



A Sampling of Volunteer Needs: Either Monroe or Owen Counties

- **Caring Companions**

Make friendly visits or phone calls to isolated seniors once a week, and help with groceries, laundry or dishes. Matches arranged near your home, based on your interests.

- **Volunteer from home**

Do you sew? Knit? Are you creative? Do you like to talk on the phone? Are you handy with computers? All these things and more can be done at home to help out those in need in our community.

- **Office Work**

Volunteers needed to help with a variety of office duties, including receptionists, copying, mailing, filing, clerical, computer work or data entry.

- **Skilled volunteers needed!**

Have a special skill/talent/background to share? We'll help you make a connection that will benefit both you and a non-profit of your choice.

- **Visit veterans**

Brighten the day of a veteran at home or in the nursing homes with a friendly visit once a week. Entertainers also needed for nursing homes - choir members, rhythm band members, pianists, etc.

- **Hospice**

Caring people needed to support others during a special time of need. Volunteers may choose to assist the family by providing respite care, running errands, or helping in the office. Training provided.

- **Special Events**

Volunteers needed for one-time events. Help plan, set-up, decorate, direct, or clean up. Projects include: Home Tour, Book Swap, Quilt show, Reality Store, Senior Salute, fairs, expos and more.

- **Money Mentors**

Volunteers help homebound seniors balance their checkbooks, track bills, get organized, and manage money.

- **Tutor in the schools**

Help vulnerable young students, from K-8, excel in school by spending one-on-one time supporting their educational needs. Tutors needed an hour a week during the school year. Special needs children especially need support.

- **Deliver life-sustaining food**

Got an hour? Make a special connection to disadvantaged seniors. Help deliver groceries (monthly) or meals (weekly) to homebound individuals.

Monroe County

- **Disaster preparedness**

Help the community prepare for and respond to disasters, both large scale (tornados, floods, etc.) and small (house fires). Schedule varies.

- **Board/committee members, grant writers, etc.**

Do you enjoy or have experience on boards, with grants, or financial matters? Numerous non-profits would love to tap your skills to help further a good cause, from veterans to feeding the hungry.

- **Job Links Coaches (Shalom Center)**

Volunteers support the homeless and unemployed with job coaching, resume assistance, job referrals, and a listening ear.

- **Support inmates in the jail**

Volunteers needed to guide inmates in the therapeutic wing through high school equivalency classes, lead anger management classes, assist with bingo, and encourage building positive relationships with family.

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- **Hoosier Hills Re-pack**

Join RSVP at Hoosier Hills Food Bank on the first Wed. of each month from 4:30 –5:30 pm to help re-pack restaurant overages for local food banks.

- **Reality Stores**

Help middle school students build a budget using real-life situations as part of a fun activity that encourages them to get a college education.

- **Preschools**

Senior volunteers wanted to come into classes to visit and play /interact with youngsters.

- **Thrift Shop**

Volunteers help sort, repair, price, or display items. Be the first to discover what area thrift shops have in store!

- **Adult tutoring**

The VITAL program needs patient and caring volunteers who are interested in helping adult learners improve their reading, writing, or English speaking skills (usually evenings).

- **Volunteer coordination**

Be trained to organize/orient volunteers to support non-profit agencies.

- **Transportation**

Volunteers needed to help transport veterans as well as cancer patients, to doctor's appointments.

- **Endwright Center**

Greet people as they arrive at the center to exercise, answer phones, and direct messages. Volunteers also needed to be computer tutors, lead classes (nutrition, finances, art, healthy living) , and to help during Farmer's Market on summer Saturdays. Love to entertain? Perform at the market!

- **Feed the hungry**

Help at meal kitchens with preparation, serving, or clean-up for the hungry in our community.

- **Support the homeless**

Volunteers needed at the Interfaith Winter Shelter to help with set-up, meals, monitoring overnight hours, or clean-up in the am. Or to work at the hospitality desk at the Shalom Center helping with mail, taking messages, directing visitors, etc.

- **Gardening**

Assistance needed at preschools, food pantries, and individual's homes to help with gardening;: flowers or vegetables. Some organizations will teach you organic gardening techniques.

- **Stable hands**

Help care for and rehabilitate rescued horses on Sundays. No previous experience needed.

- **Hospital/Volunteers in Medicine**

The hospital and VIM need help greeting, processing, in waiting rooms, and at the gift shop.

Owen County

- **Entertainment/Concessions**

Help support the historic Tivoli Theatre as it offers movies and live shows to the Spencer community. Typical duties include: selling tickets, making sodas, popping corn, and ushering. Fridays eve, Saturdays afternoons or eve and Sundays afternoons. All volunteers receive free popcorn and soda, and a free movie!

- **Center for Women's Ministries (Christian)**

Women needed as receptionists Wed from 1-4 or Fri between 10 and 2: answer phones, organize library, light cleaning while staff are counseling or leading Bible Studies. Must agree with Statement of Faith.

- **Museum/Coffee shop**

Help welcome visitors into the Heritage Center's coffee shop. Be the friendly face for the museum. Help manage sales, pour coffee, and tell/listen to



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