



*Center for Service Opportunities Newsletter: Week of November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

**“What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good”**

– Aristotle

**If you need volunteer hours, look at the following opportunities.**

## **Blood Drive Nov. 18**

**Volunteer and/or donate at the blood drive Wednesday, Nov. 18. Email [ovs@manchester.edu](mailto:ovs@manchester.edu) for more information or sign up at tables in the JYSC!**

**Donate and save up to three lives!**

## **Opportunities to Get Involved in Huntington!**

### **Upcoming Build Days!**

Saturday, Nov. 21 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Come and go as your schedule allows! For more information email Luke McConnell at [LMcConnel@hachabitat.org](mailto:LMcConnel@hachabitat.org)

## **Community Dinner Tuesday, Nov. 24**

**Come help us serve meals at the Zion Lutheran Church in North Manchester 4:15-6:30 p.m. Contact [ovs@manchester.edu](mailto:ovs@manchester.edu) for more information or come to our office 1<sup>st</sup> floor Calvin Ulrey to sign up.**

## 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 with resources for their pets.

If you'd like to volunteer, talk with Jessica: [jessica@acspca.org](mailto: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. Programs will begin in the spring. Contact Lucas Al-Zoughbi at [laal-zoughbi2017@spartans.manchester.edu](mailto:laal-zoughbi2017@spartans.manchester.edu) for more information or to sign up.

## Blessings in a Backpack!

Come help pack bags at Manchester Elementary for the students. Every Thursday, sign up in Center for Service Opportunities in Calvin Ulrey 1<sup>st</sup> floor. We will begin at 5 p.m., we'll be back before 6. For more information contact us at [ovs@manchester.edu](mailto: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](mailto:ATHarley2018@spartans.manchester.edu)

### Volunteer at Peabody Retirement Center!

So much to volunteer for!

#### Calling Bingo

- Assisting with Bingo
- Running an exercise group
- Doing Crafts
- Singing
- Dancing
- Playing the piano or other musical instrument
- Reading a book, magazine, or newspaper to a resident
- Taking a resident for a walk
- One on One games
- Fun Trivia Games
- Transporting residents to and from chapel on Sunday afternoons (it's quite

a long walk)

Come into the office and ask us about Peabody.

Please contact [kari.wilkinson@peabodyrc.org](mailto:kari.wilkinson@peabodyrc.org) for information and sign-ups for these events.

**SEEKING:** Short-term volunteer to design Mail Chimp template for the Death Row Support Project. Text provided. Suggestions welcome, including use of photos. Project must be done before Thanksgiving. If interested, please send résumé and statement of interest to Rachel Gross, [drsp@brethren.org](mailto:drsp@brethren.org). This should take 1-2 hours.

## **Skype Mentoring**

**Sign up to mentor kids in Kentucky over Skype! Contact [ovs@manchester.edu](mailto:ovs@manchester.edu).**

## **Indiana Reading Corps!**

**Sign up to help a child love to read! Contact [ovs@manchester.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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!*

## **Volunteers Needed! AWS Fantasy of Lights @ Franke Park**

### **Bring a friend & enjoy the lights!**

**Location:** Franke Park

**Date:** Wednesday, Nov. 25 thru Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015

**Time:** Sundays-Thursdays (6-9 pm); Fridays & Saturdays (6-10 pm)

**Volunteers report to:** Natasha Kennedy

**Volunteer duties:** Greet cars, collect admission, and hand out brochures. A heated trailer will be available to warm up, and enjoy hot chocolate, coffee, tea and snacks.

**What to wear:** Winter coat and boots, hat and gloves.

**\*\*\*All volunteers will receive a free pass to enjoy the event**

**To volunteer:** Email Natasha Kennedy at

**[nkennedy@bluejacketinc.org](mailto:nkennedy@bluejacketinc.org)**

## **Volunteers Needed! Poverty Simulation Exercise for BRIGHTPOINT**

**Volunteers will represent and role play community resource roles (such as teacher, landlord, employer) in this poverty simulation exercise designed to raise awareness about the experience of poverty.**

**Frontier employees will visit the different stations as they "live" the life of a low income family trying to make ends meet.**

**Date:** Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015

**Time:** 12:45-4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Frontier Communications, 8001 W. Jefferson Blvd.

**To volunteer:** Contact Kristen Keohl at Brightpoint at

**[kristenkeohl@mybrightpoint.org](mailto:kristenkeohl@mybrightpoint.org) or call 260-399-4109**