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MORE THAN 50 LOCAL NONPROFIT AGENCIES WILL BE AT THE 14TH ANNUAL CPCF'S VOLUNTEER FAIR



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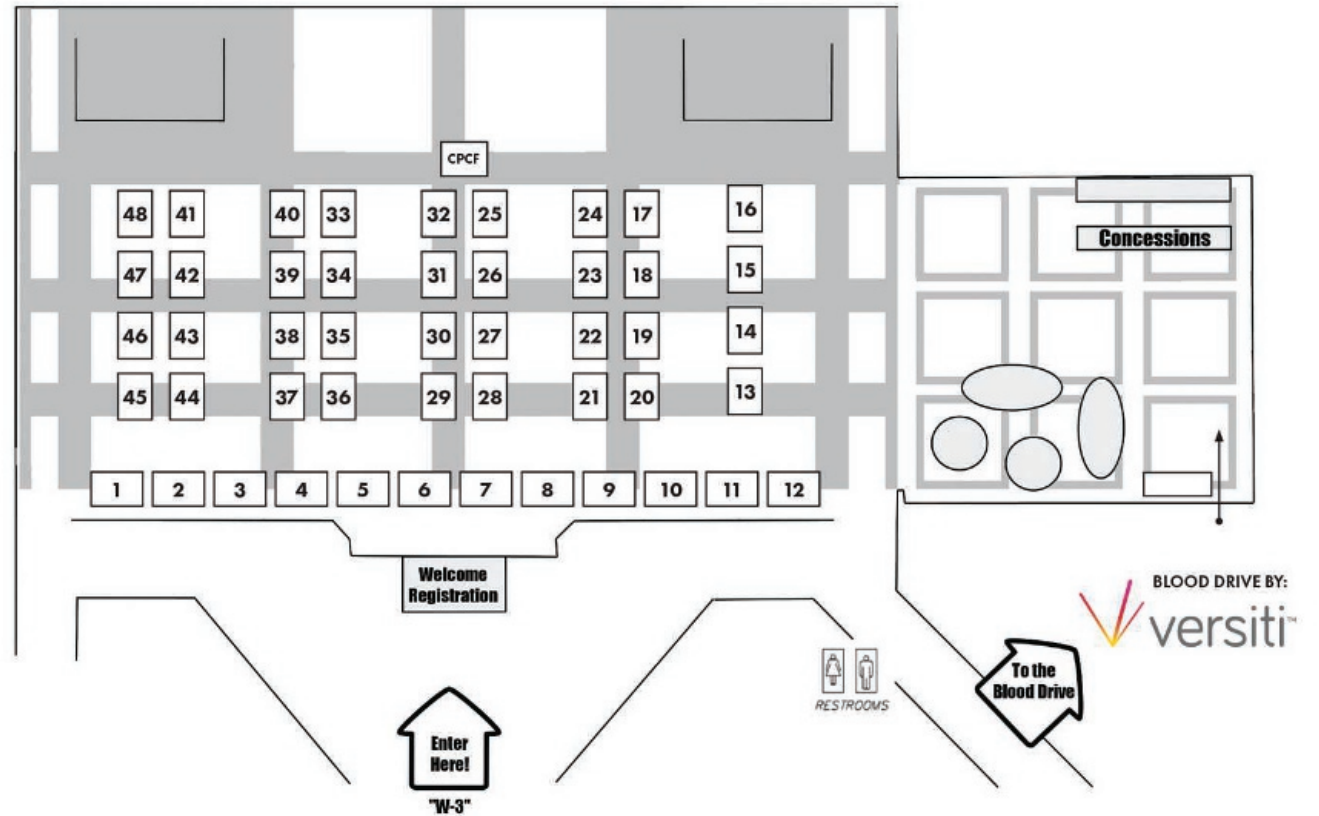


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# CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER FAIR MAP

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More than 50 nonprofits will be represented at the 14th Annual Crown Point Community Foundation Volunteer Fair.

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# A HELPING HAND

CPCF has worked to support organizations that improve life in South Lake County for more than 30 years

**JANE AMMESON**  
Times correspondent

Since it was founded in 1990, the Crown Point Community Foundation has partnered with donors in creating charitable endowments to provide grants that help support local nonprofit organizations.

“The help that CPCF gives us is immense,

just immense,” says Bonnie Meyer, President of Community Help Network, one of more than 80 nonprofits that CPCF supports in serving residents in Lowell, Crown Point, Winfield, Cedar Lake and surrounding communities.

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# CPCF

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Now in its 33rd year, CPCF, a 501(3) public charity and a member of the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance, is hosting its 14th Annual CPCF Volunteer Fair & Blood Drive from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 4 at Crown Point High School. The event is designed to connect prospective volunteers with fitting nonprofits.

“The purpose of putting on the Volunteer Fair is to support our nonprofit partners that do so much good in our communities,” says CPCF President Mary Nielsen. “The Fair helps bring awareness of the variety of nonprofit organizations in our communities and provides residents an opportunity to learn and talk with multiple organizations in one place.”

Volunteers are critical to the success of any nonprofit. Without volunteers willing to give their time and effort, many charitable nonprofits wouldn’t be able to conduct programs, raise funds or serve their clients.

“Volunteers move the organization’s mission forward and help expand their services,” Nielsen says. “The Fair also provides valuable networking opportunities. Many partnerships and collaborations have been created between nonprofits benefiting the community.”

The Fair also will feature an on-site Blood Drive conducted by Versiti Blood Centers. Coming out of the holidays, when the demand for transfusions typically is high, there’s a need to replenish dwindling blood supplies. So the Blood Drive is another important way to help those in need.

“Donating blood is easy and helps countless people in their most dire time of need. All you have to do is show up and give,” Nielsen says, adding that those wanting to donate blood can sign up in advance by calling 800-786-4483. “Be sure to bring an ID card to donate.”

Many are surprised to learn how much CPCF does to improve the quality of life for those living in South Lake County by supporting nonprofit organizations such as the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana, Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana, TradeWinds Services and the Dean & Barbara White Southlake YMCA.

“The Foundation really does an



Versiti Blood Centers is on hand to replenish supplies diminished during the holidays.



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Versiti Blood Centers organizes a blood drive at the Fair.

amazing amount to help improve the quality of life in Crown Point and South Lake County,” Nielsen says. “People who are just getting to know our organization are surprised by the depth and breadth of our initiatives.”

One of their major focuses is on nonprofits that help children, adds Nielsen, particularly those facing food insecurity.

“So many children lack access to food outside of school,” she says. “It’s one of our priorities to help ensure our children have access to healthy meals.”

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), 726,020 people including 225,750 children in Indiana lack adequate amounts of food. Food insecurity



The Fair helps match prospective volunteers with organizations in need.

has a significant negative effect on children because they are still developing. It is associated with higher risks for developing anemia, asthma, depression, anxiety and cognitive and behavioral problems as well as an increased likelihood of being hospitalized.

The impetus for CPCF began in 1989 when Dr. John Birdzell, a longtime area physician and respected civic leader, met with



Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana seeks help with delivery as well as packing meals.



TradeWinds Deaf Services is among the nonprofits at the Fair.

## If you go

Crown Point Community Foundation Volunteer Fair & Blood Drive.  
10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 4.  
Crown Point High School  
1500 S. Main St.  
Crown Point

Admission is free.

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

For a list of participating organizations, visit [thecpcf.org/volunteer-fair.html](http://thecpcf.org/volunteer-fair.html).

other members of Crown Point Rotary to talk about what he saw as a pressing need for establishing a public charitable organization committed to establishing permanently endowed funds to distribute grants for community needs. Birdzell’s idea was so well received that the Foundation was up and running within a year. The Foundation, which is governed by a 19-member volunteer Board of Directors, administers more than 363 funds and has more than \$33 million in assets.

“Our support for the community

does not come from just one person, one family or one company, but in a steady stream of contributions from a broad cross-section of the general public,” says Nielsen. “We accept gifts to the Foundation to increase our grant-making capacity. The gifts can be given in a variety of ways, including in the form of cash, stocks or securities, wills and bequests, life insurance, IRA charitable rollovers or retirement plans. Small donations are just as important as large donations to make sure that we serve the public’s best interest.”





# AMPLIFYING GOOD

How volunteers help advance nonprofit missions: A story of 5 organizations

**JANE AMMESON**  
Times correspondent

“Volunteers always go the extra mile to help others that they meet on their journey,” says Mary Nielsen, president of the Crown Point Community Foundation. “The Foundation wants everyone to know that you’ll find an organization that shares your passions at the Volunteer Fair.”

Organizations will be looking to connect with prospective volunteers at the Volunteer Fair, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. March 4 at Crown Point High School.

Among the participants are:

**Alzheimer’s Association,  
Greater Indiana Chapter**

“The Alzheimer’s Association has a vision of a world without Alzheimer’s and all other dementia — by accelerating global



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**Top:** A representative of the Tri-Town Safety Village explains opportunities at the Schererville facility that teaches kids safe practices. **Above:** VNA Hospice of Northwest Indiana is looking for volunteers who can provide assistance and comfort to those facing a terminal illness.

research, driving risk reduction and early detection and maximizing quality care and support,” says Julie Collins, Northwest Indiana Program Manager for the nonprofit. “As a volunteer-driven organization, we have numerous opportunities to share.

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The Community Care Network strives to assist children and families who are food insecure.



Community Help Network operates a Buddy Bags program and Household Pantry.



Community Help Network volunteers pack personal care items for those in need.

**Top:** The Alzheimer's Association helps those with dementia while making efforts to find a solution to the disease.  
**Below:** Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana is looking for coaches, assistants and others to help empower girls.

## Nonprofits

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We are so appreciative that the Crown Point Community Foundation facilitates this amazing event, which gives us a venue to talk not only about becoming a Walk to End Alzheimer's volun-

teer, but also the possibility of becoming a community health educator, a support group facilitator, a community representative or even an advocacy advocate."

The Alzheimer's Association, formed in 1980, is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and

research. The Association, which is the world's leading nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's research, continues to accelerate its work in finding solutions for the global Alzheimer's crisis.

"We are looking forward to seeing people face to face, and to share details of the opportunities we offer," says Collins "This has





Girls on the Run builds healthy physical and emotional habits.



Girls on the Run in Northwest Indiana serves 10 counties and about 2,000 girls a year.



VNA Hospice of Northwest Indiana recruits veterans to work with patients.



VNA Hospice volunteers are involved with everything from palliative care to Meals On Wheels in Porter County.

not been easy during COVID, so we are excited about this opportunity the Crown Point Community Foundation is offering to local nonprofits. We are grateful for the support they provide to local organizations, and how they are willing to work to connect us with volunteers. We hope that people who are interested in helping us

move our mission forward will stop by to learn about our volunteer opportunities.”

Visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) for more information.

### Community Help Network

“We began as a small organization with big dreams,” says Bonnie Meyer, President of the

Community Help Network. The organization began in 2017 by providing meals and snacks through the Buddy Bags program for food insecure students on the days they are not in school. “The program now serves over 850 students in 23 schools in four school districts.”

In January 2021, Community

Help Network added a Household Pantry. “This program provides cleaning supplies, paper products and hygiene items to low-income families in South Lake County,” says Meyer. “These are all things that cannot be purchased with food stamps. This program has grown significantly in the last year. In the first quarter of 2022,

the pantry served an average of 36 families per month. In the last quarter of 2022, that number increased to 47 families. Now, just in the first month of 2023, we have served nearly 60 families.”

In addition to the Buddy Bags and the Household Pantry, the

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# Nonprofits

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Community Help Network has established a Little Free Library and a twice-monthly free luncheon, called Ladle of Love.

The financial support the Community Help Network receives from the CPCF is essential to provide services for families in South Lake County.

Meyer says they appreciate all who support the organization.

“Every volunteer is treasured,” she says. “We work very diligently to be good stewards of any and all donations. Foundations such as the CPCF are the lifeblood of organizations such as ours. The grant process is essential to our survival and growth.”

Meyer encourages those coming to the Volunteer Fair to stop by and share their ideas and thoughts.

“We don’t want to stop growing,” she says. “We see needs in other areas that we hope we can address. We invite others to help us grow.”

Visit [communityhelpnet.org](http://communityhelpnet.org) for more information.

## Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana

“We serve a lot of girls in South Lake County using an evidence-based curriculum that inspires and empowers girls, by encouraging them to be their authentic selves and connecting them to outdoor physical activities,” says Jill Schlueter-Kim, Executive Director of Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana, which covers 10 counties.

Girls on the Run International was founded in 1996 and has reached more than 2 million girls throughout North America. The Northwest Indiana chapter was formed in 2007 and serves 2,000 girls each year.

According to Schluter-Kim, it uses dynamic lessons to instill important life skills that include the connection between physical and emotional health. The girls meet twice a week, typically in schools, with trained coaches. GOTR builds healthy physical and emotional habits designed to help them beyond the program.

Running a program as large as this requires a lot of volunteer



TONY V. MARTIN, FILE, THE TIMES

Tri-Town Safety Village brings lessons in safety down to a child’s size.

time, and Schlueter-Kim says the CPCF is extremely supportive.

“Volunteers are essential in helping us be there for the girls,” she says. “We love going to the Volunteer Fair each year, which is such an important resource for us.”

Visit [gotrofnwi.org](http://gotrofnwi.org) for more information.

### Tri-Town Safety Village

On four acres in Schererville, the Tri Town Safety Village is a child-sized town featuring replicas of local businesses and a full-size Survive Alive house, as well as real railroad and street crossing areas with a working train and stoplight.

According to Barbara Toosley, administrative assistant at Tri Town Safety Village, the organization’s goal is to teach students about the services provided by police and fire departments, as well as lifesaving skills such as how to escape from a residence through doors and windows.

There is an emphasis on teaching young people about railroad safety as well. This is a priority as Northwest Indiana is the second largest area in the U.S. for rail traffic, and many students face issues related to railroad safety daily.

“They also learn about ‘Stranger Danger,’ which teaches them not to go with anyone unless given permission by their parent/care guardian,” says Toosley. “Students learn about the dangers, what not to do and why.”

The organization is unknown to many, says Toosley, so the Volunteer Fair helps make people more aware of its goals.

“People are surprised to learn about us,” she says. “Volunteers have helped us with our Butterfly Garden, our Vegetable Garden and general maintenance work. We also need volunteers to assist us with painting, office work and our fundraisers.”

Visit [safetyvillage.us](http://safetyvillage.us) for more information.

## VNA Hospice of Northwest Indiana

As a nonprofit serving six counties—Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Jasper, Stark and portions of Newton, VNA Hospice of Northwest Indiana provides a wide array of services, all of them dependent on hardworking volunteers.

“We couldn’t do any of our programs without our volunteers,” says Erica Kerkes, volunteer services coordinator for VNA. “Therefore, the Volunteer Fair is a valuable resource that significantly contributes to our everyday workflow here at the VNA Hospice.”

“However, there is more to the Volunteer Fair than just finding those willing to volunteer their time to your organization,” Kerkes continues. “It is also a time for us to connect with those who have had a personal experience with hospice. Throughout the years of attending the Volunteer Fair, so many people have shared

their stories with us.”

According to Kerkes, VNA has a variety of volunteer opportunities.

“We are not just a hospice provider,” she says. “We also provide palliative care services, are the provider for Meals on Wheels services in Porter County and have the Phoenix Center, which is a grief support program for children, young adults and families.”

VNA’s other programs include a 24-hour, 365-day a year Medical Guardian Alert System, which summons help just by pushing a button for emergencies or to summon family or friends. The nationwide program, We Honor Veterans, pairs veteran volunteers with the VNA’s veteran hospice patients.

“We have lots of volunteer opportunities for those who want to serve and make a difference,” says Kerkes.

Visit [vnanwi.org](http://vnanwi.org), for more information.



The annual Walk to End Alzheimer's is just one opportunity to volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Indiana Chapter.

STEVE EUVINO, FILE, THE TIMES



# REGION OF GIVING

## Charitable organizations in NWI and how you can help

### Alzheimer's Association

8679 Connecticut S., Suite D  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
www.alz.org  
Julie Collins  
219-472-1451  
jccollins@alz.org

#### MISSION

*A world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia.*

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Support group facilitators, community health educators, community representatives, walk planning committee, day of walk volunteers and volunteer leadership

#### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

A desire to educate the public and support families who are caring for someone living with Alzheimer's and dementia. Training is provided for all positions.

### 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 prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.*

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are five lines of service at the American Red Cross which include: Biomedical Services, Disaster Cycles Services, Service to the Armed Forces, International Services, and Training Services. We offer a unique experience to incoming volunteers to help

them find their perfect fit within the American Red Cross through a screening process! We want to best utilize the skills and abilities of everyone. Explore more at Red-Cross.org/Volunteer

#### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

The American Red Cross requires each volunteer to complete a 5-step online application that includes a background check. For volunteers needing to utilize a vehicle, a Motor Vehicle Report will also need to be processed. Volunteers under the age of 18 require parental consent.

### ANew Ministries

P.O. Box 443  
DeMotte, IN 46310  
www.anewministry.org  
Janell Rottier

708-774-9204  
Janell@anewministry.org

#### MISSION

*Creating connections to her and to connect with her. ANEW Ministries works with moms 23 and under to help her fully flourish as a mom.*

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Become a regular connection for her by attending our Mom Mixer events.
- Host, plan, or sponsor a Mom Mixer Event
- Host a packing party for our Fully Flourishing boxes.
- Make a meal and enjoy it with us at one of our Teen Mother Choices programs.
- Teach or lead our moms in a Life Skills Workshop
- Play with a toddler or rock a

baby in childcare for one of our Teen Mother Choices programs.

#### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Pass a background check, fill out a volunteer application, and attend training if required.

### Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana

3691 Willowcreek Road, Suite 200  
Portage, IN 46368  
www.bgcgreaternwi.org/volunteer  
Wendy Mang, director of Community Outreach  
219-764-2582  
wmang@bgcgreaternwi.org

#### MISSION

*To inspire and enable the youth*

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# Service

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of our communities to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BGCGNWI is always looking for individuals or corporate groups to help make an impact on our kids' lives. Learn more at: [www.bgcggreaternwi.org/volunteer](http://www.bgcggreaternwi.org/volunteer). Opportunities may include:

- Tutoring (One on one academic support Mondays through Fridays after school for various subject areas.)

- Career specialty (Share about your career and help youth with career readiness and workforce development skills.)

- General afterschool programs (Youth engagement, mentorship and support in art, STEM, sports, music, cooking, etc.)

- Special events (July golf outing, December Christmas event)

- Sports league coaches, referees or assistants (Weekday practices; weekend games)

- Club clean-up days (Preparation for start of summer session or school year)

## VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

- Donor ambassadors are required to sign up for 1 shift (more welcomed) per month and complete basic training. Disaster response volunteers are required to sign up for a minimum of two on-call shifts (6am-6pm; 6pm-6am) during a month. Additionally, training requirements must be completed within the first 90 days of the assigned trainee position. Volunteers must be ages 18+.

- Certain criminal records may disqualify applicants. (A conviction will not necessarily disqualify you from volunteering. Rather, such factors as age, date of conviction, seriousness, and nature of the crime will be considered.)

- Complete volunteer application form on website or interest form to be contacted further.

- Recurring volunteers must also submit references and complete a background check.

- Sign a Confidentiality Statement, Waiver of Liability, and Code of Ethics.

- Pending all approvals and agreed-upon scheduling with staff, volunteers can begin.

## Cedar Lake Historical Association The Museum at Lassen's Resort

P.O. Box 421  
Cedar Lake, IN 46303  
[www.lassensresort.org](http://www.lassensresort.org)  
Julie Zasada  
219-390-9423  
[info@cedarlakehistory.org](mailto: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, 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 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 members.

## City of Crown Point/Crown Point Parks and Recreation

101 N. East St.  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
[www.crownpoint.in.gov](http://www.crownpoint.in.gov)  
Diana Bosse  
219-779-2219  
[dbosse@crownpoint.in.gov](mailto:dbosse@crownpoint.in.gov)

## MISSION

*Building a Stronger Community from Within*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Various community events

## VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

We accept all ages to volunteer, however any children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

## Community Help Network Inc.

550 E. Burrell Drive  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
[communityhelpnet.org](http://communityhelpnet.org)  
Bonnie Meyer  
219-805-3717  
[communityhelpnetwork2020@gmail.com](mailto:communityhelpnetwork2020@gmail.com)

## MISSION

*Through programs such as "Buddy Bags," we strive to provide help for food-insecure students and their families throughout South Lake County, Indiana. 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 information they need to get the assistance they need to lead them into a life of self-reliance.*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Buddy Bag packing on Tuesday Mornings.

- Tuesday and Saturday mornings in the Household Pantry.

- First and third Saturdays Ladle of Love free luncheon

- Following Committees: Outreach, Fundraising, Garden, Summer Fun Fair, December Holiday Family Celebration

- Unloading of large donations from Amazon and food vendors

## VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Anyone younger than 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

## Crown Point Emergency Management Agency

590 E. Anderson St.  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
[www.crownpoint.in.gov](http://www.crownpoint.in.gov)  
Mike Wysocki  
[cpema@crownpoint.in.gov](mailto:cpema@crownpoint.in.gov)

## MISSION

*As a supporting agency of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, our ongoing mission is to reduce the loss of life and property and protect our 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.*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Emergency Management Volunteer

## VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

- Handling loads of 25 pounds or more.
- Requires a lot of walking and/or standing.

- Requires sitting for extended periods.

- Requires being outside for extended periods in extreme weather.

- Seeing clearly

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- High school graduate

- Clean background check

- Must be between 18-55 years old at time of hire.

## Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited

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Sandi Devries  
219-945-0726  
[4rock@att.net](mailto:4rock@att.net)

## MISSION

*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.

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Highland, IN 46322  
[www.fairhavenrcc.org](http://www.fairhavenrcc.org)  
Shana Robertson  
219-961-4357  
[shana.robertson@fairhavenrcc.org](mailto:shana.robertson@fairhavenrcc.org)

## MISSION

*To provide faith-focused services to those affected by sexual violence & trauma.*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Medical Advocacy- a trained volunteer that will be dispatched to respond to hospital calls to support someone sexually victimized.

- Complete required 20-hour Sexual Assault Advocacy training.

- Commit to six months-1 year on the Direct Services team.

- Sign-up for (3-6) six hour on-call shifts a month.

- Attending one Volunteer meeting a month.

Event Volunteer—anyone 15 and older can volunteer to support agency events and fundraisers.

- Skilled: Decorations, marketing materials, silent auction, event specific needs

- Unskilled: Outreach flyers and packets, advocating in community, raise awareness.

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

Program Volunteer—anyone 19 and older 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)

- Must be 19 years of age or older.
- It has been one year since you became personally connected to this issue.

- It has been one year since you have received medical, judicial or school advocacy with Fair Haven Rape Crisis Center.

- You are no longer receiving counseling or group advocacy services with Fair Haven Rape Crisis Center.

- You may receive counseling now, or have in the past, but do not feel a sense of crisis in your everyday life.

- Completion of 20-hour Rape Crisis Medical Advocacy training.

- A valid driver's license and access to a car are not necessary. You must, however, be able to make it to a designated hospital in our service area within 60 minutes of receiving a call.

- Cases average about 5 hours, so you need flexibility in availability around your shift. You may be called at the end of your shift and then be at the hospital for several hours past when your shift ended.

- Volunteer must consent to and successfully complete a full background investigation pursuant to NRS 179-180 et seq., which includes a criminal history check and fingerprinting.

- Volunteers cannot have any pending charges with no disposition.

- You are not currently struggling with substance use.

- You have a strong support system in place.

- You feel 100% ready to be a Volunteer Medical Advocate.

## Feline Community Network

1601 W. 37th Ave., Suite Wh-1  
Hobart, IN 46342  
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Info@felinecommunitynetwork.org

### MISSION

FCN works to ensure the well-being of companion cats by providing medical care and rehabilitation services to those felines that arrive sick or injured. Ideally, we would like to aid as many cats as possible, however due to insufficient funding, and space we must prioritize. Many of our cats come from shelters and animal control agencies that, by necessity or policies, must euthanize. Our primary focus at FCN is to admit cats facing desperate situations of unnecessary euthanasia. As a secondary focus, we then work within Lake and Porter Counties in Indiana to accept cats coming from other intolerable circumstances such as overcrowding and situations of neglect or abuse, when space and funding are available. We focus on the need in our local communities first before reaching beyond our service area.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Socialize (pet, brush, and or play) with the cats in our care. We pride ourselves in that every cat/kitten adopted is well adjusted and responds to people. You could help these pets become just that to be welcomed into a new adoptive family.

- Assist AM Caregivers: Help our AM Caregivers with light tasks such as doing laundry, washing dishes, or vacuuming. Or be a caregiver and assist with scooping boxes and cleaning cat condos.

- Like talking to people? Follow our page and help promote us or learn about the Feline Community Network. Then greet potential adopters, making them feel welcomed until an adoption coordinator is available. Assist guests in our feline themed gift shop – we have many unique items for sale.

- Are you crafty or do you like to sew? Consider making items for the FCN to sell in our retail space. We have a demand for some easy to make stuffed cats, cat toys, etc.

- Organizing your delight? 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.

- Are you a go getter with lots of great ideas? Join our FCN Fundraising Team on Facebook.

### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Volunteers working around or with the cats must be 18 years or older due to commercial insurance restrictions.

## 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 and sorting
- Mobile Market food distribution
- Backpack program
- Packing food boxes for seniors (Commodity Supplemental Food Program)
- Delivering food boxes to 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

1201 S. Main St.  
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

Why Volunteer at Franciscan Health? 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.

Volunteer opportunities at Franciscan Health Crown Point, Dyer and Munster:

- Transport and escort patients/visitors
- Clerical office duties and projects
- Gift shop
- Information desk
- Fundraising
- Eucharistic ministry
- Delivery of flowers and mail
- Run errands
- Visit and comfort patients (on-hold)

### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

- 18 years of age
- Possess a positive attitude with the desire to help others.

- Complete application online at [www.franciscanhealth.org/community/volunteer](http://www.franciscanhealth.org/community/volunteer)

- Interview and orientation
- Background check and health screening
- COVID vaccination card
- Flu shot – preferred, but not required.
- Training – 2-plus days with another volunteer in same position
- Volunteers provide service, 1-2 days a week for 3-4 hours of varying shifts.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.

## Franciscan Health VASIA

2150 Gettler St.  
Dyer, IN 46311  
[www.franciscanhealth.org/patient-resources/programs-and-support/vasia](http://www.franciscanhealth.org/patient-resources/programs-and-support/vasia)  
LaVonne Jarrett  
219-933-7907  
lavonne.jarrett@franciscanalliance.org

### MISSION

*The VASIA program’s mission is to maintain a model volunteer advocacy program*

*that serves the needs of incapacitated adults who are alone in hospitals, nursing facilities and hospice care throughout the Northwest Indiana Region.*

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Attend volunteer training (mandatory to be a VASIA Volunteer) (Free educational sessions-7, with light dinner)

- Volunteer Guardian Agent (Overseeing the care, decision making for an incapacitated adult on behalf of the program)

### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

- 21 years of age
- Without a criminal or reckless driving history, or history of violence

- Complete a VASIA Volunteer application prior to the end of training.

- Pass a background check.
- Able to commit to one year of program service.

- Able to commit to the completion of the Volunteer Guardianship training program.

- 12-hours of annual continuing education

## 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 reduce food insecurity in the Lake County area by distributing food to those in need and collaborating with other agencies on implementing long term solutions to eliminate hunger.*

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Unloading delivery trucks
- Packing food boxes
- Distributing food boxes via our drive-thru approach
- Updating website

### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and able to load and lift boxes weighing up to 20 pounds. Mask are required and provided. Volunteers who work the drive-thru on distribution day should be able to place food boxes in the trunk of our guests' cars. Usually, we serve about 100 guests through the drive-thru.

## Girls Scouts of Greater Chicago & Northwest Indiana

20 S. Clark St., Suite 200  
Chicago, IL 60603  
[www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/](http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/)  
Kristine Stasi  
312-912-6362  
kstasi@girlscoutsgcnwi.org

### MISSION

*Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world*

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a better place.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Troop leader
- Co-leader
- Assistant leader
- Troop support

## 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 Is 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.

■ Background check is needed.

## Girls on the Run of Northwest Indiana

821 W. 45th St., Suite D

Griffith, IN 46319

www.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. Most 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.

## Grace Beyond Borders

513 W. Chicago Ave.

East Chicago, IN 46312

gracebeyondborders.org

Liz Carpenter

219-392-9932

carpenterliz78@gmail.com

## MISSION

*Our mission is to offer hope, love, care, and the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who enter our doors.*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

■ Drivers—Take clients back and forth to doctor's appointments, job interviews, etc.

■ Maintenance volunteers—Organize clothes and other toiletry goods.

■ Overnight workers—We need volunteers to stay in the facilities while we have clients in-house.

■ Food servers—This is needed when we take food to the homeless

## VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

■ Have a valid driver's license (for drivers) and good driving record.

■ Go through our volunteer orientation and

■ Have a background check.

■ Food handler's card (for food servers), this is obtained at the Health Department.

## Healing Streams Oasis Church

2000 N. Main St., Suite 3

Crown Point, IN 46307

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.*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

■ Operate audio visual equipment.

■ Operate CD and labeling operations.

■ Computer technology

## VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

■ Experienced Audio/Visual and Computer education

■ Christian

■ Available Sundays and Tuesdays

9:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

## Hearts in Motion

2210 U.S. Hwy. 41

Schererville, IN 46375

www.heartsinmotion.org

Aaron Frazita

219-924-2446

aaron@heartsinmotion.org

## MISSION

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

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Service trip

As Guatemala is one of the poorest countries in Latin America, with 59% of 17 million people living in poverty and 23% in extreme poverty, Hearts In Motion made Zacapa, Guatemala, its international headquarters. For over 30 years, we've hosted mission trips to Central and South America, providing life-saving and transformative services to people in need. We work with universities, doctors and nurses, volunteers, and other groups who wish to have fulfilling volunteer experiences helping others in need.

Type of trips: Surgical, general medicine, vision screening and surgery, dental exams and surgery, cervical screenings and women's health, house building, speech therapy, physical and occupational therapy, therapists, helping babies breathe, firefighter training, social work and music camp.

You do not have to be a medical student or a medical professional to come on a mission trip. Just a willingness to pitch in and help! If you are interested in participating in a life-changing experience and helping others in need.

Resale shop and office: Volunteers help at our Resale Shoppe in Schererville, sorting, pricing and stocking the shelves. All proceeds support our mission to help people in need. We also base our New Directions program here, supporting families transitioning into a new home after a traumatic event. We need volunteers to help set up homes with all life's essentials. Volunteers also contribute their time and talent with fundraising, events, administrative work, and building community connections.

Container shipments: Hearts In Motion receives medical supply donations from retailers, hospitals and individuals around the country. We need volunteers to help us organize our warehouse and assist with loading containers to ship overseas to countries in need, such as Guatemala, Mexico, Lebanon, Ecuador and more.

## VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Interested in making a difference? 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.

Service trips: Contact Aaron Frazita at aaron@heartsinmotion.org

Resale shop or office: Contact Dana at information@heartsinmotion.org

Container shipments: Contact Nancy Winiecki at nancyw@heartsinmotion.org

## Humane Indiana

421 45th Ave.

Munster, IN 46321

www.humaneindiana.org

Hannah Hinkle

219-922-3811

hhinkle@humaneindiana.org

## MISSION

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

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bathing—Must be 18 and older. Prior to adoption, each animal should receive a bath before it goes to its new home. Also, some animals need bathing, grooming or a flea bath upon their arrival to our shelter. For purposes of preventing infection, animals often need to be bathed before heading into surgery. Volunteers for bathing must have completed dog handling training as well as have experience handling our shelter dogs.

Cat care—We need volunteers who are willing to spend time cleaning, socializing/bonding, and caring for our cats both in the caged cat room as well as the free roaming cat colony. Duties also include setting up cages, feeding, cleaning, replenishing, and helping guests. Cat handlers should follow the simple color-coded system for handling various cats: Yellow=easy to handle, Pink=shy/timid (ask before handling), Purple=Staff Handle Only.

Dishes—Volunteers for washing dishes and toys are typically needed starting at 8:15 a.m. all seven days of the week. Dishes should be checked periodically throughout the day for any strays that may need washed. The kitchen area should always be kept neat and clean, with the sinks cleaned out afterwards.

Dog handler—Must be 18 and older. Volunteers can provide care to our canine companions by participating in a variety of programs centered on handling. Volunteers are encouraged to walk dogs and help with play groups. This is a vital program in our shelter for helping to alleviate stress and to provide exercise and much-needed human interaction and socialization. This program helps dogs to remain calmer and more friendly when approached by potential adopters and eases their transition into a home. Dog handlers must complete extra training before walking any dogs. Training is tiered into four colors (yellow, pink, blue, and purple). Volunteers must have a certain number of dog handling hours logged and training for certain colors completed before working with certain dogs. Volunteers under 18 years of age may socialize with puppies (6 months and under) if directly supervised by a parent.

Enrichment—Volunteers are needed to work creatively to enrich the lives of the animals here at the shelter. Enrichment allows animals to feel distress, express normal behaviors, and focus on something that is mentally stimulating and challenging.



Enrichment is needed for all animals at the shelter. Volunteers can stuff Kong toys with kibble and peanut butter, distribute treats down the snorkels, make frozen treats, and treat bombs. Another option for dog enrichment is to help clicker train by dropping treats and offering a click (using a clicker) to every dog in the kennel who is quiet as well as sits. Volunteers can help with cat enrichment by making cat nip balls, blowing bubbles, reading to cats, making braided toys, and offering curled pipe cleaners.

**Foster care**—Must be 21 and older. HI offers a foster care program for animals that are orphaned, pregnant/nursing, injured, ill, or are having behavior issues and need to be out of the shelter. HI also offers a crisis foster program for individuals who need temporary housing for their animals while they flee from domestic violence, are moving between houses, or other similar situations. A foster parent provides a home and dependable nursing care and socialization under the supervision of HI—period fostering varies depending on the animal.

**Front desk**—A volunteer can sign up to work at the front desk. The purpose of this role is to greet each person walking into the shelter, answer all phone calls, help with adoption paperwork, and more. This person is also responsible for overseeing the sign in/out process for each volunteer during their shifts. The front desk position is unique in that it requires a consistent and set schedule as well as a 6-7-hour shift. The front desk is the hub of information at our shelter.

**Laundry**—There is approximately 400 pounds of laundry per day that needs to be washed at our shelter. We are always looking for someone to come and help. Laundry washing starts at 8 a.m. All the bedding from the night before is washed, as well as the many towels used in bathing the animals and cleaning. Volunteers are needed for this task all throughout the day, all seven days a week. Laundry volunteers are also in charge of washing the litter pans in the morning.

**Maintenance**—If you have a special skill to offer in helping with the upkeep of the shelter, please let us know! Maintenance and repairs from outsourced companies can often be costly, but if we have some volunteers who can offer their expertise and help us in a more cost-effective way, that would be best! Volunteers are also always needed to help with landscaping outdoors by cutting grass and pulling weeds.

**Major fundraisers**—Each year HI has three major fundraisers: Annual Gala, Paws in the Park and Festival of Owls. These events bring in most of the fundraising money needed to help support the animals. These events, like many others, are largely run by volunteer help. HI asks that every volunteer consider signing up to help with at least one of the major fundraisers



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Among the goals of the Tri-Town Safety Village is to teach children about the services provided by the police and fire departments.

per year. This help can vary from assisting with the day off or sitting on a committee to helping with the planning and execution of the fundraiser.

**Special events**—Throughout the year HI needs help with many special events and fundraisers that either take place at each entity or off-site through third parties. Most of these events would not be successful or even possible without our volunteers. Volunteers are needed to assist with book sales, Dark Lord Day, Pints in the Park, Clear the Shelters and various other small or third-party events. Have a creative idea for a fundraiser? We'd love to hear it!

**Transport**—Must be 21 and older. As discussed, some of our animals come into the shelter through transfers from other shelters, rescues, and partners. Often these animals are not local, in which case volunteers are needed to help pick animals up from a shelter or halfway point. Transport can be up to 12 hours away. This is all coordinated through our Intake Department.

**LCJC**—Must be 18 and older. Our LCJC volunteers assist us with bringing dogs to the Lake County Juvenile Complex, training the dogs, and teaching the kids how to train the dogs. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, attend a formal training session for the LCJC program, pass a background check at LCJC, and attend LCJC mandated PREA training. Volunteers must be open minded and commit to using positive learning techniques for both humans and animals.

**Pet detective**—Virtual A virtual volunteer position that allows you to play detective from home. In this role volunteers are responsible for looking through lost and found Facebook pages, websites like Petco Love Lost and calling local animal controls to help find the real identity of our stray pets.

**Pet ambassador**—Virtual A virtual volunteer position centered around getting the word out about animals in the shelter. The goal of this position is to promote those that have been here longer than others.

These pets would be promoted using your personal Facebook and word of mouth.

#### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

- Age: 16 and older
- All volunteer applicants younger than 18 must have parental/guardian consent to volunteer.
- Certain volunteer positions require volunteers 18 and older
- Training is required for all volunteers and for all volunteer opportunities. Training can be scheduled following orientations with the volunteer coordinator. Volunteers must have a training checklist(s) turned in before beginning volunteering in the respective department(s).

### Indiana Ballet Theatre

8888 Louisiana St.  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
www.ibtnw.org  
Gloria Tuohy  
219-755-4444  
ibtwn@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
- Nutcracker and Spring Ballet
- Ushering at the event
- Assisting in the costume department or with props
- Assisting with selling advertising space in our programs
- Assisting with group tickets sales
- Volunteering backstage with props, green room
- Helping with loading the truck with props and costumes both before and after the performance
- Kaleidoscope
- Ushering at the event
- Assisting with group ticket sales
- Help at the studios
- Reception Work

- Assisting in the office with filing, database, etc.

#### Committees

We have a multitude of special events. We would love to grow our committees.

- Nutcracker Tea
- Gala
- 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 volunteer

### Indiana Plan

780 N. Union St.  
Hobart, IN 46342  
www.indianaplan.org  
Tamara Bradley  
219-884-4503  
tbradley@indianaplan.org

#### MISSION

*The Indiana Plan's mission is to address low minority participation within the Indiana construction industry.*

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Guest speaking to our training class about work history.
  - Facilitating construction site visits
  - Assisting with career fair presentation
- #### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS
- Over 18 years old
  - Graduate of a registered apprenticeship
  - Be able to pass a background check.

### Lake County Fire

#### Chiefs Association

2900 W. 93rd Ave.  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
www.lakecountyfirechiefsassociation.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.*

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LCFCA is partnering with FEMA and Lake County, Indiana, Homeland Security and Emergency Management to build the Lake County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). [community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/welcome-to-cert?language=en\\_US](http://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/welcome-to-cert?language=en_US)

#### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Must complete free training online and skills [medicine.utah.edu/dfpm/occupational-environmental-health/research/outreach/cert](http://medicine.utah.edu/dfpm/occupational-environmental-health/research/outreach/cert). Once online portion completed, individual has six months to complete free skills session training with Lake County Emergency Management.

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## Lake County Historical Society

1 Courthouse Square, Suite 205  
Crown Point, IN 46307

lchsmuseum.org

Scott Hudnall

219-662-3975

lakecountyhistoricalmuseum@gmail.com

### MISSION

*The Lake County Historical Society (LCHS) preserves the history and culture of Lake County for future generations by displaying artifacts, offering visits and tours of the museum, and through special events.*

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Outreach, event creation and planning, website redesign and updates, digitization, Wikipedia writing, museum/courthouse tour guide, museum opening and closing, artifact accession, artifact maintenance and display.

### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Volunteers must become members. Membership costs \$10 per person. After completing a volunteer form, the Society will have a meeting/orientation with the potential volunteer for introductions and determine best fit for volunteer activities.

## Lake County Right to Life

P.O. Box 267

Griffith, IN 46319

lakeloveslife.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

- People gather and sort materials.
- People to assist with preparing mailing materials.
- Someone to assist with social media.
- Youth Coordinator

### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

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

## Lakeshore Public Media

8625 Indiana Place

Merrillville, IN 46410

Lakeshorepublicmedia.org

Carl Kurek

219-756-5656

ckurek@lakeshorepublicmedia.org

### MISSION

*Lakeshore Public Media is to be the recognized media resource for citizens of all ages to experience life-long 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 various community/chamber events.

### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Must be 18 or older and have your own transportation.

## Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly (LBFE)

1944 N. Main St.

Crown Point, IN 46307

LBFEindiana.org

Jacqueline Townsend

219-736-5233

jtownsend@lbfeindiana.org

### MISSION

*Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly 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

Volunteer opportunities can fit anyone's schedule, it only takes 5 hours a year to be an active volunteer. You can volunteer once a year, or once a month, or even once a week—our opportunities are flexible. Visiting volunteer, phone volunteer, special projects, driver, on-site party assistance, food bag delivery, and in-home celebrations. Help build community through social interactions in group settings or one-on-one.

### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Individuals 18 and older must attend a virtual or in-person orientation and complete an online background check. Individuals under 18 years of age can volunteer with a friend or family member who completes the required orientation and background check.

## Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana

8446 Virginia St.

Merrillville, IN 46410

www.mealsonwheelsnwi.org

Jen Okamura

219-756-3663

jen@mownwi.org

### MISSION

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

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers can support the mission of Meals on Wheels in a variety of ways. Volunteers are most impactful in delivering meals to the homes of our clients. It is truly our volunteers that make a difference in the lives of those we serve. Volunteer opportunities also include supporting our administration team as a volunteer receptionist, helping in our kitchen packing meals for delivery and 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 license, vehicle insurance and successfully pass a background check.

## New Star

1005 West End Ave.

Chicago Heights, IL 60411

www.newstarservices.org

Christine Rechsteiner

708-755-8030

crechsteiner@newstarservices.org

### MISSION

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

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

New Star serves over 650 children and adults each day whose lives are impacted by mild to profound disabilities. Our service area reaches those living in and around the Chicagoland area and Northwest Indiana. New Star has opportunities for people who are passionate about helping those we serve to create meaningful days, productive years, and, ultimately, more fulfilling lives.

Become a New Star volunteer and help challenge limits and change lives by being you. Your skills, experience, and personality are bound to be a perfect fit.

We have both in-person, virtual volunteer, and internship opportunities. Find your fit today!

In-person

- Administration (All areas)
- PEERS Coach for young adults wanting to work on social skills (Currently vir-

tual Illinois/Indiana)

- Virtual friendships
- Crafters
- Gardeners
- Photography
- Drama
- Card writers
- What are your hobbies and skills? Virtual
- Game nights
- Mock interviews
- Advocacy classes

### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Varies

## Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation

P.O. Box 824

Schererville, IN 46375

www.nwicancerkids.org

Nicole Yarrow

219-552-1217

nicole@nwicancerkids.org

### MISSION

*Hope Help Heal*

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering at our annual events, helping at community fundraisers.

### VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

We have very few requirements, we just ask they provide us with a phone number or email address.

## Old Sheriff's House & Jail Foundation

226 S. Main St.

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 from 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 to 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.

### **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

- All volunteers must complete the Volunteer Application
- Volunteers will be required to consent to a background check.
- Volunteers leading or spotting horses must have the physical ability to walk in sand as well as “trot” along with the horse.

### **Phil's Friends**

1249 Arrowhead Court  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
www.philsfriends.org  
Judy Earnshaw  
224-653-8315  
judye@philsfriends.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.

### **Power Paws for Kids**

P.O. Box 517  
St. John, IN 46373  
powerpawsforkids.org  
Susan Cope  
224-653-8315  
susan-cope@att.net

### **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 more volunteer teams. Teams consist of a volunteer with their personal dog. The dog must have passed the

AKC CGC (Canine Good Citizen) test, have a friendly even tempered gentle and reliable temperament. The dog should be responsive to basic obedience commands and be able to remain calm in different environments. We also would welcome booster members that would like to help us in areas such as fundraising, marketing, etc.

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### **ProMedica Hospice**

5265 Commerce Blvd.  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
promedica.org  
Tammy Johnson  
219-472-2020  
tammy.johnson2@promedica.org

### **MISSION**

*The mission of ProMedica Hospice is to provide quality Hospice care to patients with a limited life expectancy, as well as provide support to their caregivers. The quality of life for those we serve is enhanced through palliative and specialized supportive care designed to meet the physical, psychosocial, social, and spiritual needs of the patients and caregivers. Hospice care is provided by using an interdisciplinary team utilizing an approach to the care delivered to patients either in their own home or extended care facility, working cooperatively with area health care providers and other community resources. ProMedica Hospice strives to provide care to all who are eligible and need Hospice care irrespective of ability to pay.*

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Hospice companionship volunteer
- Vigil volunteer
- Massage therapy for hospice patients
- Pet visitors for hospice patients
- Hospice administrative volunteer
- Bereavement volunteer
- No-sew blankets for hospice patients
- Busy blankets for hospice patients

### **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

- Annual in-services and continuing education
- Background check and drug test
- Mandatory TB test
- Provide two references.
- Proof of COVID and flu vaccination (or complete an exemption form)

### **Rockopelli Inc.**

1601 Bluebird Lane  
Munster, IN 46321  
www.rockopellifest.org  
Pamela Ratajack  
219-512-3611

pratajack@rockopellifest.org

### **MISSION**

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

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

We need volunteers at our music festival in August 2023. Positions needed are for manning the silent auction, selling 50/50 raffle tickets, working the Rockopelli booth & taking tickets at the door. We are also looking for licensed bartenders for beer sales.

We also need volunteers to set up and tear down the festival.

### **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

High school or older. No special requirements except for bartending (license needed)

### **Shirley Heinze Land Trust**

109 West 700 North  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
heinzetrust.org  
Abigail Ramirez  
219-242-8558  
aramirez@heinzetrust.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**

Stewardship—If your ideal day at the office involves a healthy dose of fresh air, join our Stewardship team's efforts to restore and maintain the Shirley Heinze Land Trust's many nature preserves.

Education and outreach—Bring your passions for people and nature together to help us create and deliver programs that engage and educate people about the conservation work that the Shirley Heinze Land Trust does.

Fundraising—From donor outreach to helping to make our Spring Benefit a success, your efforts can play a vital role in this critical area of the organization.

Marketing—Help us tell the Shirley Heinze Land Trust story! If you have a way with words, a knack for social media, or a photographer's eye, we would love to have you join us.

Administrative operations—If you're looking to help us “behind the scenes,” your knack for administrative coordination, data management, or clerical work will help us keep the organization running smoothly.

### **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

None

### **Sojourner Truth House**

410 W. 13th Ave.  
Gary, IN 46407  
www.sojournertruthhouse.org  
Airiell Crenshaw  
219-885-2282  
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**

- Donation organization
- Kitchen aid
- Clothes Closet attendant
- Data entry personnel
- Garden assistant
- Pantry stocker
- Special events
- Community ambassador

### **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

Volunteers must complete all necessary paperwork and pass a background check.

### **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 & fully vaccinated

### **The Humane Society of Hobart**

2054 E. State Road 130  
Hobart, IN 46342  
www.hshobart.org  
Allison Fluckey  
219-942-0103  
volunteer@hshobart.org

### **MISSION**

*The Humane Society of Hobart is on a mission to build and strengthen pet families.*

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteers are integrated throughout our entire organization. Volunteers choose their role and are held to the same culture agreement of transparency and inclusiv-

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# Service

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ity as well as policy standards. Volunteers spend their time in the following roles:

Animal enrichment and engagement—Fostering, transporting, trap/neuter/spay/vaccinate release, walking dogs, operating playgroups, socializing cats, sanitizing housing, building enrichment.

Housekeeping—Dishes, laundry, restocking, organizing donations.

Marketing and fundraising—Preparing social media content, community engagement, fundraising events.

Clerical—Front desk assistance, correspondence, animal update and external communication.

Governance—Policy and advocacy.

Maintenance—Operational maintenance projects.

Board membership

## **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

Please fill out an application and view a short presentation at [www.hshobart.org](http://www.hshobart.org). Once completed you will attend a tour of the shelter and begin to train in the area that most suits you! You will be able to select the shift you want online, and we have our own private Face group Page to communicate! Volunteers must adhere to the cultural agreement of transparency and inclusivity and all HSH policies. Please be advised you must be with a parent if you are under the age of 16. Only those 18 and over can walk the dogs without a parent.

## **TradeWinds Deaf Services**

3198 E. 83rd Place  
Merrillville, IN 46410  
[www.tradewindsnwi.org/adult/deaf-services/](http://www.tradewindsnwi.org/adult/deaf-services/)  
Lisa Tatina, director of Development & Marketing  
219-945-3116  
[ltatina@tradewindsnwi.org](mailto:ltatina@tradewindsnwi.org)

## **MISSION**

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

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Service projects—donating time and talent:

■ Indoor activities in classrooms can include arts & crafts, reading, games, puzzles, exercise activities such as yoga, etc.

■ Outdoor activities can include landscaping or gardening at our residential facilities.

■ Spring clean-up / fix-up at our residences—painting, cleanup, yard landscaping, gardens.

■ Always a “To-Do” list at TradeWinds, we can work with individuals or groups to utilize skills and meet needs.

## **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

Volunteers who are 18 years & 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 prior to volunteering.

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## **Tri-Town Safety Village**

1350 Eagle Ridge Drive  
Schererville, IN 46373  
[www.safetyvillage.us](http://www.safetyvillage.us)  
Barbara J. Toosley  
219-865-9600  
[admin@safetyvillage.us](mailto:admin@safetyvillage.us)

## **MISSION**

*Tri-Town 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**

Gardening, maintenance, office work, trainers for Police, Fire or Railroad programs.

## **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

The ability to help us, help others.

## **VNA Hospice of Northwest Indiana**

501 Marquette St.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
[www.vnanwi.org](http://www.vnanwi.org)

Erica Kerkes  
219-462-5195  
[ekerkes@vnanwi.org](mailto:ekerkes@vnanwi.org)

## **MISSION**

*Making Best Days Possible*

## **HOSPICE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Home patient volunteers: Visit our hospice and/or palliative care patients in the nursing home, or private home setting to provide companionship or brief respite care for the caregiver. Volunteer duties may include reading to patients, listening to music, watching a movie, or making a small snack. Patient volunteers are asked to complete our background check process and training program both online and in person. Currently we are looking for volunteers in Lake and Porter counties.

Hospice center volunteers: Visit patients in our Hospice Center to provide companionship and assistance to the patient and/or family during their stay in the Center. Volunteer duties may include visiting patients and families, welcoming visitors to the Hospice Center, answering phones, and other clerical duties. Hospice Center volunteers are asked to complete our background check process and training program both online and in person.

Bereavement support volunteers: To assist within our Bereavement Program. Volunteers are needed to make calls to bereaved family members and provide other bereavement assistance as needed. Training is provided. This is a great opportunity for college students looking to gain experience working with grieving families.

Life services volunteer opportunities

Phoenix Center volunteers: The VNA Phoenix Center is a one of kind grief support program for children, teens, young adults, and their families. This program is offered free of charge to those in need of grief support, so we rely heavily on the participation of volunteers in this program. Volunteers are asked to complete our background check process and in-person training program.

Meals on Wheels volunteers: VNA is the provider of Porter County’s Meals on Wheels Program, and we could not complete our mission without the help of our volunteers! We are looking for drivers in Portage, Hebron, Kouts, Chesterton, and Valparaiso, as well as a Meals on Wheels Truck Driver. Background checks are required, and training is provided. Valid driver’s license and reliable transportation is required.

## **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

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 required documentation to volunteer with our team.

## **Wabash Center**

11055 Broadway, Suite C

Crown Point, IN 46307  
[www.wabashcenter.com](http://www.wabashcenter.com)  
Leslie Pirtle  
219-802-5900  
[lpirtle@wabashcenter.com](mailto:lpirtle@wabashcenter.com)

## **MISSION**

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

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

We are looking for volunteers interested in assisting with our summer camp program for children with disabilities.

## **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

Must be at least 18 years of age. A criminal background check and reference checks are required.

## **Winfield Community Foundation**

10645 Randolph St., Suite B  
Winfield, IN 46307  
[www.winfieldcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.winfieldcommunityfoundation.org)  
Renee Clayton  
219-281-2201  
[clayton.reneej@gmail.com](mailto:clayton.reneej@gmail.com)

## **MISSION**

*Striving to improve the quality of life of residents within Winfield Township.*

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Assisting with various events and fundraisers throughout the Township.

## **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

Resident of Winfield Township.

## **Youth For Christ**

105 N. Washington St.  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
[yfchicago.org](http://yfchicago.org)  
Jeremy Melf  
219-462-3000  
[jmelf@spyfc.org](mailto:jmelf@spyfc.org)

## **MISSION**

*YFC reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who led by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to prayer and the Word of God, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement.*

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

■ Mondays at Hanover Central Middle school from 2:30-4:30 p.m. mentoring Mmddle schoolers

■ Mondays at Hanover Central High school from 6:30-8:30 p.m. mentoring High schoolers

■ Tuesdays at Lake Central high school from 6:30-8:30 p.m. mentoring high schoolers

■ Mondays from 4-6 p.m. mentoring girls in Juvenile Detention Center (women only)

■ Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. mentoring boys in Juvenile Detention Center (men only)

## **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

Must be a Christian who is older than 18 with a background check that would be cleared to work with minors.