



Center for Service Opportunities Newsletter: Week of October 19th, 2015

“My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness”

- Dalai Lama

Random Acts of Kindness

Look for the origami with a paper attached and bring it to the Center for Service Opportunities in Calvin Ulrey to get a prize. Happy Random Acts of Kindness week!

The Service Cup!

The Service Cup is an exciting new hall-wide competition to see which hall is the best at serving our community. Look for the gold volunteer log cards to earn points for your building! Cards can be submitted to either the Center for Service Opportunities or to your RAs. There will be Bi-Weekly Bonus points given out depending on where your hall stands, so make sure you submit often! And the best part of this whole deal? If you're already volunteering, you're already racing! Most of you are already doing great work contributing to the community, and we want to recognize that. Look for The Service Cup Trophy

stamp on select volunteer opportunities to see which projects can earn you points. The winning hall will be announced during the May Day festivities in the spring semester. The Service Cup: how will you win the race?
On your mark, get set, go!

Community Dinner Tuesday Oct. 27

Come help us serve meals at the Zion Lutheran Church in North Manchester 4:15-6:30 p.m. Contact ovs@manchester.edu for more information or come into our office 1st floor Calvin Ulrey to sign up sign up.

Halloween Haunted Police/Fire Station!

If you are interested in helping with this event, please email ovs@manchester.edu to sign up. We will meet at the Center for Service Opportunities and then head over to the police station together to go through storage and pick out what we want to use in terms of costumes and decorations. The time and date is to be decided but email use and we will email you. Email ovs@manchester.edu with any questions. Actual Haunted House will be Oct. 31 but we will set up the 29th, 30th and 31st before the opening of the Haunted House.

Claypool Elementary Fall Family Fun Night!

Volunteers needed! Title I Literacy Night 5:30-6:30 p.m. Oct. 27! Teachers will be there at 5 p.m. and we will have 3 stations for activities. We would love to have volunteers! To sign up email Staci Smith ssmith@warsawschools.org and ovs@manchester.edu.

Support Pet Well-Being in Low-Income Neighborhoods

Volunteers needed for a few hours on the weekends to go door-to-door, talking with pet-owners and providing them all kinds of resources for their pets. If you'd like to volunteer, talk with Jessica: jessica@acspca.org or 260-744-0454 x201.

CLAYPOOL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Have a group that wants to volunteer? Volunteer for an hour for the afterschool program at Claypool Elementary. Program will begin in October. Contact Lucas Al-Zoughbi at laal-zoughbi2017@spartans.manchester.edu for more information or to sign-up.

Blessings in a Backpack!

Come help us out at Manchester Elementary pack bags for the students. Every Thursday, come sign up in Center for Service Opportunities in Calvin Ulrey 1st floor. We will begin at 5 p.m., we'll be back before 6. For more information contact us at ovs@manchester.edu

Death Row Support Project

Would you like to have a pen pal on death row? Contact Annika Harley at ATHarley2018@spartans.manchester.edu.

Volunteer at Peabody Retirement Center!

So much to volunteer for! Bingo, social hour, manicures, local shopping, euchre, and more! Come into the office and ask us about Peabody. Please contact ovs@manchester.edu for information and sign-ups for these events.

Skype Mentoring

Sign up to mentor kids in Kentucky over Skype! Contact ovs@manchester.edu.

Indiana Reading Corps!

Sign up to help a child love to read! Contact ovs@manchester.edu.

Veteran Day Cards!

Volunteer to help with Veteran Day cards. Contact ovs@manchester.edu

Watch for this Newsletter *every* Monday! We will be listing upcoming events and opportunities to get involved with in the local community. Please note that if *YOU* or *YOUR CLUB/ORGANIZATION* have any ideas about how you would like to serve and volunteer in the community let us know!

Fort Wayne Opportunities:

"Blessings in a Back Pack"

Location:

Fairfield Elementary School

2825 Fairfield Avenue

Fort Wayne, In 46807...

Times:

Thursdays 2 PM - 4 PM

Duties:

Once a week, pack plastic grocery bags with weekend food for students to take home. This requires light lifting. Boxes are unpacked and product is stacked on tables.

Contact:

Jennifer Hayes
Case Manager
Fairfield Elementary

Email: Jennifer.Hayes@fwcs.k12.in.us

Many kids need food on weekends too! Looking for an opportunity to do that is worthwhile and gives back to the community? You can choose to help just once, or whenever your schedule allows. This is a great opportunity to give back!

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer!

Volunteer at Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Fort Wayne and help raise funds for cancer research! October 17, 2015. For more information go this URL:

main.acsevents.org/site/TR/MakingStridesAgainstBreastCancer. If you plan to volunteer please let Cassidy Engle know FortWayneINStrides@cancer.org.

Volunteer at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo!

Volunteer for our Wild Zoo Halloween event! The ten dates for the 2015 event are: October 22-25 and 29-31. Guests can enter the Zoo from 12:00-5:00 PM daily, and are welcome to enjoy the Zoo until 6:00 PM. You can read more about this event on our web site at <http://kidszoo.org/programs-and-events/wild-zoo-halloween/>.

We staff in shifts for this event - either 11:30-3:15 PM or 2:45-6:15 PM (or all day if you're willing!). Timely arrival is crucial, as we meet together for assignments and instructions and then must get all 40 volunteers into position before the event starts. We ask volunteers to make sure to serve the entire shift - it takes a fully staffed crew to ensure the event runs smoothly for our guests. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old, and we encourage them to dress in family friendly costumes (merry not scary!), and no full face masks please! We typically staff 2 people per station. We have 10 treat stations, and several more interactive and game stations.

Most help needed during weekdays.

This is a rain or shine event, so volunteers should dress for the weather (including cold and rain)! Volunteers park in the gravel lot across the street from the Zoo, and enter through our service entrance at the corner of Franke Park Drive and Sherman Boulevard (by the 3-way stop signs). Veer to the right, go through the wooden gates and you'll come out inside the Zoo by Croaky the Frog and the lynx exhibit. The first ramp to your right, up the hill, leads to the Discovery Classroom where all volunteers will check in, receive their assigned positions, and instructions for the day.

If you would like to participate, please let me know names, numbers of volunteers and which dates and shift times you're available. Email or call Kathy Terlizzi at volunteer@kidszoo.org or 260-427-6828.

"Ride for Whiskers & Wags"

Benefiting Fort Wayne Pet Food Pantry

Date: Saturday October 31, 2015

Time: 10 am- 3:30 pm

Location: Lucky Harley Davidson, 6315 Illinois Rd.

Volunteers report to: Pam Tracy @ FW Pet Food Pantry tent outside Lucky Harley Davidson

Parking: Park in lot closest to highway

Volunteer duties: Help with bike registration, pet costume contest, staff silent auction tables/answer questions, assist & direct vendors

What to wear: Dress according to weather. Halloween costumes welcome!

To volunteer: Email fwpetfoodpantry@yahoo.com