Thank You

for your interest in volunteering and giving opportunities in your community this holiday season!

Here are some helpful tips to keep in mind for volunteer opportunities:

Volunteer Tips

Start Now! This is a busy time of year for everyone. Start looking for a project now and make a plan today!

Be patient. This time of year many non-profit organizations are getting emails, phone calls, and other inquiries on opportunities and need.

Be creative and think outside of the box! Check out the last page for resources on alternative holiday volunteer and giving opportunities!

Volunteering around the winter season can be a great activity – on your own, or with friends and family. However, our community relies on volunteers year-round. Make a resolution to be an active volunteer in the New Year!

For volunteer opportunities at any time of year, please visit: volunteer.unitedwayjwc.org
Volunteer Opportunities

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Volunteering

The following opportunities include one-time and short-term volunteer activities serving organizations around the holidays. Commitment to a volunteer project is critical to these organizations at this time of the year, as many see an influx of those they are serving. Please take that into consideration before signing up for a project – planning, scheduling and follow-through are key.

Crowded Closet Thrift Shop

Date(s): Monday-Saturday
Time: Flexible shifts daily during business hours: Mon–Fri 9:30-5:00 Sat 9:30-4:00 (After hours possible)
Location: 851 Hwy 6 E in 2019 to serve you better

Description: The holiday season is a busy time at Crowded Closet Thrift Shop! Individuals and groups are needed to support all aspects of shop operations, including sorting and processing donations & providing customer service. Funds support Mennonite Central Committee world relief, service, and development programs as well as community relief agencies.

Contact and sign-up: Christine Maust Beachy, Volunteer Coordinator, 319-337-5924, crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com

YMCA of Washington County

Date(s)/ Time(s): December 14th 8:00am-12:00pm
Location: YMCA of Washington County, 121 E Main Street, Washington

Description: YMCA’s Annual Christmas Bazaar is December 14th 8:00am – 12:00pm. Volunteers will be needed as elves to help children shop for gifts and to help wrap gifts.

Contact for information and to sign-up: Angie Goodwin at 319-653-2141 or agoodwin@washingtony.org
Shelter House, Iowa City

Winter Volunteer Opportunities

**Donation Processing**

**Date(s)/Time(s):** Flexible – call to schedule a time

**Location:** 429 Southgate Ave, Iowa City

**Description:** Volunteers are needed to manage the influx of winter items and other in-kind donations. Duties include receiving and sorting donations and organizing storage areas.

**Contact and sign-up:** Volunteer Coordinator [volunteer@shelterhouseiowa.org](mailto:volunteer@shelterhouseiowa.org) or (319) 338-5416

**Emergency Shelter Support**

**Date(s)/Time(s):** Shift times and duration are flexible – highest need between 1pm-10pm and 8am-10pm on weekends.

**Description:** Duties include assisting in operations of our two emergency shelters (*Winter Shelter operates from Dec – Mar*), assisting during drop-in hours, sorting donations and organizing storage areas, distributing winter clothing and household items, and facilitating recreational activities.

**Contact and sign-up:** Volunteer Coordinator [volunteer@shelterhouseiowa.org](mailto:volunteer@shelterhouseiowa.org) or (319) 338-5416

**Furniture Pick-Up/Delivery**

**Date(s):** Fridays
**Time:** 8:30am – 12:00pm

**Location:** 429 Southgate Ave, Iowa City

**Description:** Volunteers are needed to help move furniture for clients who are moving into their permanent homes. Duties include picking up from donor homes/offices, loading and unloading moving vans, and delivering to client homes. Volunteers should be able to lift heavy items such as couches, dressers, and mattresses.

**Contact and sign-up:** Gina Woolsey, Housing Opportunity & Stability VISTA, [gina.woolsey@shelterhouseiowa.org](mailto:gina.woolsey@shelterhouseiowa.org) or (319) 338-5416 ext. 221

**Gift Wrapping**

**Date(s):** December 15
**Time:** 3:00pm – 7:00pm

**Location:** Coral Ridge Mall, 1451 Coral Ridge Ave, Coralville

**Description:** Shelter House will host a gift wrap station at Coral Ridge Mall during the holiday season. Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts in exchange for free-will donations.


**Contact:** T’Shailyn Harrington, Community Engagement Manager [tshailyn.harrington@shelterhouseiowa.org](mailto:tshailyn.harrington@shelterhouseiowa.org) or (319) 338-5416 ext. 209
United Way of Johnson & Washington Counties

2019 Downtown Holiday United: Bring cheer this Holiday Season by Volunteering, Having Fun and Supporting United Way!!

Gingerbread House Contest
Date: Saturday December 8th
Times: 10:00am-11:30am, 11:00am-12:30pm, 12:00pm-4:00pm, 4:00pm-5:00pm
Location: Graduate Hotel, Downtown Iowa City

Description: Volunteers will help make the Annual Holiday Gingerbread House Competition fun and exciting for all ages on December 8th at the Graduate Hotel. Volunteers will help with set-up, registration, fill candy, help box up finished houses and much more!

Volunteer sign-up: https://www.unitedwayjwc.org/2019-downtown-holiday-united
For questions please contact: Patti Fields 319-338-7823 or patti.fields@unitedwayjwc.org

North Liberty Community Pantry
There will be more chances to volunteer at the pantry this holiday season!

Date(s): Every Monday from November 25 to December 23rd
Time: Open Volunteer Hours 3:30pm-6:00pm
Location: North Liberty Community Pantry- 89 N. Jones Blvd., North Liberty

Description: Volunteers of all ages can drop in during Open Volunteer Times for all or part of the time. Volunteers will help with much-needed tasks in the Pantry, including restocking the shelves, repackaging items like toiletries, and cleaning.

Contact and sign-up: For more information please contact volunteer@northlibertycommunitypantry.org
**Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity Re-Store**

**Date(s):** Tuesday-Saturday

**Time:** 9:00am-1:00pm and 1:00pm-5:00pm

**Location:** 2401 Scott Blvd. SE, Iowa City

**Description:** Volunteers help with daily operations of the store during this busy time of year which funds the building of Habitat for Humanity homes by selling useable household items and construction materials. Tasks include organizing, re-merchandising, stocking, receiving donations, assisting customers, etc. Must be 14 years old and anyone under 18 must have a parent/guardian signature on a liability waiver.

**Contact and Sign-up:** [www.iowavalleyhabitat.org](http://www.iowavalleyhabitat.org) or e-mail [leda@iowavalleyhabitat.org](mailto:leda@iowavalleyhabitat.org)

**Iowa Valley Habitat Helping Hands**

**Description:** In supporting Helping Hands, volunteers will lend a hand in a variety of tasks to help make affordable repairs and aging in place modifications. Projects range from building accessibility ramps to lending a hand with landscaping. Volunteer needs vary on scope and frequency of projects during this time of year.

**Contact and information:** [scott@iowavalleyhabitat.org](mailto:scott@iowavalleyhabitat.org)

**Iowa Valley Habitat Construction**

**Date(s):** Various dates starting in November 2019 through April 2020

**Time:** 8:00am-12:00 pm and 1:00pm-5:00pm Thursdays - Saturdays

**Location:** Hills and Iowa City

**Description:** Volunteers will help construction staff through the entire home building process including framing, energy-efficiency upgrades, painting, trim work, cabinet installation and more. No prior skills or knowledge are necessary! We train you and give you all the tools you will need to accomplish the tasks for each shift. **Age Restrictions:** All volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Those under 18 must have parent/guardian consent to participate. If you are under 18, it is best to contact the office in advance.

**Contact and Sign-up:** [iowavalleyhabitat.org](http://iowavalleyhabitat.org) 319-337-8949 or [leda@iowavalleyhabitat.org](mailto:leda@iowavalleyhabitat.org)
Table To Table

Date(s): Mid November-Mid January
Time: Various Shifts 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday-Friday & 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Saturdays
Location: 840 S Capitol Street, Iowa City

Description: Table to Table needs you this winter! While many people are travelling out of town, there is still food to be rescued and people to feed in Johnson County. We need extra help covering our food rescue shifts (2-3 hours) during the holiday travel season. We also need help keeping our vehicles clean and ready for routes. We would love to have you join our team. Don't worry! We provide all of the necessary resources, including vehicles and training so you can help us get out in our community and rescue food! We are happy to have volunteers of all ages. Contact us to find out more about family volunteer opportunities.

Contact and sign-up: For more details and to schedule your orientation today contact us at volunteer@table2table.org, call 319-337-3400, or visit http://www.table2table.org/volunteers.

Coralville Community Food Pantry

December Free Community Meal

Date(s)/Time(s): December 5 & 6 at various times
Location(s): Coralville Recreation Center & Coralville United Methodist Church

Description: The Coralville Community Food Pantry is excited to partner with our friends at the Coralville Recreation Center to host a free community meal on Friday, December 6th from 5:00PM-6:30 PM at the Coralville Recreation Center.

The goal of the meal is to cultivate solidarity within our community by sharing a nourishing meal and spending time with our neighbors.

Volunteers are needed to help with tasks such as food preparation, transporting, plating, and serving, as well as venue set up and clean up. AGE NOTE: Kitchen help volunteers must be 14 years or older. There is no age requirement for the remainder of the volunteer opportunities-if under 14, volunteer must be supervised by an adult (18+).

Contact & Sign-up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4ca5af2caa8-community9
Paola Jaramillo at paola@coralvillefoodpantry.org or 319-400-6319
Salvation Army

Bell Ringers
Miracle of the Bell

Date: November 15 through December 24
Time: Multiple time slots
Location: Various locations throughout Johnson County

Description: Volunteers are needed in ringing bells for the Salvation Army of Johnson County Christmas Campaign. There will be multiple locations beginning November 16 through Christmas Eve. Multiple time slots are available, beginning with two hour slots.

Contact and sign-up:
Wyatt Billingsley 319-337-3725
Website: http://www.registertoring.com

Toys for Tots

Date: Registration is November 26 - November 30
Packing & Distribution Days are December 11 - December 14
Time: Multiple time slots
Locations:
Registration: 1116 S. Gilbert Ct., Iowa City
Packing/Distribution: 1604 Sycamore St. Suite A. Iowa City (319) 536 - 1672

Description: Volunteers are needed to sort, pack and distribute the toys. Or if you would like to host a toy box or distribute toy tags, please see contact information below.

Contact and sign-up:
Capt. Michelle Graham 319-337-3725 michelle.graham@usc.salvationarmy.org
Website: https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/iowacity
CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank (formerly The Crisis Center)

**Project Holiday 2019**

**Date(s):** Monday, December 16 - Friday, December 21*
**Time:** Varying shifts throughout the day; each shift is 2 hours long
**Location:** Food Bank, 1121 S. Gilbert Ct., Iowa City

**Description:** Volunteers will be needed to help distribute holiday meals to shoppers and direct traffic throughout the shopping days. Volunteer roles include helping clients select their holiday food, restocking shelves, bagging groceries and helping shoppers out to their cars with their selections.

**Contact and sign-up:** An online volunteer sign-up will be posted on the Crisis Center website on November 18: builtbycommunity.org/project-holiday

*Saturday hours are new to the food bank! We offer weekly volunteer opportunities on Saturdays 9:00am-3:00pm. Visit builtbycommunity.org/volunteer to apply for a regular Saturday shift.

**Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP)**

**Gift Wrapping**

**Date(s):** Saturday, December 21
**Time:** 8:00am-11:00am
**Location:** Coral Ridge Mall Food Court

**Description:** DVIP staff and volunteers will be assisting in wrapping gifts for mall shoppers. All wrapping services are donation-based and the donations will go to benefit DVIP victim/survivors.

Ongoing, weekly, or one-time volunteer opportunities are available to groups or individuals within our emergency shelter and at upcoming events!

**Contact and sign-up:** Rose 319-325-9223 or rose@dvipiowa.org
United Action for Youth (UAY)

UAY Youth Holiday Art Sale

Date(s): December 13, 2019  
Time: TBD  
Location: UAY Youth Center in downtown Iowa City (355 Iowa Avenue, Iowa City)  
Description: Volunteers are needed to provide homemade refreshments, greet guests, help with matting/hanging/pricing artwork, and cleaning up after the event.  
Contact: Meg Quigley meg.quigley@unitedactionforyouth.org or 319.338.7518

UAY Gift Wrapping

Date(s): December 19, 2019  
Time: 9:00am-3:00pm  
Location: Coral Ridge Mall – 1451 Coral Ridge Ave., Coralville  
Description: Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts on behalf of UAY. Gift-wrapping is donation-based; all donations will benefit UAY!  
Contact: Meg Quigley: meg.quigley@unitedactionforyouth.org or 319.338.7518

Summer of the Arts

Holiday Art Market

Date(s): December 7 & 8  
Time(s): Various shift times  
Location: Iowa Memorial Union  
Description: Door Monitor  
Information and Sign-up: https://summerofthearts.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=43145

Holiday Gift Wrapping

Date(s) Thursday, December 19  
Time(s): Various shift times  
Location: Coral Ridge Mall - 1451 Coral Ridge Ave., Coralville  
Description: Volunteers will wrap gifts for donations that will benefit Summer of the Arts  
Information and Sign-up: https://summerofthearts.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=43361
Giving Opportunities
Giving

The following are giving opportunities serving organizations around the holidays. Whether your donation is in-kind (clothing, food, etc.) or monetary, your support is critical to these organizations during this time of the year, as many see an influx of those they are serving. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**United Way of Johnson & Washington Counties**

**Adopt a Family:**
For individuals, families, organizations, and faith communities looking to adopt families for the holiday, please review the information on the United Way website and contact us directly. [https://www.unitedwayjwc.org/uwadoptfamily](https://www.unitedwayjwc.org/uwadoptfamily)

**Contact:**
Patti Fields, 319-338-7823, patti.fields@unitedwayjwc.org

**North Liberty Community Pantry**

**Top 10 Pantry Needs:**

1. Financial Contribution ($1=4lbs of food)
2. Soups and Stews
3. Canned Fruit and 100% Fruit Juices
4. Canned Meat
5. Pasta and Rice
6. Beans (Canned or Dried)
7. Feminine Hygiene Products
8. Toilet Paper
9. Shampoo, Soaps and Conditioner
10. Tomato Products

**Participate in #GivingTuesday**

North Liberty Community Pantry encourages everyone to participate in Giving Tuesday this year. You’ve heard of Black Friday, you’ve heard of Cyber Monday, why not pay it forward on Giving Tuesday? This year the Pantry’s board of directors is matching every donation made on Giving Tuesday up to the first $1,000! Follow us on Facebook @nlcpantry and check out our website: [northlibertycommunitypantry.org/givingtuesday](http://northlibertycommunitypantry.org/givingtuesday) to learn more.

**Donation Drop off times/location:**

Mon-Thurs. 9:00am-5:00pm  
North Liberty Community Pantry, 89 N. Jones Blvd., North Liberty  
**Contact:**  Kaila Rome, Executive Director, at 319-626-2711  
[director@northlibertycommunitypantry.org](mailto:director@northlibertycommunitypantry.org)
Iowa City Animal Care & Adoption Center/Friends of the Animal Center Foundation

Donations Requested: **BIGGEST NEED:** VISA, Mastercard, or gift cards to local retail stores which assists when a specific animal care item is needed- any amount is helpful!

**Dogs**
- *VERY DURABLE* dog toys- all sizes.
- Clean blankets and large bath towels
- Really tough dog chews- antlers and benebones, nylabones
- Large and X Large plush dog toys
- Wellness Brand soft dog treats

**Cats**
- Cat toys- especially little mice!
- *NutriSource* Senior Cat Weight Management Chicken & Rice dry cat food*
- *NutriSource* Cat & Kitten food-Chicken & Rice recipe*
- Non Scented clay or non scented scoopable litter
- Small washable cat beds
- *Stretch & Scratch* small scratching pads
- High quality canned kitten food

**Small Animals**
- Chew sticks and toys for rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs, & rats
- *OxBow* rabbit food, *Oxbow* guinea pig food
- Large hidey boxes for rats and small bunnies
- Small but deep water crocks

**Misc**
- Wash Cloths and Towels
- Frontline, Advantage, and Revolution treatment for fleas and ticks
- Bleach
- Newspaper without slicks
- Small (cat size) new plastic carriers

*(Currently not needed and unable to store: rabbit cages, dog crates or kennels, and dog houses. Feel free to call us for a list of other organizations we work with that may be in need of these items.)*

*We feed our cats *NutriSource* Cat/Kitten Chicken & Rice or *NutriSource* Senior Cat Weight Management Chicken & Rice dry cat food. We feed our dogs *Fromm Classic* Chicken & Rice dry dog food. Find these foods at local pet supply stores or consider a monetary contribution towards food!*

**Monetary Donations** may be made to FACF at PO Box 1345 Iowa City, IA 52244 or online at [www.facf.org](http://www.facf.org)

**Donation Drop off times/location:** 10:30-5:30 Mon-Fri and 10:30-3:00 Saturday
3910 Napoleon Lane, Iowa City.
**Iowa City Free Medical and Dental Clinic**

**Donations Requested:**
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, mouth wash, floss
- Over-the-counter cold medications
- Multi-vitamins
- Heating pads
- Cold packs
- Automated arm blood pressure monitors
- Distilled water
- Office supplies: stamps, post-it-notes, 8 ½ x 11 white copy paper

**Donation Drop of location:** 2440 Towncrest Dr., Iowa City

**Contact:** Please contact the Clinic for drop off times at 319-337-4459

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**Ronald McDonald House of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois**

**Donations Requested:**
- Baby Toys- (Rattles, books, learning activities, blocks)
- Teen Gifts- (Headphones, gift cards, sports balls, arts & crafts, beauty kits, legos)

**Contact:** Ryne George  rgeorge@rmhc-eiwi.org

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**The Family Connection Washington County**

**Donations Requested:**
- Gas cards
- Grocery gift certificates to Fareway or HyVee

**Contact for additional needs and drop off times:**
Christine Glosser
Program Director, The Family Connection Washington County
319-653-7758
thefamilyconnectionwc@gmail.com
Coralville Community Food Pantry

Donations Requested:
Help transform Coralville into a hunger-free community and provide hope for Coralville families this holiday season.

Highest Need Items:
- Canned Fruit & Vegetables
- Baby Food
- Baby diapers & wipes
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Feminine Hygiene Products

For drop off times or to make a monetary gift online visit: www.coralvillefoodpantry.org

CommUnity Crisis Services and Food Bank (formerly The Crisis Center)

Donations Requested for Project Holiday:

Visit builtbycommunity.org/project-holiday to provide a complete holiday meal to a local family with your $25 donation.

Top 10 Needed Items:
1. Financial Donations
2. Canned Fruit in Juice
3. Peanut Butter
4. Canned Meat
5. Baby Diapers
6. Baby Formula
7. Rice & Pasta
8. Hearty Soups & Stews
9. Toilet Paper
10. Laundry Detergent

Donation Drop Off Hours
Monday - Friday 9am-5pm
Tuesday 9am-7pm
Saturday 9am-3pm
Location: 1121 S. Gilbert Ct. Iowa City, IA 52240
Warm the Sole
Buy an extra pair of socks while you’re out shopping and donate them to the Warm the Sole Clothesline, sponsored by the UI Hospitals and Clinics Holiday Committee. Items will be collected now through January 31. Collected items will be donated to local nonprofit agencies such as DVIP, Crisis Center, NCJC, Shelter House, UAY, and Girl Scouts. Call Volunteer Services at 319-356-2515 with questions.

Angel Tree
Adopt an individual or family angel from the Angel Tree by donating gifts for long-term patients at UI Hospitals and Clinics. Angels may be selected from the Angel Tree located outside the Volunteer Services Office (Elevator F, Level 8) now through December 16. Individuals or groups may go together to purchase gifts. Gifts, along with the adopted angel, can be brought back to the Volunteer Services Office. The suggested gift value is $20-25 per person. The Angel Tree is sponsored by the UI Hospitals and Clinics Holiday Committee. Call Linda Monroe at 319-353-6108 or Volunteer Services at 319-356-2515 with questions.

Helen K Rossi Guest House Drive
During the month of January, the Helen K. Rossi Volunteer Guest House will be accepting donations of household items, toiletries, non-perishable food items, and new or gently used clothing. For a full list of items, please contact Concierge Services at 319-356-1900. Items can be brought to Concierge Services, located at the entrance of UIHC, during regular business hours. Call Sheri Austin with Concierge Services at 319-356-1900 with questions.
**Prelude Behavioral Services**
These requests will greatly improve the lives of our patients and bring them comfort and hope. We request that items be new or gently used.

**Donations Requested:**

- Full-size personal hygiene products – shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, bath or shower soap, shaving cream, razors, feminine products
- Blank journals (non-wire bound) and pens
- New in package twin bed sheets and pillow sets
- Movies appropriate for an adult audience (no violence, substance abuse or gambling themes)
- Board games for adults (no gambling theme)
- Puzzles for adults (no violence, substance abuse or gambling themes)
- Art supplies – paints, brushes, construction paper, yarn, canvas boards, etc.

**Contact for drop off times or questions:** Sandy Durbala 319-351-4357 or by email sdurbala@preludeiowa.org

**Home Ties Child Care Center and 4Cs Community Coordinated Child Care**

The mission of 4Cs is to promote quality childcare for all children in our community and to foster early childhood learning environments that facilitate school readiness. We serve low income families at Home Ties Child Care Center and offer support to in home childcare providers and childcare centers through on-site trainings and professional development.

**Donations Requested:**

- Monetary Donations
- Diapers, sizes 2-5
- Baby Wipes
- Facial Tissues
- Aldi and Walmart Gift Cards
- Children’s books
- Computer paper
- Crayons and Markers
- Glue sticks and Elmer’s School glue
- Scotch tape
- Anti-bacterial and liquid soap refills

**Contact:** Missie Forbes, 319-338-7684, missie@iowa4cs.com
Shelter House, Iowa City

Donations Requested:

- Cash donations which allow us to purchase items that we don’t receive or can purchase for less
- Winter coats, hats, gloves, and mittens for adults and children
- Seasonal clothing for adults and children
- Underwear and socks *new
- Bedding – blankets and sheet sets in all sizes
- Bus passes for job seekers

An updated list of our current greatest needs is posted on our social media every Tuesday at 5:00pm https://www.facebook.com/shelterhouseiowa/

As a result of increased activity within the shelter and front desk, the best time to drop off donations is between 10am – 4pm 7 days/week which will allow time to receive and process donations efficiently. We are staffed 24/7, so you may also drop off donations at other times. Donations accepted at 429 Southgate Ave, Iowa City.

For more information, contact: Shelter House Front Desk at (319) 351-0326

Days for Girls International – Iowa City Chapter

Days For Girls teams distribute washable feminine hygiene kits to girls, both locally and internationally, who do not have access to adequate menstrual products.

Donations Requested:

- Monetary donations for purchasing supplies and shipping costs
- Panties (brief style) girl sizes 12 and 14; women size 5-6
- Washcloths
- Hotel soap
- 100% cotton fabric in bright colors
- 100% cotton flannel fabric in bright colors

For Donations and Drop Off Information, contact: Pam Ehrhardt, co-leader 319-800-9428 or iowacity@daysforgirls.org

For Volunteer Opportunities, contact: Linda Aker, co-leader, 319-400-3003 or iowacity@daysforgirls.org
Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County

Donations Requested:

**Early Childhood Education Programs**
- Soft Tunnel Climber
- Three-in-one Instant Story Center
- Sandtastik White Play Sand
- Mold & Play Sand
- See Inside Counting Tubes
- Soft Body Baby Dolls
- Environment Soft Sofa
- Excellerations Block Play Scenery Mats
- Fuse Beads
- Magnetic Shapes
- Marble Race Set
- Lego People
- Excellerations Engineering with Ramps
- Soft Unit Blocks
- Kids Around the World Block Play People
- Egg Shakers
- Stacking Shapes Pegboard
- Letter Construction Activity Set
- Time Timer Audible Countdown Timer
- Mix & Match Magnetic Animals
- Markers
- Baby wipes
- Diapers

**Before & After School Programs**
- Mini Wooden Clothespin
- Stencils
- Glitter glue pens
- Ironing board
- Scented washable markers
- Magnetic letters
- Play Doh
- Toy sets
- Tinsel
- Board games
- Strategy games
- STEM-based activities/games/toys
- Washi Tape
- Glue Sticks
- Washable Markers
- Assorted Stampers
- Washable Watercolors
- Composition notebooks
- Pens
- Pencils
- Miscellaneous arts & crafts supplies
- Sports Balls

**G! World**
- Arts & Craft Supplies
- Magazines with diverse imagery
- Cardstock and/or thick paper of varying sizes
- Personal hygiene products for teenage girls

**Family Support**
- Convertible car seats
- Diapers – all sizes
- Toothbrushes and BABY toothpaste (no fluoride)
- Thermometers
- Cribs
- Booster seats (for dining room sets)
- Baby sleep sacks
- Toys/Rattles for babies
- Books for babies (especially in Arabic, French, and Spanish)

**Cycling Programs**
- Monetary support for cycling equipment
- Monetary support for participant scholarships
- Lightly used bikes for girls ages 8-15

Contact for more information: Development & Volunteer Programs Director, Chastity Dillard, at 319.354.2886 or chastity-dillard@ncjc.org
Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity

Donations Requested:

- Monetary donations to sustain and grow our Homeownership and Helping Hands programs. Your gift can be designated to a specific project like Women Build, Interfaith Builds or the Helping Hands Repair program. Or you can designate your funds to support our general fund. Honorary and memorial gifts can also be made to recognize or remember someone special to you. Mail donations to Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity, 2401 Scott Blvd. SE, Iowa City, IA 52240 or donate online at www.iowavalleyhabitat.org.

Contact for monetary donations: Call Tami Bonnett at 319-519-6121 or e-mail tami@iowavalleyhabitat.org

- Donate to or shop at the Habitat ReStore. Your donations to the ReStore help to fund our Homeownership and Helping Hands programs. We also offer FREE pick-up service of your donations 5 days a week. ReStore is open for shopping and donations Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00am-5:00pm.

Contact for drop off times or questions: Call the ReStore at 319-338-5687 or visit www.iowacityrestore.com for a complete list of accepted donations.

Bur Oak Land Trust

Consider a donation or funding a gift to support the following:

- Land acquisition
- Bridge and trail building
- Native restoration with prairie seed and native trees
- Tools
- Staff and intern funding
- Office furniture and supplies
- Crew safety gear

Contact for more information: Jason Taylor at info@buroaklandtrust.org or 319-338-7030
United Action for Youth (UAY)

UAY Young Parent Program

**Donations Needed:** Diapers of all sizes, wipes, formula, and baby food

**Contact:** Mickey Hampton [mickey.hampton@unitedactionforyouth.org](mailto:mickey.hampton@unitedactionforyouth.org) or 319-338-7518

UAY Tot Shop

**Donations Needed:** Baby/Toddler clothing hangers, gently used baby/toddler clothes (size newborn to 6T), new board books, gently used toys, gently used baby gear (*UAY can not accept car seats or cribs.)

**Contact:** Mickey Hampton [mickey.hampton@unitedactionforyouth.org](mailto:mickey.hampton@unitedactionforyouth.org) or 319-338-7518

Grow: Johnson County

Grow: Johnson County (Grow) is a hunger-relief and educational farm program of the Iowa Valley RC&D. Grow leases 5 acres at the Johnson County Historic Poor Farm to grow organic produce, which is all donated to 13 hunger-relief agencies in Johnson County. Since its inception in 2016, Grow has distributed more than 70,000 pounds of fresh produce and provided food production training to hundreds of volunteers, apprentices, and workshop attendees each year.

Help us to grow good food for all in 2020 by making a contribution at [growjohnsoncounty.org/give](http://growjohnsoncounty.org/give)

**For sponsorships or donations, contact:** Jake Kundert, [jake@ivrcd.org](mailto:jake@ivrcd.org)

**For volunteer opportunities, contact:** Míchi López, [michi@ivrcd.org](mailto:michi@ivrcd.org)
**Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois**

**Donations to Support a Girl Scout:**
Many families do not have the financial resources for their daughters to participate in Girl Scouts. You can give these girls the gift of the Girl Scout Leadership and Character Building Program or a week of Summer Resident Camp this holiday season. Monetary donations can be made at [www.GirlScoutstoday.org/donate](http://www.GirlScoutstoday.org/donate).

- $25 provides one year of membership for the Girl Scout Leadership and Character Program
- $250 sends one girl to the Girl Scout Summer Resident Camp
- $300 underwrites programs and services for one girl for a year

**Donations Requested to Support Program Activities:**

**STEM Program Supplies:**
- Fisher Price Code-a-Pillars and expansion sets
- 3D printer and spools
- Used laptops (not Mac)
- Elegoo super starter kit uno r3 project
- iPad mini 2 case; green
- iPad mini 2; wi-fi only; 16 gb (Apple refurb.)
- iPad charging and storage locker (for 30)
- 20 port USB charging station
- Laptop charging and storage locker (for 30)
- Celestron 71008 SkyMaster 25x70 Binoculars

**Life Skills Program Supplies:**
- Cricut cutting machine
- Cricut heat press
- Laminator

**Outdoor Program Supplies:**
- Plastic Tote Boxes with lids
- Outside Yard Games/Life-size
- Vacuum Cleaners (in good working order)
- Inflatable pool toys
- Pool Toys
- Pool Noodles

**Contact:** Allison Johnson at AllisonJ@GirlScoutsToday.org or 319-363-8335.
NAMI Johnson County R Place Peer Recovery Center
The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Johnson County (NAMI JC) provides Support, Education, and Advocacy for individuals and families in crisis due to mental illness. All services & programs are offered at no cost. R Place Peer Recovery Center carries out NAMI JC’s mission by providing:

- A stigma free community center to bring adults with mental illness out of isolation
- Advocacy to individuals & families for best mental healthcare outcomes
- The NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group
- Educational presentations for better wellness
- Peer support services to aid individuals’ recovery from mental illness
- Therapeutic groups & events

Donations Requested:
For our popular Therapeutic Journaling group:
- Journals for clients - lined or unlined, feminine, masculine, & gender neutral designs
- Pens - Colored gel pens, blue, black, or colored roller ball pens, sharpie pens
- Gift card to Staples or Target – for other supplies

General Wellness Items:
- Crazy Andy’s Thinking Putty

Or see our Amazon.com Wish List:

Contact: Jenn Day regarding donations 319-354-3455 jenn.day@namijc.org

Drop off items at: R Place Peer Recovery Center, 702 S Gilbert Street, Suite 111, Iowa City
Monday - Friday, 1:00pm-5:00pm, Saturdays 11:00am-3:00pm
Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP)

Holiday Gift Drive November 15 8:00am through December 24 12:00pm
Every year the Domestic Violence Intervention Program provides donations in our holiday store for families to pick out the perfect gift for their loved ones.

Our holiday store is one way in which we can provide a free and confidential way for families to “shop” and make the holidays a special time for the entire family despite the fear, stress, and lack of resources so often faced by those that have experienced intimate partner violence. This service is provided by appointment to any victim/survivor that has received services from DVIP in the past year.

Wish List

- Wal-Mart Gift Cards
- Legos and blocks
- Baby Dolls
- Kitchen Sets
- Hats, Gloves, and Socks
- Toy Toolsets
- Doctor Sets
- Remote Control Cars
- Art/Science Sets (for all ages)
- Basketballs, Footballs, and Sports Equipment
- Board Games (Life, Uno, Honey Bee Tree, Battleship, Headbandz, Go Fishing, Lucky duck, Connect Four
- Card Games
- PJ’s Size 10 and Up
- Target Gift Cards
- Slime Kits
- Clothes (all ages)
- Lava Lamps
- Movie Theater Gift Cards
- Fingerlings
- LOL Dolls
- Toddler/Baby Toys
- Toy Cars/Trucks
- Mall Gift Cards
- Toy Animals and Dinosaurs
- Action Figures
- Dress Up and Costumes
- FurReal Critters
- Crate Creatures
- Hatchimals
- Earbuds and Headphones
- African American Barbies

Drop off
In order to make Holiday Gift donating easier DVIP has partnered with local businesses for donation drop off locations:

- Merge, 136 S Dubuque St, Iowa City, IA 52240
- Lepic Kroeger, 2346 Mormon Trek Blvd, Iowa City, IA 52246
- Plastic Products Company, 228 Tidewater Drive West Branch, Iowa 52358
- North Liberty Bluebird Café, 650 W Cherry St #9, North Liberty, IA 52317
- Applebees 200 12th Ave, Coralville, IA 52241
- Solon Community Center, 313 S. Iowa Street, Solon, IA 52333
- Raddison Hotel, 1220 1st Ave, Coralville, IA 52241
- DVIP Business Office, 1105 S. Gilbert Ct. #300, Iowa City, IA 52240

Contact for more information or to start your own drive for victim/survivors:
Community Engagement Department 319-930-2030 or ashlee@dvipiowa.org
Aging Services/Pathways Adult Day Health Center

Donations Requested:

- Clear plastic ornaments
- Glitter
- Glue
- Ribbon
- Lace
- Acrylic Paint
- Paint Brushes
- Scrapbook Paper
- Small Adult Gifts (i.e. Lotion, Gloves, Scarves, Hats, Socks, Wallet/Purse, etc.)
- Gift Cards – Target, Walmart, HyVee, Hobby Lobby

Contact: Carrie Meade 319-339-6162 or CMeade@abbehealth.org

Iowa Tech Chicks

Iowa Tech Chicks looks to foster a love of science and technology in children with emphasis on building confidence in young girls interested in STEM fields. We organize activities and workshops for kids and hold a day long camp for middle school girls.

Consider a donation or funding a gift to support the following:

- Scholarships for girls-only after-school STEM coding classes
- Girls Tech Career Days
- STEM fair supplies
- Website hosting fees
- Technology purchases for use in outreach events
- Staff and intern funding

Contact to donate or for more information:
Donate online at https://www.paypal.me/iowatechchicks or contact Laura Christenson at iowatechchicks@gmail.com
Abbe Center for Community Mental Health (An affiliate of UnityPoint)

Winter Blues Kits December 1, 2019 – February 28, 2020

Abbe Mental Health Center provides community-based recovery services in Johnson County for adults living with a mental health condition, to provide them the support needed to actively participate and thrive in our community. During the cold winter, many individuals struggle with heightened mental health difficulties, increased isolation and stress, particularly after the holidays.

The Abbe Mental Health Center’s community-based recovery team requests volunteers to purchase items for kits that can be distributed to individuals to help ease mental health symptoms, provide enjoyment and comfort, and promote health/happiness through the winter months.

Donations Requested:

- Gift bags
- Adult coloring books and markers
- Writing journals
- Stress balls
- Movie passes
- Cocoa mixes
- Tea
- Lotion
- Aromatherapy products
- 2019 calendars
- Funny refrigerator magnets
- Word puzzle books
- Swim passes
- Knitting needles and yarn
- Restaurant gift cards
- Grocery store gift cards
- Coffee gift cards
- Mittens/hats
- Lip balm
- Craft kits

Volunteers can either choose to purchase individual items for donation or can “adopt” an individual and create their own kits for distribution. Kits can also be given to members of our peer run – Together Not Alone Wellness Center.

For more information, contact: Jessie Henry, MSW CSP/SCL Team Leader 319-930-7918 or jhenry@abbehealth.org
Table To Table

Donations Requested:
Your financial donation keeps wholesome edible food from going to waste. Help us collect food from donors and deliver it to agencies that serve the hungry, homeless, and at-risk populations. The agencies we serve receive fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, protein, and other staples multiple times each week.

- $165 sponsors a daily food route, which collects 1,000 lbs of food
- $100 delivers over 600 pounds of fresh fruits and veggies for healthy lunches
- $50 provides over 250 meals

Each pound of good food costs us just 16 cents to rescue from the dumpster!

Contact: Donate to the cause at [http://table2table.org/donation/](http://table2table.org/donation/)

Miracles in Motion Therapeutic Equestrian Center

Miracles in Motion Therapeutic Equestrian Center has been serving children and adults with disabilities, supporting veterans and strengthening communities since 1988. Our students come from Linn, Johnson and other eastern Iowa counties. There's something magical about the transformation that occurs when we bring together the energy and spirit of a horse with people in need. Confidence, comfort and strength grow exponentially. We provide a safe zone within our Therapeutic Riding, Hippotherapy Sessions, Horse 101 and veteran's class, which is called Heroes in Motion. We find success where machines, medications and traditional therapies sometimes fall short. Miracles in Motion is located on a 76 acre farm, 2 miles west of Swisher, Iowa.

Donations to Assist with Operation of the Center:

- Propane heater for the arena
- Upright vacuum cleaner
- Horse related silent auction items for our fundraiser
- 2 cat carriers for Equestrian Center cat care
- Printer paper

Contact: Donations or questions about our services can be directed to:
Miracles In Motion, 2049 120th St. NW, Swisher, IA 52338
Call-319.857.4141, ask for Deb
YMCA of Washington County

Donations Requested:

Children’s Christmas Bazaar – Donations of New or Used Items

Kids can come to “shop” for parents, grandparents and siblings. Items for all ages are accepted. The kids leave with their gifts wrapped and tagged so they can go under the Christmas tree when they get home and it is a surprise for their family.

Suggested items:
- Dads/Grandpas (i.e. small gift items, flashlights, small tools or mugs)
- Moms/Grandmas (i.e. candles, hand lotions, hand towels or home décor)
- Siblings (small toys or games - play dough, board games, hot wheels, hair accessories)
- Gift wrap, boxes and gift tags

Coats for Kids Drive

New or gently used items in youth sizes:
- Coats
- Hats
- Mittens or gloves

Winter Activity Child and Youth Program Items

Play dough, play food for our kitchen center, board games, puzzles, magnetic building tiles, building blocks, hot wheels and farm toys

Supplies for Child Care and Youth Programs

Hand sanitizer, Kleenex, Clorox wipes and dry erase markers

How to Donate: Items can be dropped off at 121 E Main Street, Washington during business hours:
Monday–Thursday 5am to 9pm, Friday 5am – 7pm, Sat 7am -3pm and Sunday 1pm – 4pm
Community Outreach Center – Washington, Iowa

Description:
A non-profit organization set in place to meet the needs of the under-privileged in our community. We do that by providing emergency housing, clothes, food, transportation and counseling when needed, using existing services where possible and creating a service when needed.

Donations Requested

- Bottled Water
- Meat
- Eggs
- Milk
- Canned Goods
- Vegetables/Fruit
- Paper Towels
- Shampoo, Soap, Deodorant
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Clothes
- Gas Cards
- Cash Donations
- Ice Melt
- Freezer
- Washing Machine
- 2 Desktop Computers Windows 10
- Laptop Windows 10
- Snow Blower
- Passenger Van
- Automobiles

Volunteers also needed to provide evening meals and fellowship with those at the Outreach Center.

Contact: Darren Brown 319-931-3680 or tribulationandtrust@yahoo.com
Food Pantry at Iowa
The Food Pantry at Iowa’s mission is to provide nutritious food and basic necessities for University of Iowa students, faculty, and staff in need, and to fight food insecurity through education and advocacy. Visit their website at https://leadandserve.uiowa.edu/organizations/food-pantry/.

Highest Need Items (not limited to):
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Canned Fruit
- Soups (Not Chicken Noodle or Tomato)
- Canned Veggies (Not Green Beans or Corn)
- Drinks (ex: Water, Juice, Coffee, Sparkling Water, Capri sun, etc.)
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce (Not Mac N Cheese)
- Brown Rice preferred over White Rice
- Can Openers

Contact and drop off times: Non-perishable donations can be dropped off at the Iowa House Hotel front desk 24/7, or you can email StudOrg-FoodPantry@uiowa.edu to coordinate a drop-off time for perishable or larger donations. Monetary donations are also accepted in the form of cash, check (made payable to “Food Pantry at Iowa”), or online. To donate to the Food Pantry online through the University of Iowa Center for Advancement, please select "see additional options or make multiple gifts" and then "other." Specify it should be given to the Food Pantry at Iowa.

Clothing Closet at Iowa
The Clothing Closet at Iowa’s mission is to provide undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Iowa with access to quality, new or used, professional clothing at no cost. Visit their website at https://leadandserve.uiowa.edu/organizations/clothing-closet/.

Donations Requested:
The Clothing Closet accepts new or gently used professional attire, including shoes and accessories.

Contact and drop off times: Donations can be dropped off at the Iowa House Hotel front desk 24/7, or you can email StudOrg-TheCloset@uiowa.edu to coordinate a drop-off time. Monetary donations are also accepted in the form of cash, check (made payable to “Clothing Closet at Iowa”), or online. To donate to the Clothing Closet online through the University of Iowa Center for Advancement, please select "see additional options or make multiple gifts" and then "other." Specify it should be given to the Clothing Closet at Iowa.
Resources

Volunteering and giving opportunities are not the only ways to give back to the community. Here are some alternatives:

Holiday Entertainment
Provide holiday entertainment to residents of assisted living homes, group homes, or to people who are not able to remain in their own homes due to illness.

Bake Treats
Contact a non-profit and thank them for their services in your community by baking a treat or providing a meal to the office.

Give an Alternative Gift
Donate money or supplies to a local non-profit in the honor of your friends and family.

Organize a Giving Circle
Invite friends and family to join a giving circle for the holidays. Select a cause or organization you would like to support and set your giving goal.

Make a Resolution
Identify a need. Find your passion. Give an hour. Give a Saturday. Give 110%.

Questions?
Contact United Way of Johnson and Washington Counties with any questions and for all of your volunteer needs!
Phone: (319)338-7823; Email: info@unitedwayjwc.org