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UNITED WAY OF JOHNSON & WASHINGTON COUNTIES
VOLUNTEER EXPRESS

August & September 2026



Rhythms at Riverfront Crossings

August 8th & August 22nd

1001 S. Clinton St., Iowa City, IA 52240

Times: 5:00 pm-6:15pm (setup); 9:15pm-10:15pm (tear down)

This event brings some of the area's larger, well-known acts to Iowa City's newest park. There will also be children's activities and a beverage garden provided by Big Grove Brewery.

How to sign up: <https://summerofthearts.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/>

- New volunteers need to fill out an application and then sign up for shifts.
- Returning volunteers can check/update their profile and sign up for shifts.

Contact: Andrea Truitt, andrea@summerofthearts.org



Back to School Supply Distribution

August 14 Noon-7:00pm August 15 10:00am-3:00pm

Johnson County Fairgrounds Building C

United Way of Johnson & Washington Counties, The Salvation Army, Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County, and Open Heartland have teamed up to provide local families with school supplies.

Over 150 volunteers will be needed to assist with distributing school supplies. Click here to volunteer: https://volunteer.unitedwayjwc.org/need/index?s=1&need_init_id=16136
Donations are also needed to meet the local need.

Click here to learn more about the event and how you can help meet the school supply need: <https://www.unitedwayjwc.org/backtoschool>



NEIGHBORHOOD
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Neighborhood Centers - End of Summer Jam August 22nd

Neighborhood Centers is currently recruiting volunteers for their End of the Summer Jam. There will be FREE food, haircuts, family-friendly activities, community partners, and more!

If you are interested in signing up for this event, you can sign up below:

Set-Up Crew: <https://volunteer.bloomerang.co/volunteer/#/join-party?k=20gtucd6didsim>

Event Crew – Shift 1: https://events.civicchamps.com/organizations/3147/event_links/vcma_MYdtjJGoWoTMYMHX

Event Crew – Shift 2: https://events.civicchamps.com/organizations/3147/event_links/vcma_MYdtjJGoWoTMYMHX

Contact: Chastity Dillard - Chastity-Dillard@ncjc.org



FRYfest 2026

September 4th – A Celebration of Everything Hawkeye

Volunteer for this great event!!

A variety of volunteer times and activities are available. Volunteering for community events helps keep these events free and accessible to all community members.

Use this link for Volunteer Sign-up and more Information:

<https://fryfest.com/volunteer/>



TRAIL of Johnson County

Friday, September 11th 1:00-3:00pm

On September 11, TRAIL will honor the National Day of Service and Remembrance by helping older adults throughout Johnson County. Volunteers will complete yard and garden projects for TRAIL members who need an extra hand. Projects may include weeding, trimming shrubs, spreading mulch, and raking.

No gardening experience is required—just a willingness to help. Everyone is encouraged to participate. In just two hours, volunteers can make a meaningful difference by improving the safety and appearance of a home while reminding TRAIL members that someone cares.

To sign up use this link below:

https://volunteer.unitedwayjwc.org/need/detail/?need_id=1293898



BBQ Bash Fundraiser – Shelter House **Friday, September 25th 5:00-7:00pm** **Johnson County Fairgrounds**

Shelter House annual BBQ Bash fundraiser will take place on Friday, September 25 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. In order to make this event a success, they will need help from some dedicated volunteers on both September 24 and 25. Volunteer duties include helping with set-up, tear-down, serving food and drinks, and more. The link below has more information for this event.

Sign Up for BBQ Bash Here: <https://bit.ly/shbbqbash26>

Contact: brett.mccartt@shelterhouseiowa.org



Free Lunch Program – Treasurer Opening

The Free Lunch Program is seeking a Treasurer to join its Board of Directors. The Treasurer serves as the board's lead financial overseer, reviewing financial reports, assisting with budget development, overseeing tax filings and accounting processes, and helping manage the organization's financial accounts and expenditures.

The Treasurer is a voting board member and part of the Executive Committee. Board members are expected to attend quarterly meetings, serve on a committee, and make an annual contribution according to their means.

For more information, contact: Laura Hunter at icfreelunch@gmail.com or 319-337-6283.



Ecumenical Towers **Bingo Caller Volunteers** **320 E Washington St. Iowa City**

Ecumenical Towers is looking for volunteers to help call Bingo numbers for their monthly Bingo activity for their residents. It would be once a month for an hour. The date and time of day can be flexible.

If you are intereted, contact: Stacey Clennon at 319-887-2796



CORALVILLE
COMMUNITY
FOOD PANTRY

Coralville Community Food Pantry Individual Volunteer Opportunity 804 13th Avenue Coralville, IA

The Coralville Community Food Pantry is seeking volunteers to support their Summer Lunch Program. This program helps provide meals to children and families in the community during the summer months.

Individuals interested in volunteering are asked to complete a volunteer application. Once submitted and approved, volunteers will receive access to sign up for Summer Lunch shifts.

Fill out an application here: <https://sites.google.com/coralvillefoodpantry.org/ccfpvolunteerheadquarters/new-volunteer-application?authuser=0>

Contact: Shané Ahmedoska (shane@coralvillefoodpantry.org)



The Salvation Army Food Shelf & Dinner Service Volunteers 1116 Gilbert Ct. Iowa City, IA 52240

Food Shelf Volunteers:

- Help clients shop the food pantry
- Organize food items
- Track household sizes
- Manage capacity and entry flow

Days/Times: Mondays and Wednesdays 12:45-2:15pm

Dinner Service Volunteers:

- Assist with meal prep and serving
- Prepare to-go meals
- Support kitchen and dining room operations
- Handle light cleaning tasks.

Days/Times: Monday-Friday 4:30-6:30pm

If you are interested in one or both of these opportunities, contact Grace Broderick at Grace.Broderick@usc.salvationarmy.org



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.

Volunteer at this link: https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/JD4kCqs5rxa_wG5C50Z94Q

Contact: amandag@dvipiowa.org



Fields of Faith

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Fields of Faith

Individual Volunteer Opportunity

As Fields of Faith heads into the growing season, extra help is needed during the weeks to support weekly garden operations, including harvesting, pruning, weeding, and general upkeep.

Volunteers are invited to join the "Weed Warriors," a flexible opportunity to help whenever your schedule allows. No experience is necessary.

Volunteers can sign up to receive a short weekly email with available opportunities to choose when to participate. You can sign up at this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfB6NPoL7oQIOQw6xS8t4gA0KizXtFBiXLeGO7A0R-wy2wHMA/viewform?pli=1>

Contact: Jeff Disterhoft (info@fofiowa.org)



Johnson County Historic Poor Farm - Grow Johnson County

Volunteer Opportunities

Multiple shifts and time available

The Johnson County Historic Poor Farm needs help this summer for a variety of outdoor volunteer projects that support local agriculture and site improvements. Opportunities are available for individuals or groups.

Parking Lot Post Setting

- Help install approximately 60 fence posts for a new parking area. Volunteers will set, level, and tamp posts into pre-dug holes
- Dates: Flexible, June-early July
- Physical requirement: Lifting up to 25 lbs, squatting, and kneeling
- Time commitment: Half day

Weed Suppression & Field Maintenance

- Help maintain the farm by mowing, mulching, and trimming around fields
- Dates: Flexible; some evening opportunities available
- Physical requirements: Carrying up to 25 lbs, squatting, and kneeling
- Time commitment: Flexible

Contact: Emmaly Renshaw emmaly@ivr.cd.org if you are interested



DVIP/RVAP Summer Community Events

Multiple Dates & Times

Various Locations Across Southern Counties

Each summer, DVIP/RVAP attends around 200 community events across their service area to share resources & connect with community members. They want people to see familiar faces at their tables and know their neighbors are there to help.

If you are able to help your neighbors by tabling with DVIP/RVAP, please reserve a spot at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AEAD2FABFECE9-63292367-dviprvap#/>. Prior to tabling at an event, they will provide a brief tabling training to let you know what to expect.

Contact: amandag@dvipiowa.org and 319.325.9223.



HACAP Food Reservoir Mobile Food Pantry

Volunteers at the mobile food pantry play a crucial role in supporting community members by distributing nutritious food to those in need. In this hands-on position, volunteers assist with organizing and loading food items into vehicles as clients drive through the pantry, ensuring a smooth and efficient process.

Location & Dates:

- Brighton The Gym Main & Mechanic St., Washington, IA – July 2 10:00 AM-11:30AM
- Riverside Hill Park, 140 Ella St. Washgton, IA – July 7 10:30AM-12PM

To Sign-Up contact: Chris Ackman, Communications & Volunteer Manager, (319) 739-1505, cackman@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. Interpreters are also needed.

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

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



Houses into Homes Individual Volunteer Opportunities

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:

<https://www.housesintohomes.org/volunteer>



Crowded Closet
MCC THRIFT SHOP

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 tasks.

To sign up for this use the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054DABA722A0FA7-57892128-work#/>

For more information email: crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com



Iowa Valley
Habitat
for Humanity

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

Iowa City ReStore is looking for additional ReStore volunteers 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: https://build.iowavalleyhabitat.org/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: <https://rmhc-eiwi.org/volunteer-application/>



Shelter House - Individual Volunteer Opportunities

Shifts are flexible to volunteer schedules

Volunteers are needed to help with the following:

- Receiving and sorting community donations
- Fulfilling client donation requests and assisting the front desk as needed
- Assisting in the Resource Center to help clients use computers to apply for jobs, create resumes, apply for housing, etc.

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

Contact: brett.mccartt@shelterhouseiowa.org



Agape Café

Meal Prep Tuesday Afternoons 12:45pm-3:00pm

Breakfast Service Wednesday Mornings 7:00am-11:00am

26 East Market Street at Old Brick Church, Iowa City

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

Volunteers are needed to assist with Tuesday afternoon meal preparation and dining room set-up, as well as Wednesday morning breakfast service. Volunteer opportunities include food preparation, serving guests, dishwashing, food service assistance, and clean-up/breakdown activities.

Flexibility with volunteer hours is available. Signup [Here](#)

Contact: Jenny Britton - 319-400-4879 or agapebreakfast@gmail.com



Crowded Closet Thrift Shop Weekly Scheduled Volunteers

Be part of the award-winning retail team at Crowded Closet Thrift Shop where they provide excellent customer service to their guests. Retail service is a fun way to serve! They have several exciting retail positions awaiting new volunteers. This is a great opportunity for individuals to gain skills, build their resumes, engage with their community, stay active, and to make a difference locally and globally! If you are interested in learning more complete the online application at this link:

<https://www.crowdedcloset.org/volunteer.html>

Crowded Closet is also looking for volunteers to help after hours during a 'Work Night'. Volunteers will help with clothing processing, tagging, and other tasks. To sign up for this event use the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054DABA722A0FA7-57892128-work#/>

Contact: crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com



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/>

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



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



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: https://rmhc-eiwi.org/volunteer-meal-opportunities/index.php?signup_id=6165



UnityPoint Health
AbbeHealth Services

Aging Services, Inc. - Pathways Adult Day Health Center Individual Volunteer Opportunity

Pathways is looking for a volunteer dishwasher for a short-term opportunity starting around June 15th until the end of the summer. The position would preferably be from 12-1:30pm and could be either a daily volunteer or just as they are available M-F.

Contact: Jocelynn Taylor - joecelynn.taylor@unitypoint.org



NEIGHBORHOOD
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Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County Onsite Volunteer Opportunities

- **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! 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 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 or Bella-Arredondo@ncjc.org



**4C's of Johnson County
Individual Volunteer Opportunity
1500 Sycamore St, Iowa City, IA 52240
Shifts available M-F 9am-4:30pm**

4C's is looking for volunteers to help remove old office furniture, scan items into folders, and separate documents into shred/no shred sections.

To sign up:

Call 319-338-7684 or email Terrie at terrie@iowa4cs.com



**Meals on Wheels of Johnson County
Meal Delivery Drivers Needed**

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 places Monday-Friday with pick up around 10:30am. There are typically 4 routes that are open daily. Meal pickup is at Meals on Wheels Coralville office, 2210 9th St. Coralville, IA 52241. Volunteers will need to complete a short application, background check, and a couple of short videos to watch before starting routes.

To volunteer, call Cara Brady, Volunteer Coordinator for Meals on Wheels at 319-375-3160. Or you can signup online at horizonsfamily.org



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

Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity is looking for additional construction volunteers to help with two current home builds on the North side of Iowa City.

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 using the following link: https://build.iowavalleyhabitat.org/volunteer_calendar

For questions or more information please contact: Sammi DeNeui, Volunteer Coordinator, sammi@iowavalleyhabitat.org



Community Crisis Services and Food Bank Individual Volunteer Opportunities

CommUnity is in need of volunteers for delivery services, pantry preparation, and mobile food preparation

Grocery Delivery:

- Monday-Friday 1:00-3:00pm
- Pick up prepared deliveries at CommUnity and deliver food to local households using your personal vehicle

Staple Bag & Delivery Preparation:

- Monday-Friday, 11:00am-2:00pm
- Help prepared grocery deliveries and staple bags for distribution

Mobile Pantry Helper:

- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
- Most shifts are 4:00pm-5:30pm (varies by location)
- Assist with food distribution at mobile pantry sites throughout Iowa City

Sign Up with the following link: <https://volunteer.bloomerang.co/volunteer/#/join-party?k=20gtucd6didsim>

Contacts:

Krystal Kabela, Volunteer Coordinator: krystal.kabela@builtbycommunity.org

Mobile Pantry Staff: mobile.pantry@builtbycommunity.org



UNITED WAY
Johnson and
Washington Counties

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

Wendy Nolan
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