicated to building permanently endowed funds. The Crown Point Community Foundation will help to positively shape the future of the community and act as a facilitator of community good.

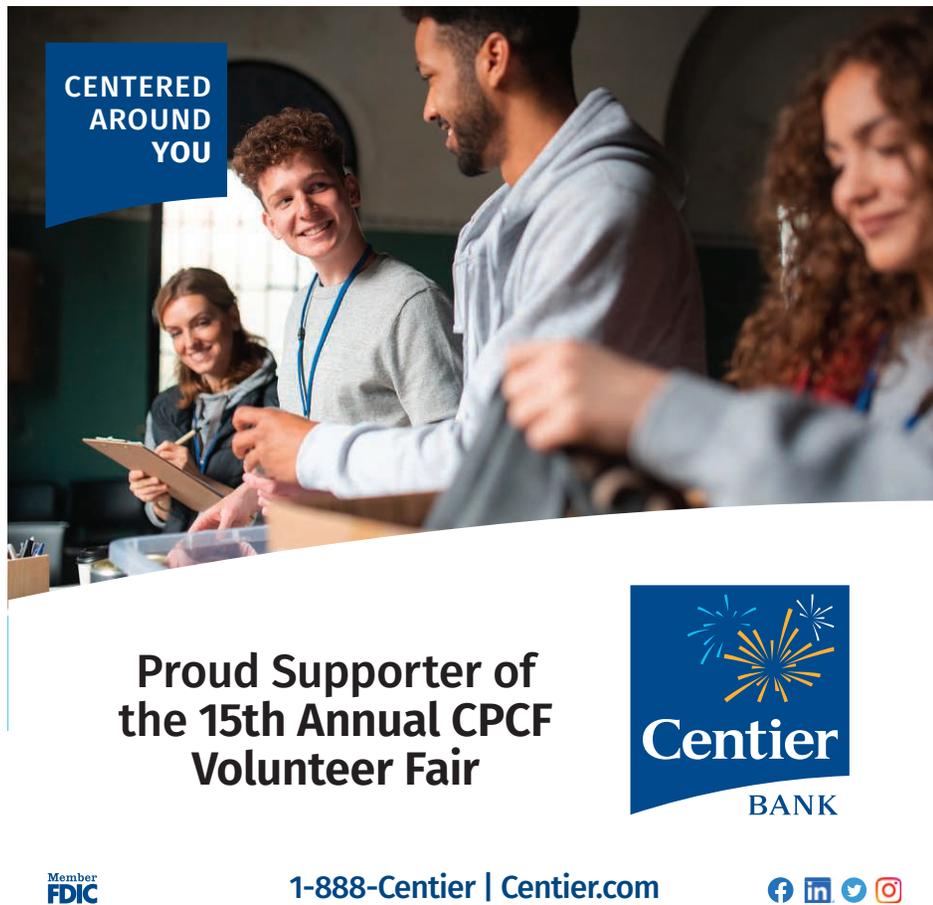
And now, thanks to a generous gift from Lilly Endowment Inc., your donation can go even further. Thanks to this Matching Fund Grant, every dollar that is donated to the unrestricted **CPCF Community Grantmaking Fund** or any **named unrestricted fund**, will be matched by Lilly Endowment. So, a gift of \$100 becomes \$300, a gift of \$5,000

becomes \$15,000 — every dollar is tripled. The CPCF has over 74 established Unrestricted Funds that support grantmaking in South Lake County. CPCF’s Grant Committee utilizes these funds to support nonprofit organizations making South Lake County a better place to work, live, and play.

Match Timeline is October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025 or until the funding has been expended.

“Sometimes people think that giving to a nonprofit such as the Foundation has to be significant in order to be helpful,” Nielsen said. “But that’s not true. Every gift, no matter the size, helps your community. And with the generous match from Lilly Endowment, your gift becomes even more significant.”

In addition to awarding grants and hosting the Volunteer Fair, the Crown Point Community Foundation supports the community with other events including the Symphony on the Lawn and the Women’s Giving Circle. For more information on the Volunteer Fair and the Crown Point Community Foundation, please visit [www.thecpcf.org](http://www.thecpcf.org).



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## Charitable organizations in NWI and how you can help

### **American Cancer Society/ Relay for Life**

5635 W. 96th St. Suite 100  
Indianapolis, IN 46278  
relayforlife.org/lakecountyin  
Janet Wartman - 219-614-3282  
janet.wartman@cancer.org

#### **Mission:**

The mission of the American Cancer Society is to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

There are many ways you can help with the American Cancer Society. We are looking for volunteers to help the Relay for Life walk on Saturday, June 29, 2024. Make a team- raise money to end cancer as we know it. Support by being a sponsor contact 219 614 3282 Volunteer at the event-contact janet.wartman@cancer.org Our tag line is Every Cancer Every Life Every Color.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Must be 18 or older or 17 and younger needs parents' consent. Just Call: 219-614-3282

### **American Red Cross**

1510 N Meridian St  
Indianapolis, IN 46202  
redcross.org  
Keri Gorman - 888-684-1441  
keri.gorman@redcross.org

#### **Mission:**

The American Red Cross' mission is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Disaster Action Team, Disaster Duty Officer, Disaster Mass Care, Disaster Health Services, Disaster Mental Health Services, Disaster Spiritual Care, Disaster Recovery Team Member, Services to the Armed Forces Hero Care Casework and Blood Donor Ambassador.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Volunteers must complete an online application at redcross.org. Successful completion of a background check. Some volunteer positions require a motor vehicle report. Most volunteer positions have a minimum age requirement of 18 years old.

### **ANew Ministries**

3433 W. 900 N  
Demotte, IN 46392  
www.anewministries.org  
Janell Rottier - 708-774-9204  
Janell@anewministries.org

#### **Mission:**

Supporting young moms to flourish

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Mentor a young mom, make a meal for a meeting, host a Flourishing box packing party (great for groups), Teach a Life Skills workshop class, Volunteer once a month at a Mom Mixer, Host/Plan a Mom Mixer, and Rock babies or play with toddlers on a meeting night.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Pass a background check and attend training if required.

### **Best Buddies Indiana**

8604 Allisonville Rd, Suite 165  
Indianapolis, IN 46250  
www.bestbuddies.org/indiana/  
Avery VanMiddlesworth - 317-436-8440  
averyvanmiddlesworth@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).

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

The Best Buddies Friendship Walk is the leading event in the country supporting inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). The Best

Buddies Friendship Walk in Lake County will be held on May 11th, 2024, and will have opportunities for volunteers during set up, event activities, and event tear down.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:** N/A

### **Boy & Girls Clubs Greater NWI**

3691 Willowcreek Rd. Ste 200  
Portage, IN 46368  
bgcgreaternwi.org  
Wendy Mang - 219-764-2582  
wmang@bgcgreaternwi.org

#### **Mission:**

To inspire and enable the youth of our communities to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Academic Support - We offer after-school homework help and academic programs. Volunteer to be a tutor.

Recreational Support - We have various sports leagues offered year-round. Volunteer as a coach or a referee for a season.

Mentorship Support - We offer leadership, financial literacy, and workforce development opportunities for our youth. Come in to facilitate a workshop, employer tour, or lead a discussion based on your expertise.

Event Support - We hold large annual events including a July golf outing and December holiday event. Volunteer to assist with setup and running the event.

Corporate Support - Corporate group outings are a great way for you and your colleagues to engage with our kids during their after-school hours or during a fun Club activity. Volunteer to come spend time with our members for a few hours.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Be 18+ years of age. Complete a volunteer application at bgcgreaternwi.org/volunteer. Pass a background check, for recurring opportunities at one of our ten Clubs.

### **Camp Sharing Meadows**

6617 North 300 East

La Porte, IN 46350  
sharefoundation.org  
Corinne DeLucenay - 219-778-2585  
camp@sharefoundation.org

#### **Mission:**

The Share Foundation is a privately funded Christian nonprofit that provides independent living and respite camp experiences for our adult friends with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Camp Counselor (Summer): with compensation, provide care for campers, help campers with fun daily activities, etc. No previous experience needed. First Aid &/ or CPR training preferred not required.

Camp Cook (Summer): compensation available, prepare & serve meals for campers, can be one day/week, multiple days, whole week, or summer.

Camp Nurse: compensation available, medical professional (RN, LPN, MD, DO, MSN, etc), distribute meds to campers, oversee First Aid & minor needs for campers.

Camp Day Volunteer: come & help camp staff with daily activities.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

All volunteers will go through a background check.

### **Chasing Dreams Learning Center**

703 N. Hobart Rd.  
Hobart, IN 46342  
www.chasingdreams.org  
Denise Babjak - 219-299-9049  
denise@chasingdreams.org

#### **Mission:**

To provide integrated and vital programs for individuals with a disability and their families, that facilitate an environment of growth, learning, and independence.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Chasing Dreams provides much needed programs at no cost to children, youth, and young adults with a disability and their family throughout the region. We offer over 16 educational enrichment, social, independent

skills, and physically motivating programs. We believe our participants should have every opportunity to learn and prosper to their own independence. We have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities since we are 99% volunteer run. Volunteer opportunities include program instructors, program helpers, tutors, mentors, general office, fundraising, clean up and special events.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

We welcome volunteers of all ages. Volunteers under 12 years old and under will need to be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers are required to pass a background check and attend an orientation. No volunteer time requirements. Flexible days and times.

#### **City of Crown Point**

101 N. East St.  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
www.crownpoint.in.gov  
Diana Bosse - 219-662-3250  
events@cityofcrownpoint.in.gov

#### **Mission:**

"Building a Stronger Community from Within."

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Working with our senior citizens during weekly activities at Bulldog Park, including calling bingo.

Signing people in for various events, including the Tour of Lights in December and the hayride at Oktoberfest in October.

Participating in the City's annual spring clean-up.

Placing flags on veteran's graves for Wreaths Across America.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

General physical activities, including the ability to lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Effective verbal communication skills, ability to work with a team, and ability to problem solve.

#### **Community Help Network, Inc.**

550 East Burrell Drive.  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
www.communityhelpnet.org  
Eden Koenig - 219-805-3717  
thatchmom@gmail.com

#### **Mission:**

The Mission of Community Help Network, Inc. is to provide programming to help eliminate food insecurity and systemic poverty in South Lake County, Indiana. We serve those citizens in our community that dwell in poverty, while

respecting each one's diversity with equity and inclusiveness.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Ladle of Love, first and 3rd Saturdays.  
Buddy Bag Packing, Tuesday mornings.  
Household Pantry, Tuesday & Saturday mornings, Wednesday evenings  
Unscheduled opportunities arise often.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Everyone is welcome to volunteer. Anyone under the age of 16 is required to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Some tasks require a certain amount of strength, but most do not.

#### **Erin's Farm**

5200 S. Liverpool Rd.  
Hobart, IN 46342  
www.erinsfarm.net  
Vic Yanz - 773-575-4990  
vic.yanz@gmail.com

#### **Mission:**

At Erin's Farm, we believe that it is important for our next generation to witness, experience and understand nature in all its true forms to ensure that we all will become better stewards for the future. Our farm is the result of over 25 years of dedication & service towards animal awareness. We strive to provide an amazing home for our rescued animals as well as a unique opportunity for the public to get the needed exposure and education about animals in our food and farm industry as well as reptiles and other exotics found in nature. Inspired by Jane Goodall's foundation & message for peace, unity & understanding, we have molded our farm mission around rescue, education, and exposure to all of the world's sentient beings.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Animal care, Event organization, social media assistance, Camp aide, Tour guide, Farmhand, Construction, Ministerial/secretarial tasks.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

18+ years old (unless with parent). Wear farm-appropriate attire (close-toed shoes, gloves, etc.). Be able to lift up to 50 pounds (in some circumstances). Sign liability waiver/photo release.

#### **Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited**

5699 E 73rd  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
www.eeunwi.org  
Amanda Geary - 219-945-0726

amlgeary.iu@gmail.com

#### **Mission:**

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

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

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 are also utilized in barn upkeep and horse care, such as feeding, grooming, cleaning stalls, etc. Volunteers are also needed for fundraising events, technology support and for minor maintenance of the facilities.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

EEU mandates participation in an ANNUAL training and orientation program for every volunteer. Background checks of volunteer applicants may be performed. Volunteers must be 16 years of age to lead an equine during lessons and to side-walk.

#### **Fair Haven, Inc.**

2645 Ridge Rd, 1st floor  
Highland, IN 46322  
www.fairhavenrcc.org  
Shana Robertson - 219-961-4357  
shana.robertson@fairhavenrcc.org

#### **Mission:**

Our Mission is to provide services to those affected by sexual violence & trauma.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Volunteer Medical Advocacy- trained for on-call and response dispatch to hospital for sexual assault victims.

- Complete 20-hour Sexual Assault Advocacy training
- Commit to six months on the volunteer team.
- Sign-up for (3-6) on-call six hour shifts a month.
- Attend monthly volunteer meeting.

Event Volunteer - 15+ can volunteer to support agency events.

- Skilled; decorating, marketing materials, silent auction, event specific needs.
- Unskilled; material management and community outreach.

- Host or organize a drive; needed supplies for agency, clients and/or programs.

Program Volunteer - 19+ can volunteer to support agency programs.

- Skilled; internship quality- trained to implement program specific work.
- Unskilled; material management, organizing supplies, clerical support.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Volunteer Medical Advocacy and/or Internship (Program Volunteer) 19+ years. Complete 20-hour Sexual Assault Advocacy training. Reliable transportation to a designated hospital in our service area within 60 minutes of dispatch. Volunteer must consent to and successfully complete a full background investigation pursuant to NRS 179-180 et seq., including a criminal history check and fingerprinting. Volunteers cannot have any pending charges nor disposition. Survivor Leaders welcome: one year since receiving advocacy supportive services from Fair Haven RCC or comparable services and have a strong support system. Not currently struggling with substance use. Feel 100% ready to be a Volunteer Medical Advocate.

#### **Feline Community Network**

1001 W. 37th Ave.  
Hobart, IN 46342  
felinecommunitynetworkgiftshop.com  
Ashlee Duca - 219-940-3340  
officemanager@felinecommunitynetwork.org

#### **Mission:**

The Feline Community Network (FCN) is a nonprofit 501c3 organization in Hobart, Indiana that rescues and rehabilitates sick or injured friendly strays or cats facing euthanasia in the shelter system. Our mission is to promote the bond between cats and humans and to work closely with local animal control agencies, humane societies, and other rescue organizations to achieve this goal. Although we would like to help all cats in need, we prioritize our resources due to the limited funding and space available. Many of our cats come from shelters and animal control agencies that are forced to euthanize animals due to their policies or lack of resources.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Socialize with the cats in our care by petting, brushing, or playing with them. We take pride in ensuring that every cat we adopt is well-adjusted and responds well to people.

Veterinary technicians or assistants seeking to volunteer their valuable skills and assist with

essential tasks.

Assist our AM Caregivers with light tasks such as laundry, dishes, or help with tasks like scooping litter boxes and cleaning cat condos.

If you enjoy talking to people, you can follow our page and help promote us or learn more about the Feline Community Network. You can also greet potential adopters and make them feel welcome until an adoption coordinator is available.

If you're organized, you can help us file and update records for donors and adopters. This helps us with our future fundraising campaigns, as well as Adoption Day Anniversaries, Holiday Greetings, and Thank You Cards to our Donors/Supporters.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Volunteers must be 18 years or older. Be able to commit a minimum of 2 hours when assisting our cat caregivers with daily cleaning procedures.

#### **Food Bank of Northwest Indiana**

6490 Broadway  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
www.foodbanknwi.org  
Sandra Johnson - 219-980-1777  
volunteers@foodbanknwi.org

#### **Mission:**

To feed people today, and end hunger tomorrow by inspiring and collaborating with our community.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Volunteers are the driving force behind the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana. We recruit individuals and groups to help pack or distribute food to our neighbors. We have regular shifts that can be accessed online at [www.foodbanknwi.org/volunteer](http://www.foodbanknwi.org/volunteer). Some opportunities include: Packing & Sorting, Mobile Market Food Distribution, Backpack Program, Packing Food Boxes for Seniors (Commodity Supplemental Food Program), and Delivering Food Boxes for Seniors (Commodity Supplemental Food Program)

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Volunteers must be 8 years old or older to volunteer. Volunteers 16 years old or younger need to be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers must wear closed toe shoes and be dressed appropriately to work in a warehouse setting. All volunteers must wear a safety vest and yield to forklifts and pallet jacks being operated in the warehouse. Volunteers

must exercise caution when using tools and equipment.

#### **Franciscan Health Crown Point**

12750 Saint Francis Drive  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
[www.franciscanhealth.org/community/volunteer](http://www.franciscanhealth.org/community/volunteer)  
Kathy Rudaski - 219-738-2100  
kathleen.rudaski@franciscanalliance.org

#### **Mission:**

"Continuing Christ's Ministry in our Franciscan Tradition"

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Transport and Escort Patients/Visitors
- Surgery Waiting Room
- Information Desk
- Post Partum
- Gift Shop
- Eucharistic Ministry
- Clerical Office Duties & Projects
- Fresh Market Food Pantry
- Run Errands
- Delivery of Flowers & Mail
- Cardiac Rehab
- Dietary Menus
- Pet Therapy

Why Volunteer at Franciscan Health Crown Point? Satisfaction of helping others; making new friends; learning a new skill; increasing self-esteem; reducing life stressors. Plus, studies have shown that people who volunteer generally live longer, healthier, and happier lives. Franciscan Health Crown Point is NEW and located off Interstate 65 & Route 231. We continue to have a growing number of volunteer opportunities.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Possess a positive attitude with the desire to help others. 16 years of age. Complete an online application at [www.franciscanhealth.org/community/volunteer](http://www.franciscanhealth.org/community/volunteer). Interview and Orientation. Background check, health & drug screen clearance. Provide volunteer service of 1 or 2 days a week for 3-4 hours per shift. Although COVID vaccinations and Influenza shots are not mandatory, it's strongly recommended. While on duty and if chosen to not have the vaccination or flu shot, masks must be always worn. Ability to maintain confidentiality. Training - 2+ days with another volunteer or staff member, as needed.

#### **Franciscan Health Crown Point - Trauma Services**

1201 S. Main St.  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
[www.franciscanhealth.org/find-a-location/franciscan-health-crownpoint-218631](http://www.franciscanhealth.org/find-a-location/franciscan-health-crownpoint-218631)  
Marissa Adcock - 219-738-2100  
Marissa.Adcock@franciscanalliance.org

#### **Mission:**

A trusted leader in providing faith-based,

integrated healthcare, Franciscan Health Crown Point is a full-service, acute-care hospital designed to meet the growing healthcare needs of our surrounding communities. Franciscan Health Crown Point has positioned itself as a driving force in technology and high-quality patient care and will continue to be at the forefront of new medical advances.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Safe Kids Day Volunteers (community event)
- Car Seat Safety Event Scribes
- Volunteer at any of our Community Events

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#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

16 years of age. Have a welcoming and positive attitude with the desire to help others. Background Check and Health Screening. Ability to keep up with fast-paced environments. Willing and able to help wherever needed. Able to lift at least 10lbs. Able to be on your feet for a few hours.

#### **G.A.P Food Pantry**

1936 N. Main St. Suite A  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
Pastor Joyce Davis - 219-213-2837  
godsappointedplace1922@yahoo.com

#### **Mission:**

To serve as a community resource committed to eliminating food insecurity in Lake County.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

We welcome individuals 16 years of age and older, families, companies, and community organizations to be a part of our volunteer team. G. A. P. Food Pantry distributes food every other week using a drive thru approach. Help is needed: Loading the trunks of cars with prepared food boxes every other Thursday from 10:00-11:00. Packing food boxes on Tuesdays before the distribution day. Packing bags with freezer food (frozen meat, dairy, and deli items) on distribution day. Unloading product deliveries and stocking shelves - Usually every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Able to lift boxes weighing 5 to 20 pounds.

Able to stand for one hour. Communication skills, e.g. empathy, courtesy

#### **Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana**

821 W. 45th St., Suite D  
Griffith, IN 46319  
gotrofnwi.org  
Amanda Burleson - 219-237-6982  
amanda.burleson@girlsontherun.org

#### **Mission:**

We inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using an innovative curriculum that creatively integrates running.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

We have volunteer opportunities for people who want to coach, people who want to help plan or set up events, people who want to fundraise, and everything in between. Please visit our website for a list of volunteer opportunities.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Volunteers who work with our girls are required to pass a background check. Junior coaches are 16-18 years old. The majority of our volunteers are at least 18 years old. Some of our volunteers work as coaches and there is a physical element to their volunteer positions. Others work on planning and organizing events. We will train you for whatever volunteer position you would like to have.

#### **Girls Scouts of Greater Chicago & NWI**

20 S. Clark, Suite 200  
Chicago, IL 60603  
<https://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/>  
Michelle Ptack - 312-912-6370  
mptack@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

#### **Mission:**

We build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Our volunteer opportunities include troop level volunteering (leaders, co-leaders, support), community level volunteering (Service Unit Managers, Service Unit Cookie Managers, plus other areas of support), specialized committee work (ie Associate Board, Gold Award Committee, Historians, Adult Recognition Task Force, International Travel Committee, Volunteer Trainers, Product Program volunteers, etc).

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Ability to devote sufficient time to fulfill

the responsibilities of the position and commitment to be a part of the transition process including mentoring a successor. Currently registered as a member of Girl Scouts of USA Follows Girl Scouts of the USA, Safety-Wise and Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana policies and procedures. Demonstrates problem solving, conflict resolution, time management and organizational skills. Ability to work and motivate volunteers in a team environment. Completes training for position. Excellent listening and communication skills. Has no outstanding debt to the Girl Scout organization. Submits Volunteer Application and provides references as requested at least 18 years old. Models' behavior consistent with the mission and purpose of Girl Scouting. Maintains strict confidentiality when handling sensitive or privileged information Demonstrates an ability/willingness to advocate diversity; communicate and work effectively with girls and adults from diverse racial, cultural, social, educational, abilities and economic backgrounds.

### **Golden Hope Ministries**

17420 Cleveland St  
Lowell, IN 46356  
www.goldenhopemin.org  
Ashley Krygsheld - 219-267-0233  
ashley@goldenhopemin.org

#### **Mission:**

Helping grieving families find hope and healing in the midst of loss through death.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Golden Hope Ministries needs help with volunteers in the following areas: Facilitators, Meal preparation and serving, Providing food for dinners/dessert, Front door greeter, Daycare services and social media designer

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Must be 18 years of age or older. Pass a background check. Facilitators are asked for commitment to twice a month night meetings September – May.

### **Healing Streams Oasis Church**

2000 N Main St Suite #3  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
Charlene A 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 of Grace, mercy, compassion, salvation, healing, and

prosperity for all people.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Help with Computer, media, and audio visuals systems and maintenance.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Experience in the above opportunities.

### **Hearts In Motion**

2210 US Highway 41  
Schererville, IN 46375  
www.heartsinmotion.org  
Myra Cseke - 219-924-2446  
myra@heartsinmotion.org

#### **Mission:**

Empowering our volunteers, staff, and donors to positively impact the lives of people in need.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Join the ranks of the Hearts In Motion Volunteers and help our neighbors in need here at home or abroad! We have many options for you to give your precious gift of time.

Mission Trips - For over 30 years, we've hosted mission trips to Central and South America, providing life-saving and transformative services to people in need. If you are interested in participating in a life-changing experience and helping others, we can help you select the trip that best fits you or create a trip for your group.

Resale Shop & Office - Help in our Resale Shop in Schererville, IN, to sort, price, and stock shelves and assist with our New Directions program.

Shipping Containers - We receive medical supply donations from retailers, hospitals, and individuals from around the country. We need volunteers to help us organize our warehouse and assist with loading containers to ship overseas.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Just a willingness to pitch in and help!

### **Humane Indiana**

8149 Kennedy Ave  
Highland, IN 46322  
www.humaneindiana.org/  
Christina Moore - 219-838-7297  
cmoore@humaneindiana.org

#### **Mission:**

To lead the community in the humane treatment of all animals.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

At Humane Indiana we have multiple opportunities for volunteers. Some examples of volunteer opportunities: Group project opportunities, Dog walkers, Receptionists, Laundry/Dishes, Transporters, Cat Crew, and Special Events

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Specific Volunteer opportunities have certain requirements.

Dog Walker- Volunteers are required to attend formal training for dog walking in addition to extra training to shadow our dog walkers. All dog walkers must be at least 18 years or older.

Animal transport you must be over 21, Have valid Indiana or Illinois driver's license and proof of a good drivers record.

Receptionists - We ask that volunteers at least work one shift a week.

### **Humane Society of Northwest Indiana**

6100 Melton Rd  
Gary, IN 46403  
humanesocietynorthwestindiana.org  
Freida White - 219-938-3339  
millercritters@yahoo.com

#### **Mission:**

As an animal shelter it is our duty to improve the lives of companion animals in the Gary IN area by providing a shelter alternative, spay & neuter assistance, and adoptive services.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Helping at the shelter and help at events.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

You must be over 18 yrs. old.

### **Indiana Ballet Theatre**

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

#### **Mission:**

Indiana Ballet Theatre is dedicated to transforming lives and enriching the community through the world of dance. We do this through performance, outreach, and the finest classical dance education.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

##### Performances

1. Nutcracker & Spring Ballet
  - a. Ushering at the event
  - b. Assisting in the costume department or

with props

- c. Assisting with selling advertising space in our programs
- d. Assisting with group tickets sales
- e. volunteering backstage with props, green room
- f. helping with loading the truck with props and costumes both before and after the performance

#### 2. Kaleidoscope

- a. Ushering at the event
- b. Assisting with group ticket sales

#### Help at the Studios

1. Reception Work
2. Assisting in the office with filing, database, etc.

#### Committees

We have a multitude of special events.

1. Nutcracker Tea
2. Gala
3. Fundraising

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

If you are working with children, we reserve the right to ask for a background check. This is to protect both the children and the volunteers.

### **Indiana Plan**

780 N. Union Street  
Hobart, IN 46342  
www.indianaplan.org  
Roman Bronson - 219-884-4503  
tbradley@indianaplan.org

#### **Mission:**

The Indiana Plan's mission is to increase participation in the union trades among underrepresented people with a focus on minorities and women.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Local Unionized Trades representatives presenting to Indiana Plan trainees.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Established with a unionized building construction trade.

### **Lake County Historical Society**

P.O. Box 14  
Crown Point, IN 46308  
https://lchsmuseum.org/  
Scott Hudnall - 219-662-3975  
lakecountyhistoricalmuseum@gmail.com

#### **Mission:**

Connecting people with the stories of our community.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Serve as a Society ambassador
- Museum/courthouse tour guide
- Museum maintenance
- Artifact documentation
- social media and website
- Digitization
- Other projects as needed

**Volunteer Requirements:**

Volunteers must become members. After completing a volunteer form, the Society will have a meeting/orientation with the potential volunteer for introductions and determine the best fit for volunteer activities.

**Lake County Right to Life**

110 West Main Street  
Griffith, IN 46319  
lake loves life.org  
Theresa Kowalczyk - 219-838-1138  
office@lakecortl.org

**Mission:**

Lake County Right to Life is a not-for-profit public benefit organization which exists to promote concern for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death through education of the public about abortion, assisted suicide, and euthanasia, and to support legislation and constitutional changes to protect the right to life of all innocent human beings.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Volunteers are needed to help stuffing envelopes, making phone calls, and selling merchandise at various functions.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

Volunteers must be 18, some exceptions for teens if accompanied by parent or other adult.

**Lakeshore Public Media**

8625 Indiana Place  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
Lakeshorepublicmedia.org  
Russel Brodhacker - 219-756-5656  
comms@lakeshorepublicmedia.org

**Mission:**

Lakeshore Public Media is the recognized media resource for citizens of all ages to experience lifelong learning, celebrate human diversity, and engage in civic concerns, all to enrich the lives of people in the communities we serve.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Community Advisory Board (CAB) - A volunteer group that meets quarterly and

provides invaluable input from our viewers and listeners out in the community about our programming as well as our community service efforts and impact throughout Northwest Indiana.

Thank-You Calls - Volunteers can come to our station and make thank-you calls to our supporters. There is no ask involved, you're simply calling to express our gratitude for their support and ask if they have any feedback. These calls play a huge factor in our donor retention efforts.

Special Events - We hold, or participate in, special community events from time to time and can always use an extra hand. These can range from PBS Kids events to public screenings and various community/chamber events.)

**Volunteer Requirements:**

Must be 18 or older and have your own transportation.

**Legacy Foundation**

370 E. 84th Avenue  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
legacyfdn.org/  
Donna A Catalano - 219-718-0484  
dcatalano@legacyfdn.org

**Mission:**

Transforming Lake County by providing strategic leadership and impactful philanthropic support to ensure equitable opportunity for all communities that we serve.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Rise NWI  
Legacy Foundation's civic engagement program, Rise NWI, is a trusted source for nonpartisan education related to local government and opportunities to become civically engaged within one's community. Through training and resources, the program empowers residents to be strong advocates for improved quality of life in Northwest Indiana. Our volunteer opportunities include tabling at community events throughout Lake County. Last year we tabled at over 100 community events. For more information on Rise NWI, please contact Donna Catalano atdcatalano@legacyfdn.org or call 219- 736-1880.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

Legacy Foundation will provide one on one training for volunteers.

**Lirio Resources, Inc.**

550 Burrell Drive  
Crown Point, IN 46307

lirioresources.org  
Susan Moreno - 219-793-5310  
smoreno@lirioresources.org

**Mission:**

Lirio Resources equips individuals and families with support to participate fully in living, learning, working, and playing. Together, we are building a vibrant community for people of all abilities.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Help with setup for special events.  
Light cleaning of office space.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

Age 16 or older. Generally healthy. Positive attitude.

**Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly (LBFE)**

1944 N. Main St  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
www.lbfeindiana.org  
Jacqueline Townsend - 219-736-5233  
jtowndsend@lbfeindiana.org

**Mission:**

LBFE is a national network of nonprofit, volunteer - based organizations committed to relieving isolation and loneliness among the elderly. We offer people of goodwill the opportunity to join the elderly in friendship and celebration of life.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

One on one visiting, team visiting, phone visitor, in home celebrations, party assistance, drivers, etc. Our opportunities can fit anyone's schedule. To stay and active volunteer all we require is 6 hours a year.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

You must be 21 or older, attend an orientation, and complete a background check.

**Meals on Wheels NWI**

8446 Virginia Street  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
www.mownwi.org  
Angelina Torres Solik - 219-756-3663  
angelina@mownwi.org

**Mission:**

To deliver nutritious meals to those in need with the support of community volunteers.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

The variety of ways volunteers may support the mission of Meals on Wheels include the most impactful by delivering meals to the

homes of our clients, supporting our administrative team as a receptionist or in our kitchen packing meals for delivery and finally, driving our vans to drop off locations throughout the region.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

All volunteers must complete an application, pass a background check, and attend training at the Meals on Wheels facility in Merrillville. In addition, delivery volunteers must be 18 years or older, have a valid driver's license, vehicle insurance and successfully pass a background check.

**Moms and Tots Resale Shop**

110 West Main St.  
Griffith, IN 46319  
www.funsmartshopping.org  
Theresa Kowalczyk - 219-595-5457  
office@lakecortl.org

**Mission:**

Mom & Tots Resale is a not-for-profit 501 c3 business that offers pristine new or nearly new clothing and accessories for women and for babies/children. We help support our local pregnancy resource centers and other life-honoring organizations and endeavors.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

We are in need of volunteers to work in the Mom & Tots Shop. This will include sorting, washing, drying, ironing, pricing, and hanging of clothing to be put out on sales racks. It could also include helping customers and cashing them out.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

Volunteers should be 18 or older (16 -17 with a parent's consent) and active members of a church.

**National Scleroderma Foundation**

300 Rosewood  
Danvers, MA 01923  
www.scleroderma.org  
Liz Mulroy - 978-624-1245  
emulroy@scleroderma.org

**Mission:**

The National Scleroderma Foundation's mission is to advance medical research, promote disease awareness, and provide support and education to people with scleroderma, their families and support networks. Our vision is to be a relentless force in finding a cure and improving the lives of people affected by scleroderma.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Advocacy/Awareness Volunteer - making telephone calls to Representatives and Senators; sending current materials to the legislative offices and working on the Scleroderma Awareness Month campaign in June; and promoting awareness on social media, as well as securing local and state proclamations and landmark light-ups.

Educational Event Volunteer - assisting with such activities as content development, logistics, registration, day-of setup, and tear down, etc.

Support Group Facilitator Volunteer - providing educational information and emotional support to scleroderma patients, caregivers, their family members, friends, and the community. (Training is required and provided.)

Stepping Out for Scleroderma Walk Volunteer - assisting with various tasks such as registration, food service, set-up, tear down, coordinating games, etc.

Fundraising Volunteer - hosting or promoting 3rd Party Fundraisers, contacting Stepping Out Team Captains, and spreading informational materials.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

The National Scleroderma Foundation Heartland Chapter relies on volunteers to support administrative tasks, fundraising efforts, increasing awareness, and promoting our advocacy needs. Volunteers are needed for ongoing and one-time commitments. All opportunities include training.

**NICK Foundation**

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

**Mission:**

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

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Helping at our two annual events (June & September).

**Volunteer Requirements:**

N/A

**Old Sheriffs House and Jail**

226 South Main  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
www.oldsheriffshouse.org/

Denise Gundelach - 219-743-2530  
dmav123@hotmail.com

**Mission:**

The mission of the Old Sheriff's House 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 for conveyance in a balanced presentation. This will be accomplished by restoration of the site for educational, informational, and research purposes for the public. Usage may include house and jail interior museum, lecture and meeting space and commercial and retail enterprises.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

We are looking for volunteers for a variety of opportunities. We need people to help with tours, gift shops, projects, and events. We use volunteers for our annual events like the Haunted House in October and the Jailbreak 5K Race in November, as well as other events throughout the year. Our tour and gift shop season runs May through September.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

No requirements for adults, but children under 15 may need adult supervision, depending on the volunteer job.

**Open Hearts Therapeutic Riding Center**

4315 W. 133rd Ave.  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
open-hearts-therapeutic-riding-center.business.site/  
Debbie Oborn - 219-746-4625  
Deboborn@yahoo.com

**Mission:**

Connecting people with horses through equine-assisted activities.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Open Hearts is actively seeking volunteers to lead horses, be spotters next to the horse and rider, assist with marketing, assist with social media, help with event planning and volunteers to assist with fund raising. We are also seeking board members and special committee members.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

All volunteers must complete an application and pass a background check. Volunteers working with horses must have the physical capacity to walk in sand as well as "trot" along with the horse.

**Phil's Friends**

1249 Arrowhead Ct  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
philfriends.org  
Judy Earnshaw - 224-653-8315  
judy@philfriends.org

**Mission:**

To provide Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Packing care packages; decorating boxes; tying blankets; coloring Cards of Hope; other various opportunities.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

No requirements Children and Adults can participate.

**Planting Possibilities**

P.O. Box 1805  
Highland, IN 46322  
www.plantingpossibilities.org  
Mary Anne Neiner - 219-237-9353  
maryanne@plantingpossibilities.org

**Mission:**

Planting Possibilities' mission is to provide job skills training to adults with autism and other developmental disabilities in Lake County Indiana.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

1. Person/persons to run the gardening program for the high school age residents at Campagna Academy in Schererville: planting seeds in early March, tending them until they are ready to plant, tending the garden throughout the summer, harvesting when ready. Students will help with that process, but we need someone with horticulture knowledge to teach the weekly classes.

2. Volunteers to help at our new program at the new YMCA Camp in Crown Point. This program will be managed by a teacher/garden manager. This horticulture program will provide job skills training to young adults with autism and other developmental disabilities who need to develop general job skills.

3. Volunteer horticultural consultant who can provide advice regarding soil health, planting time, plant health and maintenance, etc.

4. Person/persons with grant writing experience and development experience to help us grow our organization to help with fundraising events.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

Gardening requires outdoor work and

physical work. One must have the physical endurance to dig, plant, hoe, etc. outdoors throughout the year in all weather conditions; the strength to push wheelbarrows and pull loaded garden wagons; and be able to lift up to 30 pounds. Working with young adults with disabilities requires patience and the ability to give directions and model appropriate behaviors in a pleasant and respectful manner. Background checks, safety trainings and other trainings will be required of volunteers who work directly with our clients.

**Power Paws for Kids**

P.O. Box 517  
St. John, IN 46373  
powerpawforkids.org  
Susan Cope - 219-789-9841  
powerpaws4kids@gmail.com

**Mission:**

We aim to provide the community with an animal assisted program that will help to promote health and well-being through positive interactions with animals.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

We are looking for volunteers with friendly dogs. Volunteer team opportunities include library programs (where children read to the dogs), visits to schools with their dogs and visits to other locations such as nursing homes and shelters.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

The dogs should have completed the AKC CGC (Canine Good Citizen) test. If the dog has not yet passed their CGC test, we do have someone that can administer the test. The canine good citizen test includes items such as accepting a friendly stranger, walking on a leash, sitting and reaction to other dogs.

**Rockopelli**

1601 Bluebird Lane  
Munster, IN 46321  
www.rockopellifest.org  
Laura Reid - 219-512-3611  
lreid@rockopellifest.org

**Mission:**

The Rockopelli mission is to support the local community by organizing, promoting, and producing benefit music festivals.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Rockopelli music festival needs volunteers to help set up and tear down the festival. Volunteers are also needed to be at the entrances of the park, help with the silent auction and sell 50/50 raffle tickets. We also

need licensed bartenders to help at the beer garden.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

Able bodied and willing to put time in for a good cause. Bartenders must be licensed.

**SAFE Coalition for Human Rights**

9335 Calumet Ave, Suite D  
Munster, IN 46321  
Safechr.org  
Valerie McDaniels, MSW - 219-378-7161  
Vmcdaniels@safechr.org

**Mission:**

To reduce human trafficking globally through prevention, education, and rehabilitation.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Shift Work at Ashley's house - a female therapeutic shelter, Organizing and maintaining inventory of donations, data entry and research, transporting residents to stores and appointments, assisting group work, teaching yoga, arts and crafts, and planning activities for female residents.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

Clear background check, own transportation if working onsite, good interpersonal skills, Caring and compassionate personality, and Willingness to learn.

**Sertoma Star Services**

8674 Broadway  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
sertomastar.org/  
Christine Rechsteiner - 708-888-7417  
crechsteiner@sertomastar.org

**Mission:**

To empower individuals with disabilities, their families, and those living with mental illness to achieve personal success by providing choices and opportunities.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Community Engagement Team When you join the Sertoma Star Services volunteer team, you are part of a team of people who are passionate about encouraging individuals with disabilities to connect with their community. Opportunities are endless and are designed around your skills, matching them with our consumers' goals. Here are a few ways to get involved: bowling, fishing, hiking, volunteer coffee shop chats, leading a class, virtual opportunities, and support roles (admin, event, and more)

**Volunteer Requirements:**

Requirements are based on the role.

Background check is required for people working with a consumer.

**Shirley Heinze Land Trust**

109 W. 700 North  
Valparaiso, IN 46385  
www.heinze.org  
Jim Haniford - 219-242-8558  
jhaniford@heinze.org

**Mission:**

The mission of Shirley Heinze Land Trust is to preserve and restore natural lands and waters in Northwestern Indiana, and to engage people in nature and conservation.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Preserve Stewardship, Adopt-A-Trail Program, Grow One, Keep One Program, Meadowbrook Mondays, Corporate Volunteer Workdays, School Group Workdays, Administrative Workdays, and Other Volunteer Workdays.

Volunteer Workday Projects Include: native seed collection and sowing, invasive species removal, construction projects, trash and litter removal, trail maintenance, and much more.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

Completion of Volunteer Application and Liability Waiver

**Sojourner Truth House**

410 W. 13th Ave.  
Gary, IN 46407  
sojournertruthhouse.org  
Ariel Crenshaw - 219-806-3412  
acrenshaw@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.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Whether you're an individual volunteer or looking to volunteer with a group, Sojourner Truth House is always in need of your support. Volunteers play a crucial role in making change for those we serve who are experiencing homelessness and hunger. We appreciate your desire to volunteer, as your contribution will greatly influence someone who needs your assistance. Some examples of volunteer opportunities are data entry, office assistant, welcome desk, food pantry, and garden.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

Sojourner Truth House allows group and individual volunteers. Individual volunteer must be 18 years or older while minors are allowed to volunteer with adult supervision

**St. Jude House**

12490 Marshall St  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
www.stjudehouse.org  
Kari Thomsen - 219-662-7066  
KThomsen@stjudehouse.org

**Mission:**

St. Jude House is a safe emergency shelter and provider of services for victims of domestic violence and their dependent children. We provide housing, advocacy, and compassionate assistance. Through educational programs we work to teach others to recognize the cycle of domestic violence, to empower them to break that cycle and to offer support and follow-up. In the spirit of the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago, we at St. Jude House are committed to offering love and hope in a healing and caring environment to each person that seeks shelter and/or services regardless of creed, gender, race, or national origin.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Cleaning, outdoor projects, organizing and sorting.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

18 years old

**The Humane Society of Hobart**

2054 E. State Rd 130  
Hobart, IN 46342  
www.hshobart.org  
Tracy Colza - 219-942-0103  
tracy@hshobart.org

**Mission:**

HSH is on a mission to build and strengthen pet families.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Animal Care Provider, Animal Enrichment Specialist, Fundraising and Development Dynamo, Special Event Expert, Governance Guru, Building and Maintenance Bestie, Foster Parent Fanatic, Trusted Transport Driver, and Beloved Board Member

**Volunteer Requirements:**

We have one requirement, please subscribe to: HSH Workplace Culture Statement Our culture of professionalism, inclusivity, and accountability is the foundation of our team. We lead with compassion for people, pets,

and our community. All people deserve respect and to be treated with kindness regardless of race, gender, age ethnicity, sexual orientation, or ability. We take responsibility for our actions and are honest and integrous. We focus on the strengths of teammates and work together to accomplish goals. Individual ego erodes the spirit of teamwork. A positive communication style is vital. Using established communication channels initiates change. Self-awareness of emotions is expected.

**The MAAC Foundation, Inc.**

4203 Montdale Park Dr.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
maacfoundation.org/  
Candy Mues - 219-510-9111  
candy@maacfoundation.org

**Mission:**

To facilitate training and skill enhancement on an innovative, efficient, state of the art campus that is safe and inclusive for all first responders and the community.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

General Maintenance and Office Assistance  
Annual Events: First Responder Demo Day, Checkout Challenge, MAACabre - Charity Haunted Attraction, Pictures with Santa.

Community Events – There are many opportunities throughout the year for the MAAC to have a presence at community events. Festivals, open houses, Trunk or Treat are just a few of the invitations that we get to set up a booth or decorate a vehicle. Volunteers are needed to set up the booth, or table and answer questions about the MAAC from the public.

Mental Health Symposiums – Professional Speakers come to The MAAC to offer support and open avenues of awareness and networking.

**Volunteer Requirements:**

All Volunteers will be required to follow through with the requirements outlined for employees at The MAAC Foundation

**The Museum at Lassen's Resort/  
Cedar Lake Historical Assoc.**

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

**Mission:**

The 1920's 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.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Museum docent/tour guide
- Museum greeter
- Museum gift shop
- Museum beautification (gardening, cleaning)
- Museum exhibit maintenance
- Boat captain
- Boat dockhand Committee member (Building & Restoration, Collections Care, Finance, Transportation, Events, Guest Services)
- Special event staff (Community Art Show, Boat Days, Family Train Day, fundraisers)
- Behind-the-scenes (archives, cataloguing, data entry)
- Media support (video recording or production, web or social media)
- Construction (carpentry, window repair, plumbing, electrical, trim refinishing) Internship opportunity (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.

#### **The SHARE Group**

110 West Main St  
Griffith, IN 46319  
www.thesharegroupnw.com  
Len Reynolds - 219-677-0090  
thesharegroupusa@gmail.com

#### **Mission:**

What is S.H.A.R.E.? Sharing Hope Around the Region through Education: The SHARE Group is a supportive organization that provides resources, training, and educational opportunities for antihuman trafficking and suicide awareness and prevention, both for the public and for professionals. Our focus is on prevention, protection, and prosecution for the purpose of creating awareness and fighting against abuse and human trafficking in Indiana. Plus, we are actively pursuing educational avenues that create realities about suicide awareness and prevention.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

We are looking for people to help stuffing envelopes, making phone calls, and selling merchandise at various events.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Volunteers must be 18+ years old, able to

pass a background check and have a BIG HEART for people.

#### **Tradewinds Deaf Services**

3198 East 83rd Place  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
www.tradewindsnw.org/adult/deaf-services/  
Lisa Tatina, Director of Development & Marketing - 219-945-0100  
ltatina@tradewindsnw.org

#### **Mission:**

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

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Spring Clean-up / Fix-up at our residences/facilities - painting, cleanup, yard landscaping, gardens.

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#### **Tri-Town Safety Village**

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

#### **Mission:**

Safety Village is dedicated to educated children in prevention of fire, pedestrian, bicycle, drugs, and railroad through a hands-on experience in a way that is easy to understand.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Fundraising Event Assistance, Lite Office Assistance, Carpentry & Grounds Maintenance & Painting, Butterfly & Vegetable Gardens and Community Service Supervision

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Able to perform the light duties for the above jobs.

#### **VNA Hospice of NWI**

501 Marquette St.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
vnanwi.org  
Maria Galka - 219-531-8078  
mgalka@vnanwi.org

#### **Mission:**

Making Best Days Possible

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Companionship/Respite Visits to patients, VNA Hospice Center support, Administrative/Clerical support, Legacy Projects, Pen Pals, Phone Companionship, Bedside Expressive Arts, Veteran to Veteran Café, Pet Therapy, Grief Support, and Medical Guardian (personal emergency response system support)

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

To safeguard the patients and families in our care, volunteers will be asked to complete background checks, TB tests, in person and online training programs, continuing education in-services, and other required documentation to volunteer with our team.

#### **Winfield Community Foundation**

7857 East 122nd Place  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
winfieldcommunityfoundation.org  
Nicole Kadelak - 219-281-2201  
nkad319@gmail.com

#### **Mission:**

To enrich the quality of life in Winfield and Winfield Township by providing financial assistance to fund a broad range of community needs maximizing charitable gifts by utilizing current tax law directing resources in a manner tailored to meet donors' specific needs managing endowment assets which will meet philanthropic needs.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

The Foundation was founded by Winfield residents who believed in the future of our community — and we continue to serve that future. We want to make it easier for the people of Winfield to help each other. We're working to determine our community's greatest needs; to build up its nonprofits; and to find new ways for people to come together to give.

#### **Volunteer Requirements:**

Willing to help serve the community.