

# Retired and Senior Volunteer Program--RSVP



## Volunteer Opportunities Fall, 2016

If you are age 55 or over, call Essie Reilly, at **812-206-1807**, to become an RSVP volunteer. We have these and many additional opportunities for volunteers in the community.

The **Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)** has a Rural Assistance Transit Program (RTAP), which is responsible for surveying folks to make sure they have accurate information about our transit needs. They have placed surveys, which only take about 5 minutes to complete, in many libraries, but very few people are filling them out. Currently, we need some volunteers in both Harrison and Scott Counties to **draw attention to the surveys and encourage folks to fill them out**. If you would be willing to spend a few hours between now and the end of the year helping INDOT gather the information it needs to make good choices with our transit dollars, please give us a call.

"Angela" moved a year and a half ago and, because of mild memory issues, has lived in a facility ever since. Having lived near Pittsburgh her entire life, she knows no one here except her one remaining child, who visits 4 times each week. Angela is quiet and sweet but doesn't make friends easily and seems content to spend most of her time in her room. Her daughter is worried about the impact of that and has asked if there might be a volunteer who would **visit Angela occasionally, perhaps weekly, at the Clarksville facility, so she would have at least one other person to talk to**.

It's hard to believe but it's almost Santa Letter time. RSVP needs volunteers to **deliver applications to area businesses**, a process that only lasts for one month, Nov. 1—Dec. 3, when you pick up the leftover forms and holders.

We also need volunteers to **compose the letters, which need to be around 250 words long**. We'll merge the personalized data from the application forms into the letters. We need 4 different letters so that each child in a family will receive a different letter.

The **Habitat ResaleStore** in Corydon has several open positions. They need a **Handy Person** to make minor repairs to cabinets, drawers, chairs, etc. and to clean and polish the furniture for the sales floor. They need folks to **help customers find merchandise and generally keep the merchandise straight and the aisles clear**. These volunteers will communicate customer's needs to

employees and will be able to tell shoppers about Habitat's mission. They will NOT use the cash register and no lifting is required. And they need volunteers to **ride along to help pick up donations** on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Lifting is required. They are also looking for a Volunteer Coordinator to **interview and schedule volunteers** to work in the store.

Junior Achievement needs volunteers to use prepared lessons to **teach financial skills to students during school hours**. There are lessons for elementary, middle and high school students. Volunteers are needed in Clark, Floyd and Harrison counties so it's likely that you could lead a 5 week session in a school near your home. Sessions last 30—45 minutes. Training is provided.

There is a need for an artist to **paint a musical wall mural** at an agency in Jeffersonville. They also need someone to **tune an older piano**.

Harrison County has been the hub of our Bicentennial Celebration. Two of their historical properties, one of which is housing the Bicentennial Quilt, are looking for **volunteer docents** to help keep the properties open to the public. Daytime hours only. Training is provided.

Our hospice organizations need volunteers to **visit with patients**, possibly reading aloud, writing letters, playing games, etc. They also need volunteers to make **weekly phone calls** to check up on the patients' needs for supplies for the weekend.

An animal shelter needs volunteers to provide cat **care** at the New Albany Feeder's Supply stores, **cleaning the habitat and feeding the cats**. Care is needed twice each day. It is hoped that a volunteer would take care of one day per week. They also need someone to go to the shelter once or twice per month to **prepare kits** for adopting families. Materials are provided.

We received the following list of volunteer needs from our long-term care facilities: **play cards, do arts and crafts, go along on outings, play music, sing, bring pets, lead a cooking class, spruce the gardens and do friendly visits**. Schedules are very flexible.



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