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October & November 2025



African Festival of Arts and Culture

October 4th 12:00pm – 9:00pm

Iowa City Ped-Mall, 210 S Dubuque St, Iowa City

Volunteers are needed to make the 2nd year of this event a success.

Help celebrate the rich cultural traditions that Africans bring to Iowa and highlight their vibrant presence in this state and community.

To learn more about the event visit: <https://www.africafestiowa.com/>

Sign-up to volunteer here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CAAAD2BA1F8C61-57349309-volunteer#/>



Iowa City Book Festival

Volunteers Needed October 11 and October 12

The 2025 Iowa City Book Festival, Oct. 5-12, features author readings, a book fair, panel discussions, and many other presentations. Nearly all of the events are free and open to the public. Volunteers help keep community festivals free and accessible to everyone.

[Click Here to Learn More and Review Volunteer Shifts](#)



HACAP – Brighton and Riverside

Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

October 2 10:00am-11:30am The Gym Main & Mechanic Street, Brighton, Iowa

October 7 10:30am-12:00pm Hall Park, 140 Ella St, Riverside, Iowa

For more information or to volunteer contact: cackman@hacap.org or (319) 739-1505



Mosaic Iowa City (formerly Ten Thousand Villages)
9th Annual Rug Event Fundraiser
October 1-5 Hyatt Regency Hotel Coralville Iowa River Landing

Mosaic partners with fair trade job creation program Bunyaad to bring ethically made, hand knotted rugs made by fairly paid artisans in rural Pakistan to Iowa City for sale. 50% of proceeds go right back to artisans (they have already been paid for the rugs) and this allows them to prepare the supplies for next year's rugs. 25% of proceeds go to Mosaic as a fundraiser for our local nonprofit and 25% goes to nonprofit Bunyaad to finance the touring of the rugs around the country.

Volunteers are needed help flip rugs to show to customers for two hour shifts each day: 10am-12pm, 12pm-2pm, 2pm-4pm, 4pm-6pm, or 5pm-7pm

10 volunteers are needed to help tear-down the event on Sunday, October 5 from 5pm-7pm/8pm. Volunteers will roll up rugs and carry them to the truck for loading. Tear-down volunteers should be able to lift over 30 lbs.

If you are interested in learning more or volunteering, please contact:
fairtrade@mosaic-iowacity.com or call the store at 319-519-2104



DVIP/RVAP - Shop for Shelter 2025
October 11, 9:00am – 2:00pm
Local Hy-Vee and Fairway Stores

Volunteers will assist at local grocery stores by passing out shopping lists to shoppers and encouraging them to purchase needed items for the emergency shelter.

Click here for more information and to sign-up: [Shop for Shelter 2025 Sign-up](#)
Contact: Ally Tippe - allisont@dviapiowa.org or 319.325.9223



Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County
"Hallo"Ridge 2025 - Saturday, October 11th
Pheasant Ridge Neighborhood Center

Each year Neighborhood Centers Partners with the University of Iowa Athletic Department to put on a haunted house at the Pheasant Ridge Neighborhood Center. The student-athletes put together a "scare" tastic haunted house. Volunteers are needed to be Spooky Helpers during the event from 4:15pm-7:00pm

Use this link to sign up: [NCJC Volunteers: "Hallo"Ridge 2025](#)
For more information contact: Bella Williams 319 354 2886 ext. 104
Bella-Arredondo@ncjc.org



2025 Warm Winter Wear Distribution

Sunday October 12 through Saturday October 18

The River Community Church 3001 Muscatine Ave, Iowa City

Volunteers are essential to the success of the 2025 Warm Winter Wear Distribution event sponsored by The Consultation of Religious Communities and the I.C. Police Department.

Volunteers will help with donation sorting, clothing display/restocking, and assisting families with selecting clothing items.

Utilize the link below to view volunteer shift information and sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B49A9AE2FA20-58487415-2025>

Contact John Barr (barrjohnno@sau.edu) or Carolyn Otis (carolyn.otis@gmail.com) for more information or with any questions.



The Bird House – Hospice Home of Johnson County Holiday Lights at the Lake

Join in the fun at the fifth annual Holiday Lights at the Lake drive-thru light display!!

Volunteers are needed to help build the displays Oct 27-31 and decorate and build out the event space Nov 1-4

Please use the links below for more detailed volunteer information and to sign-up:

Display build with vendor:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BAAAB2BA7F58-57940299-holiday#/>

Build out and decorate the event space:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BAAAB2BA7F58-57939811-holiday#/>



Girl Scout Event: Halloween at Camp Liberty
Friday, October 17th (set-up) and Saturday, October 18th
Various times and volunteer activities available
4415 295th St., New Liberty, Iowa

Volunteers are currently needed for one of the most popular family events, Halloween at Camp Liberty on Saturday, October 18th.

This outdoor fair-style event draws over 400 families for a day filled with fall fun, including:

- Trick-or-treating at decorated cabins
- A Potions lab with creative youth activities
- Inflatables and a laser maze
- Hayrack rides
- Food Truck
- Optional add-on activities like ziplining, rock climbing, and pony rides

We are looking for Halloween enthusiasts interested in community engagement opportunities! Volunteers will help at various activity stations and ensure guests have a safe and enjoyable experience. [Click Here to review volunteer shifts or sign-up](#)

Thank you for supporting local youth and community events! If you have any questions, please reach out to aimeew@girlscoutstoday.org



Shelter House – Soup Luncheon
Monday, November 17 11:00am – 1:00pm
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Shelter House is kicking off National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week with their annual Soup Luncheon.

Volunteers are needed to assist with event set-up, tear-down, and serving soup, drinks, and desserts during the luncheon.

Review Volunteer shifts and Sign-up Here: <https://bit.ly/shsoup2025>

If you have questions or would like more information e-mail:
volunteer@shelterhouseiowa.org



Crowded Closet
MCC THRIFT SHOP

Crowded Closet Thrift Shop

Individual and Group Volunteer Opportunities

Crowded Closet is ready to welcome new volunteers!

At the Closet you can find a variety of volunteer opportunities across our donation processing and retail teams. We can't wait to get connected with you!

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.

Find our volunteer application [HERE](#), or email us at crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com with any questions!



Ronald McDonald House

Prepare A Meal for Families

Bring your group to prepare a meal for families.

We need your help! Summer is the hardest time of year to find groups to make meals for families.

Returning from the hospital to a hot and fresh dinner is definitely the most appreciated amenity offered to guests of the Ronald McDonald House.

Meal groups determine the menu and provide groceries for their meal. All the necessary equipment needed to prepare your meal is available in the kitchen. Dinner is served daily at 5:30pm, and groups are welcome to come anytime starting at 2pm to prepare.

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](#)



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.

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 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



Meals on Wheels of Johnson County Flex Meal Delivery Drivers Needed

The Johnson County Meals on Wheels program is looking for additional Flex Drivers. Flex Drivers are substitute drivers who are available to fill in for last-minute volunteer cancellations to deliver meals.

Meal delivery takes place Monday-Friday with pick up time between 10:15am and 10:30am. Routes typically take between one to two hours. Meal pickup location is at the Meals on Wheels Coralville office, 2210 9th St. Coralville, IA 52241.

New volunteers will fill out a volunteer application for Johnson County on our [website](#) or with this direct link: <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/196250922> Once approved, volunteers can sign up for this position through the volunteer portal or through Cara directly. Flex volunteers are typically notified the day before the delivery shift.

For additional information or questions, please contact:
Cara Brady, Johnson County Volunteer Coordinator 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/volunteer-descriptions)

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



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 throughout October and November to help with the progress of two current builds in the Coralville/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:

Sammi deNeui, Volunteer Coordinator, sammi@iowavalleyhabitat.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/>



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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.)
- **Social Media Volunteer:** Use your creativity to support Neighborhood Centers by managing posts, capturing photos/videos, creating graphics, and helping keep us on schedule. Your work will boost our outreach and community engagement. (Hours are flexible based on volunteer availability.)
- **Sewing Class Assistant** – Assist with supporting participants during weekly sewing classes (Mondays 12:00-1:00) Iowa City Family Resource Center

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



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



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 Secrest 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 Secrest 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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