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WITH VOLUNTEERS

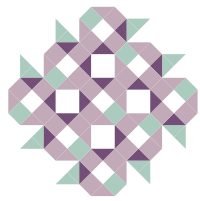
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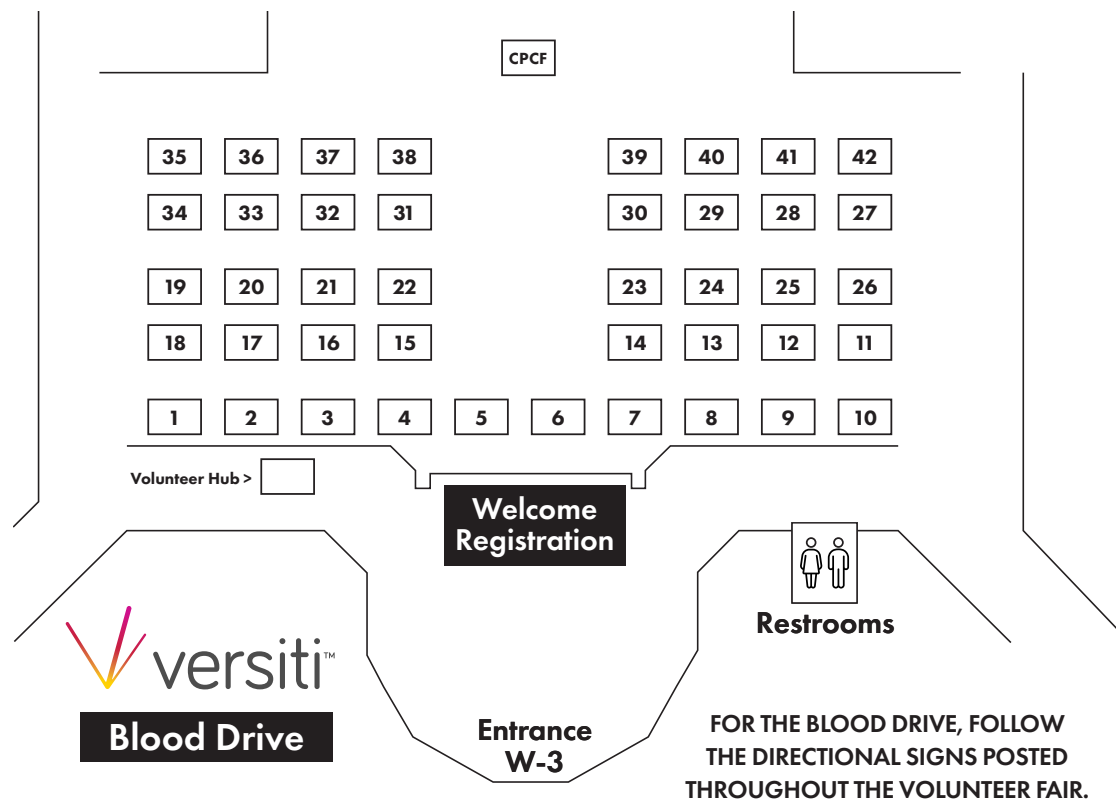
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CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER FAIR MAP



VOLUNTEER FAIR DETAILS

Date: Saturday, March 1

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

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VOLUNTEER FAIR CONNECTS THE COMMUNITY

Celebrating 16 Years of Helping Northwest Indiana

The annual Volunteer Fair & Blood Drive, sponsored by the Crown Point Community Foundation, has been connecting nonprofits and potential volunteers for 16 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 is a great opportunity to match volunteers with nonprofits and to learn about the important work they do in our community," said Mary Nielsen, Crown Point Community Foundation President. "It's one of our biggest events of the year."

To celebrate the Volunteer Fair's 16th annual event, the CPCF will be awarding five grants for \$1,000 each to randomly-selected participating organizations at the conclusion of the Fair. Over 40 nonprofits are scheduled to participate. The nonprofits value the opportunity to not only connect with the community, but also with colleagues from other nonprofits.

In addition to the Volunteer Fair, there will be an onsite Blood Drive conducted by Versiti Blood Centers. "Donating blood is easy but essential. It's another way to be of service," Nielsen said.

New to the fair this year is the Northwest Indiana Volunteer Hub.

Sponsored by Lakeshore Public Media, the Northwest Indiana Volunteer Hub is a free, transformative online tool and app for residents and local nonprofits, to help organizations streamline the volunteer process. With features including profile creation, event listing, volunteer hour tracking, and scheduling, organizations can now more effectively harness the power of their volunteers to advance their missions and serve the community. By providing a centralized platform to explore volunteer opportunities, residents can sign up for shifts, track their contributions, and will be empowered to engage more meaningfully with the causes they care about.

"Lakeshore is beyond excited to launch the Northwest Indiana Volunteer Hub and share it with our fellow nonprofits as well as individuals throughout the Region who are looking for opportunities to improve their community through volunteer service," said Lakeshore Public Media Vice President of Development Carl Kurek.

To learn more about the NWI Volunteer Hub and create a profile as a nonprofit or individual, visit VolunteerNWI.org.

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.



CROWN POINT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OFFERS COUNTLESS WAYS TO CREATE MEANINGFUL, LASTING CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Increase the power of your giving with our Matching Opportunities!

Through the Lilly Endowment Inc GIFT VIII initiative, our **\$1,875,000 Matching Challenge** is an incredible opportunity to multiply the impact of your generosity—broadening our unrestricted grantmaking, supporting essential community projects and programs, and strengthening our capacity for even greater impact.

“Sometimes people think that giving to a nonprofit such as the Foundation has to be significant in order to be helpful,” said CPCF President Mary Nielsen. “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.”

Here are the four areas that are included in the GIFT VIII matching challenge:

CPCF Community Grantmaking Fund or any named unrestricted fund - \$2 for \$1 Match

Operating Fund - General CPCF Fund - \$1 for \$1 Match

Symphony on the Lawn - \$1 for \$1 Match

CPCF Nonprofit Capacity Building Programs - Match completed, Thank you!

Three Easy Ways to Give!

1. Donate online: thecpcf.org/donate.html
2. Mail your Check to: CPCF, PO Box 522, Crown Point, IN 46308
3. Drop off your check or cash at our office: 115 S. Court Street, Crown Point, IN 46307



CPCF COMMUNITY GRANTMAKING FUND OR ANY NAMED UNRESTRICTED FUND
\$2 FOR \$1 MATCH



OPERATING FUND - GENERAL CPCF FUND
\$1 FOR \$1 MATCH



SYMPHONY ON THE LAWN PROJECT FUND
\$1 FOR \$1 MATCH

\$1,875,000 Matching Opportunities

MATCH COMPLETED

CPCF COMMUNITY GRANTMAKING FUND OR ANY NAMED UNRESTRICTED FUND \$1,500,000 IN AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$2 FOR \$1 MATCH	\$1,353,567.68 COMPLETED
OPERATING FUND - GENERAL CPCF FUND \$187,500 IN AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$1 FOR \$1 MATCH	\$142,194.60 COMPLETED
SYMPHONY ON THE LAWN PROJECT FUND \$40,000 IN AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$1 FOR \$1 MATCH	\$18,325.00 COMPLETED
CPCF NONPROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMS \$147,500 IN AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$1 FOR \$1 MATCH	\$147,500.00 - MATCH COMPLETED

AS OF FEBRUARY 5, 2025.

MATCH TIMELINE: OCT. 1, 2023 - DEC. 31, 2025.
OR UNTIL THE FUNDING HAS BEEN EXPENDED.

REGION OF SERVICE

Charitable organizations in NWI and how you can help

American Cancer Society/ Relay for Life

P.O. Box 681405
Indianapolis, IN
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:

As we look ahead to 2025, We are thrilled and proud to celebrate 40 years of impact through Relay For Life. Relay For life isn't just a single event; It's a yearlong movement fueled by the skills, passion, and dedication of our volunteers. I am looking for volunteers who would like to help our mission by saving lives.

Volunteer Requirements:

No Requirements. Just passionate people who want to make a difference.

AmeriCorps Senior At CoAction

5240 Fountain Drive
Crown Point, IN 46307
www.coaction.careKay M. Hosmer
219-794-1829
khosmer@nwi-ca.org

Mission:

Select.....People experiencing financial hardship find opportunities, resources, and respect at CoAction.

Volunteer Opportunities:

At CoAction, we believe in making a positive

impact through community engagement. Our dedicated volunteers play a vital role in achieving our mission. Whether you're passionate about housing, nutrition, financial stability, or issues facing older adults and persons with disabilities, there's a place for you here. Join us in ensuring that people in Northwest Indiana can flourish regardless of income, age, or ability!"

Volunteer Requirements:

There are different requirements for each opportunity depending upon your interests. Please visit the website at Coaction.care/volunteer

Big Brothers Big Sisters

7725 Broadway
Merrillville, IN 46410
relayforlife.org/lakecountyin
Kaleb Taylor
312-207-5600
ktaylor@bbbschgo.org

Mission:

Our Mission is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth

Volunteer Opportunities:

Individuals can volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters by becoming mentors (Bigs) in either our community-based or site-based mentorship programs.

Community-Based: Bigs (mentors) and Littles (mentees) are matched individually with consideration of common interests, demographics, background, and proximity to each other. Matches coordinate outings with the Little's parents/guardians a couple times of month. Outings could range from going out to eat, attending a sports event, going to the park, etc.

Site-Based: Bigs (mentors) and Littles (mentees) are matched individually with consideration of common interests, demographics, background, and proximity to each other. Matches meet in a group setting facilitated by a BBBS staff member twice a month in a public setting such as a community center, library, or school. Program activities include time for relationship building, a structured activity, and more!

Volunteer Requirements:

Community-Based Bigs: Are at least 21 years old Plan 2-4 outings per month with their Little (based on their own schedule) for a one-year minimum commitment Pick up and drop off their Little from the child's home and have access to consistent and reliable transportation (whether it's your own vehicle, rideshare or public transit) Pass criminal background check and screening.

Site Based Bigs: Are at least 18 years old Attend scheduled sessions 2-4 times per month for 1-1.5 hours, for a one year minimum commitment Pass criminal background check and screening.

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.

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

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. Discover the

relevance of Cedar Lake; how it 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
- Team Member (Advisory, Building & Restoration, Collections Care, Events, Finance, Guest Services, Transportation)
- Special event staff (Community Art Show, Boat Days, Family Train Day, Speakeasy Summer Social)
- 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 member.

Challenger Learning Center of NWI

2300 173rd Street
Hammond, IN 46323
<https://www.clcnwi.com/>
Emma Rose
219-989-3250
emma@clcnwi.com

Mission:

Our mission is to create an exciting and immersive learning environment that promotes the continued exploration of the Earth and space sciences through innovative programs that challenge how teachers educate, students learn, and businesses operate.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Space Cadet - Volunteers will assist our trained STEM educators in programs by working with students, passing out

materials, helping to clean up during and after programs, and problem-solving with students. All program assistant volunteers will have to have a recent background check on file.

- Clean Up Crew - Volunteers will help to keep our Center clean throughout the school year by cleaning up program spaces, tidying up public areas, and doing other tasks to keep our daily operations running smoothly.
- Special Event Volunteer- Volunteers will be called on for specific times and events to facilitate activities, assist in setting up and cleanup of events, and help to keep events running smoothly.

Volunteer Requirements:

- Must be 15 years of age or older
- Willing to have background check run on them
- Willing to work with students grades K - 8th
- Able to attend meeting with volunteer coordinators.

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:

- Household Pantry Tuesday and Saturday mornings
- Ladle of Love First and Third Saturdays
- Amazon donation unloading truck, empty boxes and sort items - random dates
- Misc opportunities at random times to help sort, organize and clean

Volunteer Requirements:

Must be 16 or older unless accompanied by

a parent or legal guardian.

Crisis Center, Inc

101 N. Montgomery St.
Gary, IN 46403
<https://crisiscenterysb.org/>
Renee Romanowski
219-938-7070
rromanowski@crisiscenterysb.org

Mission:

Opening a path of hope for lives in crisis.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Wine Fest Committee Member - Join the committee that supports our annual fundraiser! This group meets once a month via Zoom and is an integral component of the long-term viability and stability of our organization.

Classroom Volunteer - We received a grant to improve our classroom! Come over help us organize and sort library books in preparation for our remodel.

Host a Drive - Host a drive to collect items for our shelter residents! From school items to holidays presents, this is a broad need that is a great opportunity for a large group to participate offsite.

Bring Birthday Cheer to our Youth - Help our youth celebrate their birthday while they are away from home. Create birthday cheer (cards, signs, posters, etc.) for residents who celebrate their birthday while at the Crisis Center. This is great for youth groups and young ones to participate in!

Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteer requirements vary by role.

Crossroads YMCA

9801 Connecticut Dr. Suite 150
Crown Point, IN 46307
<http://www.crymca.org>
Matt Lambert
219-235-9741
mlambert@crymca.org

Mission:

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit,

mind, and body for all.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Corporate Board Member Local Advisory Board Member Special Event Volunteer.

Volunteer Requirements:

Employer-provided Criminal Background Check.

Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited

5699 E 73rd
Merrillville, IN 46410
www.eeunwi.org
Amanda Geary
219-945-0726
amlgeary.iv@gmail.com

Mission:

The mission of Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited, Inc. is to provide educational and therapeutic horseback riding activities for 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, creating a caring, safe and nurturing community with zero tolerance for violence.

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
- Group Volunteer Work Days; cleaning, organizing and building maintenance projects.

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. Volunteers 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.

Franciscan Health Trauma Services

12750 Saint Francis Dr.
Crown Point, IN 46307
<https://franciscan.sharepoint.com/sites/NIR/Trauma>
Marissa Adcock
219-488-1380
marissa.Adcock@franciscanalliance.org

Mission:

Continuing Christ's Ministry in our Franciscan Tradition. Each day, we commit ourselves to practicing the words of our mission in how we care for our patients.

Volunteer Opportunities:

We need volunteers for our upcoming Safe Kids Day events, car seat safety events, and bike rodeos around Northwest Indiana.

Volunteer Requirements:

Depending on the event, volunteers need to pass a background check, be able to work on their feet for a few hours, flexible (things are constantly moving and changing), and be able to work in various environments.

Franciscan Health VASIA-Lake County

2150 Gettler Street – Suite 200
Dyer, IN 46311
<https://www.franciscanhealth.org/patients-resources/programs-and-support/vasia>
LaVonne Jarrett
219-933-7907
LaVonne.Jarrett@franciscanalliance.org

Mission:

Our Mission is to protect the health, well-being and safety of ill and at-risk adults throughout Lake County.

Volunteer Opportunities:

There are volunteer opportunities to:

- Be a Sworn-In Officer of the Lake Superior Court and agent for the program
- Volunteer to visit clients during special occasions (Holidays, birthdays)

- Volunteer in the office w/filing or organizing
- Volunteer in the VASIA Vanessa Closet

Volunteer Requirements:

- Must be 21 years old
- Attend and complete the VASIA Volunteer Training
- Attend the VASIA Swearing-In Ceremony to be sworn-in
- Commit to one year in the program
- Commit to completing 12 hours of continuing education provided by VASIA
- Complete criminal background check
- Complete annual TB vaccination

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:

G.A.P. Food Pantry is committed to eliminating food insecurity in Lake County, Indiana by distributing food twice a month to those in need.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteers 16 years old and older are welcome to help box food, unload delivery trucks, and stock shelves. On distribution days, volunteers are needed to bag perishable items and load groceries into the trunk of our client's car. For most months, distributions occur on the second and fourth Thursday. A 2025 distribution schedule is available upon your e-mail request.

Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteers must be able to work independently, lift 10-15 pounds, and stand for 1-2 hours.

GFWC Lowell Woman's Club

PO Box 182
Lowell, IN 46356
Dorothy Eich
219-765-2551
dd.eich@yahoo.com

Mission:

Membership offers the opportunity to create a sisterhood and develop lifelong

friendships while making a positive impact in our community.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Barktoberfest.

Volunteer Requirements:

No requirements.

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.

Humane Indiana

421 45th St
Munster, IN 46321
<https://www.humaneindiana.org/>
Kimberlee Tidd
219-513-8911
ktidd@humaneindiana.org

Mission:

To lead the community in the humane treatment of all animals

Volunteer Opportunities:

Shelter - Cat care, Dog Handling, Front desk, Dishes, Laundry, Foster care, Clerical work, Curt Ordered community service, Transport, Pet Ambassador, Pet Detective. Special off site events, Wildlife center assistance, Paws resale shop, Maintenance and repairs

Volunteer Requirements:

At the Shelter: - must be at least 16 years old to handle cats, laundry, and dishes. (A parent or guardian must be present for orientation) - must be at least 18 years old to handle dogs. At the Wildlife Center and Resale Shoppee - must be at least 18 years old to Volunteer.

In - Pact

12300 Marshall Street
Crown Point, IN 46307
www.in-pact.org
Sue Moreno
219-662-1905
smoreno@in-pact.org

Mission:

At In-Pact, our mission is to enhance the quality of life and promote the welfare of developmentally disabled citizens residing in Northwest Indiana.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Help with our annual golf outing (May 2025)
- Help with our Truth and Treats event (July 2025)
- Help with organizing, cataloging and wrapping over 200 gifts for our Angel Tree Project) November 1 to Dec. 15th, 2025.

Volunteer Requirements:

Be at least 18 years old. Have no criminal record. Show respect for individuals with disabilities Respect all HIPPA laws.

Lake County Historical Society

P.O. Box 14
Crown Point, IN 46308
https://lchsmuseum.org/
Sharon Nault
219-662-3975
snault@lchs1875.org

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 Park & Recreation

8411 E. Lincoln Hwy
Crown Point, IN 46307
www.LakeCountyParks.com
Kara Mackey
219-769-7275
karam@lakecountyparks.com

Mission:

The mission of Lake County Parks and Rec is to make Lake County, Indiana an exceptional place for all people by providing impactful experiences through parks and programs.

Volunteer Opportunities:

For over 50 years, volunteers have cleaned up parks, planted trees, pulled weeds, brought life to programs, and given their time to make our community better. The parks offer opportunities for long-term volunteering, pre-planned group projects, and individual volunteer opportunities that can often satisfy school or organization service requirements.

Examples:

- For Garden Enthusiasts: Horticulture & Maintenance
- For Environmental Advocates: Invasive Species & Garbage Removal
- For Historical Interpreters & Performers: Special Events like: Sleepy Hollow, History Speaks, & Twas the Night Before Christmas... at the Mill
- For Artisans: Big Events like: Fall Fest, Fall into Color, Party in the Park
- For Corporate Groups: Paint Scraping & Small Construction Projects

Have an idea or a skill that could help Lake County Parks? We'd love to hear from you! Whether you can contribute for a day, a few weeks, or even years to come, Lake County Parks has a place for you!

Volunteer Requirements:

All volunteers must complete a volunteer waiver to participate. Any participants under 18 years of age need consent and a signature from their parent or guardian to volunteer. Background checks may be required depending on the park site or nature of the program. Any volunteer under the age of 14 does requires a chaperone. When applicable, volunteers may be needed to attend pre-event or pre-work training. Additional volunteer criteria will be made available, as needed.

Lake County Right to Life

110 West Main Street
Griffith, IN 46319
lakeloveslife.org
Christine Lukawski
219-838-1138
lartlevents@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 with stuffing envelopes, making phone calls, and selling merchandise at various functions.

Volunteer Requirements:

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

Lakeshore Public Media

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

rbrodhacker@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:

- Event Support: Assisting with event setup and teardown, including arranging tables, chairs, signage, and materials.
- Booth Assistance: Manning informational booths at community events, answering basic questions, and engaging with attendees.
- Donor & Member Appreciation: Making thank-you calls to donors and members to express gratitude for their support.

Volunteer Requirements:

Age Requirement: Volunteers must be 18 or older. Commitment: Scheduled as needed for events and donor outreach. Skills & Training: No experience required; training provided for all tasks. Professionalism: Volunteers should be friendly, reliable, and comfortable engaging with the public. Communication: Volunteers making thank-you calls should have clear, professional phone etiquette. Lifting & Carrying: May lift/carry up to 25 lbs (tables, chairs, signage); accommodations available if needed. Standing & Walking: Event setup and booth work may require long periods of standing or walking; breaks are available. Seating & Accessibility: Chairs available for booth volunteers; roles can be adjusted for mobility needs.

Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly (LBFE)

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

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. To stay and active volunteer all we require is 6 hours a year. You can volunteer ones a week or twice month. Pick what fits your schedule.

MAAC Foundation

4203 Montdale Park Dr.
Valparaiso, IN 46383
www.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:

Throughout the year, the MAAC Foundation is involved in many events in the surrounding community and on campus. With these opportunities, it takes a group of dedicated volunteers to offer their time to either be a presence, set up, or tear down, and always to be a representative of the MAAC. Special events include: First Responder Appreciation and Demonstration Day in September, MAACabre Haunted House in October, Pictures with Santa in December. We also need willing volunteers to help with our facilities, staff and administrative tasks.

Volunteer Requirements:

Assisting with fundraising and awareness campaigns Supporting the organization of special events and projects Contributing to outreach efforts, including community education and engagement Assisting with

administrative tasks such as data entry, filing, answering phones Distributing resources or providing direct services to clients or beneficiaries of the non-profit Participating in team meetings and training sessions Providing support to staff as needed, including helping with mailings, making copies, and other office tasks Representing the organization positively to the public Adhering to all organization policies and procedures, including confidentiality and ethical guidelines.

Meals on Wheels NWI

8446 Virginia Street
Merrillville, IN 46410
www.mownwi.org
Faith Evers
219-756-3663
faith@mownwi.org

Mission:

We prepare and deliver essential nutritious meals, promoting the health, wellness, and independence of all members of our community, with the support of a diverse and engaged community network.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteer Roles That Make a Difference at Meals on Wheels NWI:

1. Meal Delivery Driver - Deliver meals and perform wellness checks on clients.
2. Kitchen Support - Help prepare and pack meals (morning and afternoon shifts.)
3. Office Support - Assist with answering phones, data entry, and client communications.
4. Bag Stamping - Label beverage bags for meal modifications.
5. Event Support - Help with fundraising events like Dine with the Chefs and Heels for Meals.

Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteer Drivers Time: Approximately 1 ½ hours per day. 1 or 2 days per month but more would be wonderful! Flexible schedule: Monday-Friday delivery approximately 11:00am-12:30pm Training: On the job training by staff and experienced drivers Volunteers donate their time, car and gas (a route is usually around 15 miles) Indiana driver's license and auto insurance required Ability to lift containers (approx. 15 lbs.).

Kitchen / Office Time: Approximately 2 -3 hours per day Flexible schedule: Monday-Friday (late morning / early afternoon) Training: On the job training by staff and experienced volunteers.

Moms and Tots Resale Shop

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

Mission:

Mom & Tots Resale is a not-for-profit 501c3 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-Lower Great Lakes

PO Box 411533
Boston, MA 02241
https://scleroderma.org/LowerGreatLake-sChapter/
Dionna Bartos
978-750-4952
dbartos@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
- Educational Event Volunteer
- Support Group Facilitator Volunteer
- Stepping Out for Scleroderma Walk Volunteer
- Fundraising Volunteer

Volunteer Requirements:

- Advocacy/Awareness - making telephone calls to Representatives and Senators; sending current materials to the legislative offices and working on the Scleroderma Awareness Month campaign in June; awareness on social media and securing local and state proclamations and landmark light-ups.
- Educational Event - assisting with such activities as content development, logistics, registration, day of setup and tear down, etc.
- Support Group Facilitator - providing educational information and support to scleroderma patients, caregivers, family members, friends, and the community. (Training is required and provided)
- Fundraising - hosting or promoting 3rd Party Fundraisers, contacting Team Captains, and spreading information.

Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation

P.O. Box 824
Scherverville, 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:

Volunteer opportunities consist of helping at our two annual events: our golf outing in June and childhood cancer awareness run/festival in September.

Volunteer Requirements:

Simple tasks include signing up golfers, helping with games, and checking runners in.

NWI Food Council

P.O. Box 530
Crown Point, IN 46308
www.nwifoodcouncil.org
Cheryl Dornberg
219-313-8828
cheryl@nwifoodcouncil.org

Mission:

The NWI Food Council work covers service and support; education and outreach; and policy and advocacy for our local food system to cultivate a just, thriving and regenerative food system for all in NW Indiana. We envision a local food system where everyone has affordable access to nutritious food that is grown by regional producers using regenerative practices. Through community-based strategies, we work towards collaboration, healthy ecosystems, equity and resiliency for all in NW Indiana.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Assist with packing food boxes, helping with community programs, and providing support at events.

Volunteer Requirements:

No specific requirements.

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 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
openheartshorses.org
Debbie Oborn
219-662-0409
deboborn@yahoo.com

Mission:

Open Hearts Therapeutic Riding Center is a Christ centered non-profit organization that serves special needs children as well as adults that benefit from equine activities. The program connects people to people, as well as people to horses through activities based on individual needs and abilities. our vision is to promote mental, physical, emotional and social growth to both students and volunteers.

Volunteer Opportunities:

We need Leaders and Side walkers for out teams that supports their student during a lesson.

Volunteer Requirements:

All individuals must complete Open Hearts TRC volunteer Training to be considered for any volunteer position.

Phil's Friends

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

Mission:

Provide Christ-centered support and hope to those battling cancer.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteers can come to the Hope Center in Crown Point to assemble care packages, decorate boxes, tie blankets, and color Cards of Hope. We also offer off-site volunteer opportunities

Volunteer Requirements:

No special requirements involved.
We have options for all ages.

Planting Possibilities

P.O. Box 1805
Highland, IN 46322
www.plantingpossibilities.org
Kristy Fletcher
219-237-9353
admin@plantingpossibilities.org

Mission:

Planting Possibilities is dedicated to helping adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities build fulfilling lives through meaningful work, independent living, and community engagement.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Garden helpers: at our garden located at YMCA Camp Triangle Hills (south of Crown Point town)
- Active Board members: dedicated to Planting Possibilities' mission. A board member is expected to take an active part in the organization and provide guidance for administrative activities. Board meetings are held quarterly, with committee meetings/activities held between meetings.
- Event planner/helpers: annual events are May flower sale, August golf outing, September flower sale, spring or fall luncheon or dinner. Event help includes assisting in planning, setting up and manning an event.
- Grant seekers/writers: Planting Possibilities relies on grants to fund some of our programs.

Volunteer Requirements:

Garden volunteers who may work directly with our clients will be thoroughly vetted. Administrative volunteers (Board member, event help, grant seeker/writer) will be interviewed by our Executive Director.

Power Paws for Kids

P.O. Box 517
St. John, IN 46373
powerpawsforkids.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 reacting 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.

Volunteer Requirements:

Able bodied and willing to put time in for a good cause.

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.

Shirley Heinze Land Trust

109 W. 700 North
Valparaiso, IN 46385
www.heinzetrust.org
Jim Haniford
219-242-8558
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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:

Shirley Heinze's volunteer program offers a variety of opportunities. There are many stewardship projects and tasks to choose from, like native seed gathering, native plug planting, trail maintenance, invasive species management, groundskeeping, gardening, construction and carpentry. Community science is another popular way to contribute, whether it be water quality testing, submitting bird observation lists or monitoring frog calls. We also offer outreach opportunities, chances to help spread the word about the Shirley Heinze mission at fairs, festivals,

and other community events. In addition, we need help with administrative tasks and fundraising. These opportunities are offered on an individual volunteer basis as well as through workdays catering to school, civic, or corporate groups as well as dates open to the general public. Shirley Heinze maintains several ongoing official programs engaging volunteers in crucial roles. These include the Preserve Steward, Adopt-A-Trail, Volunteer Naturalist, Grow One Keep One, and Bringing Nature Home programs.

Volunteer Requirements:

Shirley Heinze Land Trust welcomes volunteers from all backgrounds, walks of life, and experience levels. Volunteers must fill out our volunteer application and waiver, found at <https://heinzetrust.org/volunteer-application/>. Submission of this completed form will place applicants on the volunteer communication list, from which they'll receive emails pertaining to upcoming events and other volunteer news. Volunteers under fifteen years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Southern Care Hospice

9205 Broadway, Suite B
Merrillville, IN 46410
www.southerncareinc.com
Judy Earnshaw
219-473-0699
Kelly.Dooley@southerncareinc.com

Mission:

At Southerncare Hospice Services, hospice care is more than keeping patients comfortable at the end of their lives. Our compassionate, expert clinicians surround patients and their families with the physical, emotional and spiritual support they need to be able to focus on making the most of the time they have together.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Direct Care Volunteer, Vigil Volunteer, Social Activities

Volunteer Requirements:

Completed volunteer application, 2 references, signed Code of Conduct Attestation Statement, background check, drug screening new hire communicable disease and health questionnaire, TB testing, references from employers

and or professional peers, successfully complete on-boarding and orientation.

St. Jude House

12490 Marshall St
Crown Point, IN 46307
www.stjudehouse.org
Brielle Hauptli
219-662-7066
briellehauptli@gmail.com

Mission:

St. Jude House is committed to ending domestic violence through education and survivor empowerment.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- General Office Assistance
- Sorting Donations
- Transportation for Clients
- Gardening (seasonal)
- Shelter Maintenance/cleaning
- Assist in Children's Dept Activities
- Teaching a special skill
- Fundraising/Special Events

Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteers must be 18+ years of age, agree to complete a background check and complete volunteer orientation process and paperwork. Volunteer drivers must also have a valid license and proof of insurance.

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 foster volunteers! Shelter sanitation and animal husbandry volunteers! Animal transport volunteers! Clerical volunteers! Fundraising and Development Volunteers! Maintenance, groundskeeping and gardening volunteers! Volunteer Board of Director opportunities!

Volunteer Requirements:

Visit www.hshobart.org to register to become a volunteer, tour our shelter, and find out more about additional training and workshops we host to help you maximize your experience as an HSH Lifesaver! Once you become a volunteer your experience and access to upcoming volunteer needs is powered by The NWI Volunteer Hub! Easy to sign up, accessible, and maximize your impact and purpose!

TradeWinds

3198 East 83rd Place
Merrillville, IN 46410
www.tradewindsnwi.org
Olga Elek
219-945-0100
oelek@tradewindsnwi.org

Mission:

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

Volunteer Opportunities:

TradeWinds is the main building and TradeWinds Community Pantry.

Volunteer Requirements:

Completion of Volunteer form.

TradeWinds Deaf Services

3198 East 83rd Place
Merrillville, IN 46410
www.tradewindsnwi.org
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oelek@tradewindsnwi.org

Mission:

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

Volunteer Opportunities:

TradeWinds is the main building and TradeWinds Community Pantry.

Volunteer Requirements:

Completion of Volunteer form.

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