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One Book Two Book Festival Volunteers Needed February 21st and February 22nd Iowa City – FilmScene at The Chauncy and MERGE

One Book Two Book is a celebration of Children's literature in Iowa City, The City of Literature. Volunteers are needed to be storybook characters, character helpers, festival set-up, tear-down, and greeters. Be part of this fun event!!

Learn more and sign up to volunteer at this link:

https://unitedwayjc.galaxydigital.com/aem/general/event/?doc_id=6693



Shelter House – Annual Book Sale Event and Pre/Post Event Volunteers Needed February 12th through April 2nd 860 Quarry Road, Coralville

The Shelter House Annual Book Sale will be held on March 28th and March 29th.

Starting February 12th, volunteers are needed to help sort books during the set-up of the event space in the weeks leading up to the sale. Volunteers are needed every Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday all the way from mid-February through the weekend of the sale. Volunteers are also needed after the event for tear down.

Learn More and Sign-up to volunteer at this link: <https://bit.ly/booksale2026>

Contact: brett.mccartt@shelterhouseiowa.org



Shelter House – Literay Giants Event
Friday, March 27th 7:00pm to 9:00 pm
860 Quarry Road, Coralville

On Friday, Marth 27th Shelter House will be holding the Literary Giants event. This event gathers prominent writers, poets, and illustrators as a way to celebrate the local literary community at the beginning of the annual book sale.

Volunteers will assist with set-up and tear-down of tables and chairs as well as serving food and drinks during the event.

Sign-up to volunteer: <https://bit.ly/litgiants26>
Contact: brett.mccartt@shelterhouseiowa.org



Kirkwood Work Place Learning Connection
Financial Literacy Fair
March 25th – April 23rd

Work Place Learning Connection provides career exploration opportunities for middle school and high school students interested in exploring career options.

Volunteers are needed to spend time talking with students ages 12-14 as they navigate real-life financial choices. No prior experience is required.

Sign up to volunteer: <https://www.kirkwood.edu/financialliteracyfair>
For more information, contact: Shalane.Brinkman@kirkwood.edu



Compeer
Data Entry Project Volunteer

Compeer is seeking a volunteer to help transition their donor database from Excel to a subscription-based platform. This project involves sorting, cleaning, and formatting data in Excel, then uploading it to the new system. Ideal volunteers are comfortable with computers, Excel, and basic database concepets. The project is estimated 15-20 hours, can be done remotely, and requires a personal computer with internet access.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information contact Sarah Ross: compeeric@gmail.com

CYCLING
WITHOUT
AGE



Cycling Without Age @ Iowa City Bike Library Individual Volunteer Opportunity

Cycling Without Age is seeking a volunteer to help them review, implement, and test a ride-booking system. This role will support their participation in a test group for new software designed specifically to manage and coordinate schedules with their volunteer pilots. The ideal volunteer would be someone who is organized, comfortable with technology, and interested in improving how rides are scheduled.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information contact Nancy Footner: nfootner@gmail.com

To learn more about Cycling Without Age: <https://icbikelibrary.org/cycling-without-age>



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a national IRS sponsored program that provides free tax preparation of federal and state tax returns for low income households

Volunteers are critical to the success of the VITA program. VITA volunteers help complete and file tax returns for those who have a limited income. On average, it costs a taxpayer nearly \$300 to have taxes done. This money can instead be used for basic needs such as groceries and rent.

Volunteer opportunities include Greeters and Tax Preparers and shifts are flexible January through mid-April. No tax experience is required. Online training sessions are provided and required.

For more information or to register to volunteer, access this link:

[Become a VITA Volunteer! | Johnson County \(johnsoncountyiowa.gov\)](https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/volunteer)



HACAP Food Pantry – Washington, Iowa
2176 Lexington Blvd

Volunteers are needed to assist in the HACAP Food Pantry in Washington.

- Sort and organize food donations during the week
- Assist with grocery store pick-ups of donated food
- Ensure food is distributed quickly and safely to those in need
- Volunteer shifts are flexible and can be tailored to volunteer availability

For more information or to volunteer contact:

Renella Crawford, Washington Operations Director
319-653-7275 or rcrawford@hacap.org



Mark Twain Lucas Farms Food Pantry at Faith UCC 1609 Deforest Ave., Iowa City

- **2nd & 4th Wednesday 2:00pm-6:00**
- **2nd & 4th Tuesday late morning to unload the food truck**

Volunteers are needed to assist in serving an increasing number of families.

Volunteers welcome and assist guests, help carry groceries for shoppers, and restock shelves with available items.

****Interpreters are also needed.**

For questions or more information, contact Faith UCC by phone or e-mail:

Faith UCC: 319-338-5238 or faithucc2014@gmail.com or 57czahradnek@gmail.com



Crowded Closet Thrift Shop Individual and Group Volunteer Opportunities

Crowded Closet is looking for volunteers to help after hours during a 'Work Night'. Volunteers will help with clothing processing, tagging, and other behind-the-scenes tasks.

Crowded Closet Thrift Shop receives donated items and sells them locally to support relief, development, and peacebuilding around the world and in our local community.

To sign up for this event click: [HERE](#),

For more information or additional questions email:

crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com



DVIP/RVAP Individual Volunteer Opportunities

DVIP/RVAP is looking for more volunteers. Volunteers have an opportunity to pursue either direct service or indirect service. Direct service requires a commitment contract and minimum of 6 hours each week including some on-call commitments.

Learn more and sign up to volunteer at this link:

https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/JD4kCqs5rxa_wG5C5OZ94Q

Contact: amandag@dviopiowa.org



Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity

ReStore Volunteers Needed - Help ReStore Sort Cans!!
Volunteer shifts available Tuesday-Saturday every week
9:30am-1:00pm & 1:00pm-5:00pm (No Wed. am shift)

Iowa City ReStore is looking for additional ReStore volunteers throughout December and January to help with sorting cans. When volunteers fill up a truckload of cans, IVHFH receives roughly \$1,000 that helps fund our mission.

Volunteers will help ReStore staff sort through cans and put them into the correct bundles before loading them into one of the ReStore trucks.

Age Restrictions: All volunteers must be at least 14 years old. All volunteers under 18 must have a liability waiver filled out and signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Sign up to volunteer here: [Volunteer Calendar](#)

For questions or more information please contact:

Sammi deNeui, Volunteer Coordinator, sammi@iowavalleyhabitat.org



Agape Café

Meal Prep Tuesday Afternoons 1:00pm-3:00pm

Breakfast Service Wednesday Mornings 9:00am-11:00am

26 East Market Street at Old Brick Church, Iowa City

Agape Café serves a free, hot, breakfast dine-in or to-go for neighbors experiencing homelessness and/or food insecurity. Breakfast is served every Wednesday.

Volunteers are needed to assist with a Tuesday afternoon prep period and Wednesday service. The afternoon prep involves setting up the dining hall at Old Brick and assembling ingredients for the following morning's breakfast. Wednesday morning volunteer activities include washing dishes, putting away supplies, tables and chairs, etc.

Signup Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DA5AD2CA5FACF8-60021700-2026>

Flexibility with volunteer hours is available. Come early and enjoy a great breakfast.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, contact Jenny Britton at: 319-400-4879 or agapebreakfast@gmail.com



Community Crisis Services and Food Bank

Current volunteer needs include the Food Bank, Mobile Pantry, Grocery Delivery Driver, and Financial Services Support

Food Bank Volunteer Signup: [HERE](#)

Mobile Pantry Volunteer Signup (by location): [HERE](#)

Grocery Delivery Driver Volunteer Signup: [HERE](#)

Financial Support Services Volunteer Information: [HERE](#)



Houses into Homes

Houses into Homes provides gently used beds, furniture, and household items for families and individuals in Johnson County who are exiting homelessness, domestic violence, and other crisis situations.

This work is only possible with the support and service of community members!!

Volunteers are needed for furniture deliveries as well as a variety of tasks in the warehouse.

[Click here to view all Houses into Homes volunteer opportunities.](#)



Shelter House - Individual Volunteer Opportunities

Shifts are flexible to volunteer schedules

Volunteers are needed to help with the following:

- Sorting community donations
- Fulfilling client donation requests
- Assisting in the Job Lab to help clients use computers to apply for jobs, create resumes, and apply for housing.

Visit <https://shelterhouseiowa.org/volunteer/> for more information and to fill out a volunteer application today!

Contact: volunteer@shelterhouseiowa.org

The Johnson County Meals on Wheels program is looking for additional drivers to bring nutritious food and friendly check-ins to neighbors who need them most.

Meal delivery takes place Monday-Friday with pick up around 10:30am. Meal pickup is at Meals on Wheels Coralville office, 2210 9th St. Coralville, IA 52241.

Open routes available are filling in for an absence, filling in occasionally or even permanent weekly routes. Each route takes about an hour to an hour and a half.

To volunteer, call Cara Brady, Volunteer Coordinator for Meals on Wheels at 319-375-3160.



Iowa City Free Medical & Dental Clinic
Volunteers Needed
Variety of Volunteer Positions

The Iowa City Free Medical & Dental Clinic is looking for a variety of volunteers:

- Reception
- Clinic Assistant
- Patient Guides
- Interpreters
- Phlebotomist/Laboratory
- Pharmacy

Apply online at: <http://freemedicalclinic.org/give-time/>

Use this link to review detailed volunteer role descriptions:

[Volunteer Descriptions – Free Medical and Dental Clinic \(freemedicalclinic.org\)](http://freemedicalclinic.org)

For questions or further information e-mail: volunteer@freemedicalclinic.org



Ronald McDonald House
Weekly Scheduled Volunteers

Weekly scheduled volunteers assist with miscellaneous duties to keep the House a clean, welcoming environment. There are three different positions to choose from:

- Front Desk Volunteers
- Kitchen Volunteers
- In-House Volunteers

If you are interested in learning more complete the online application here:

<https://rmhc-eiwi.org/volunteer-application/>



Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity Construction Volunteers Needed – Iowa City Volunteer shifts available Thursday-Saturday every week 8:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-5:00pm

Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity is looking for additional construction volunteers to help with the progress of the current build in the Iowa City area.

Volunteers will help construction staff through the entire home building process. No prior experience or knowledge is required! Volunteers are trained and provided with all the tools needed to accomplish the tasks at hand.

Age Restrictions: All volunteers must be at least 16 years old. All volunteers under 18 must have a liability waiver filled out and signed by a parent or legal guardian. Minor volunteers also have slight restrictions regarding the jobs they can help with. If a volunteer is under 18, it is best to contact the Volunteer Coordinator in advance.

Sign up to volunteer here: [Volunteer Calendar](#)

For questions or more information please contact:
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Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County Onsite Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed to assist with the following:

- **Front Desk Volunteer Assistant:** The front desk volunteer assistant is a vital part of creating a safe, kind, and helpful environment in our lobby areas, as well as being a key bridge of communication between parents, teachers, and staff. (7:30am - 9am, 12pm-1pm, or 3:30pm-5:30pm)
- **English or Citizenship Class Volunteer:** Support adult learners in our English or Citizenship classes! As a volunteer, you will assist the lead instructor by guiding participants through activities, holding conversations to build confidence, and providing one-on-one support. This role helps create a positive, engaging learning environment for all participants. (Citizenship classes are held Mondays, and Fridays from 6–8 PM and English classes are held Tuesdays from 6–8 PM - both at our Pheasant Ridge Neighborhood Center.)

For more information or to sign up contact: Bella Williams 319 354 2886 ext. 104
Bella-Arredondo@ncjc.org



Ronald McDonald House Casserole Club Volunteers

Volunteers are welcome to come in during the day and prepare casseroles for us to freeze and later provide to families when we do not have an evening volunteer meal group.

Groups of 8 can be accommodated. You bring in the ingredients to prepare your casseroles on-site. Our fully stocked kitchen will have everything else you need! We ask that Casserole Club groups wrap up by noon, so if we have a meal group coming in that evening, the kitchen will be available. If you are interested in signing up for a date, you can check availability and sign up on the online calendar here:

[RMHC-EIWI Online Meal Calendar](#)



UnityPoint Health
AbbeHealth Services

Aging Services, Inc. - Pathways Adult Day Health Center Day Program for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities Volunteers Needed - Variety of Activities Available

Pathways can create a custom volunteer experience for individuals or groups and offer one-time or short-term volunteer options. Volunteers can assist with anything from 1:1 time with participants (playing a game, talking, or assisting them during a big group program), helping out with main group activities during crafts or games, coming to help with a holiday party, or administrative tasks such as filing or mailing letters.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can make a difference at Pathways in Iowa City, reach out to Hannah Lenth by e-mail or phone:

Hannah.lenth@unitypoint.org 319-339-6162



Historical Secret 1883 Octagonal Barn

Barn Restoration Volunteers

Johnson County, 5750 Osage St SE, West Liberty, IA 52776

Volunteer dates and times are flexible

Individual and Group Volunteers are needed to assist with cleaning, repairing, and painting the Historic Secret 1883 Octagonal Barn.

For more information or to schedule a volunteer time, contact Richard Tyler at:

rich-tyler@uiowa.edu



United Way of Johnson & Washington Counties Office Volunteers

The United Way of Johnson & Washington Counties is looking for office volunteers to assist with office needs and various projects. Tasks such as reception, donation counting and sorting, mailing projects, inventory of community impact items, organizing, etc.

Volunteer time would typically be during business hours Monday-Friday. Flexible scheduling based upon project needs and volunteer availability.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering at the United Way office, please contact Wendy Nolan: wendy.nolan@unitedwayjwc.org or 319-338-7823

For information on other volunteer opportunities:

United Way Volunteer Center

<https://www.unitedwayjwc.org/volunteer-center>

319-337-8657 or email: vols@unitedwayjwc.org

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