SPRING INTO ACTION
Community Involvement Opportunities 2010
GIVE.
Take action and make some of these wishes come true! Here are the wish lists of some of the agencies who meet the needs of people here in Champaign County.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS**
*Helping people prevent, prepare and respond to disasters along with training people in health and safety programs including CPR and babysitting.*
Drop off location: 404 Ginger Bend Drive, Champaign
1. Copy paper
2. Stamps
3. Plain t-shirts—red, white or black

**ANABEL HULING EARLY LEARNING**
The major purposes of Anabel Huling Early Learning Center are to provide a warm and loving environment in which children will be given quality care and attention, to provide a staff of caring professionals who understand children’s needs while recognizing individuals are different, and to encourage each child to grow to their potential through appropriate learning process.
Drop off location: 106 N. Chanute Street, Rantoul, IL
1. All sorts of new books for ages 2-12!

**A WOMAN’S FUND, INC.**
The mission of AWF is to end violence against women and children, and until that time provide them with a safe place to be.
Drop off location: 1304 E. Main, Urbana. Items may be dropped off Monday-Friday 9-4.
1. Children’s over-the-counter medications such as fever-reducers, cold medicine, etc.
2. Cleaning supplies including 50 gallon trash bags
3. New or gently used twin sheet sets and towels

**CENTER FOR WOMEN IN TRANSITION**
Providing supportive service for women and children experiencing homelessness for any reason so that they can have a self-sufficient, stable lifestyle.
Drop off location: Forbes House, Main Office. 508 East Church Street, Champaign
1. Kids’ snacks
2. Laundry detergent
3. Baby supplies

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY YMCA**
*Building strong kids, strong families, strong communities.*
Drop off location: 707 N. Country Fair Drive, Champaign
1. Arts and crafts supplies for summer camp

**COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER OF NORTHERN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**
*Providing information, referral and advocacy services, emergency food pantry, case management, and transportation.*
Drop off location: 520 E. Wabash Avenue, Suite 1, Rantoul, IL
1. After school youth program would love some outdoor carnival style games, such as ring toss, Bozo’s buckets, etc.
2. Nonperishable food, such as rice, pasta, canned meats, PB & J, baking mixes, soups, crackers, sugar, flour, etc.
3. Household cleaning products
4. Personal hygiene items, such as shampoo, lotion, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste & toothbrushes
5. Toilet paper & facial tissues
6. Diapers & baby formula
7. Laundry & dish detergent

**CRISIS NURSERY**
Crisis Nursery is committed to creating an "Island of Safety" dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect through the provision of emergency intervention, respite care and support to families in crisis.
Drop off location: 1309 W. Hill, Urbana
1. Diapers size 5 & 6
2. Summer cotton PJ’s, size 2T-6T
3. Outside summer toys
4. Kid friendly snacks
5. Formula- Enfamil
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RANTOUL CLOTHING CENTER
The mission of the Church Women United Clothing Center is to provide serviceable used clothing and bedding and new shoes, socks and underwear to qualifying clients, regardless of religious denomination.
Drop off location: Bethany Park Christian Church, 1401 E. Grove, Rantoul, IL
Please drop off items prior to May 26 as the Center will be closed May 26-August 14.
1. School supplies
2. Gently used clean clothing (working zippers) in all sizes especially school age children and 2x-5x adult clothing for men and women

SALT & LIGHT
Salt & Light meets physical needs, educates clients to help them meet their own needs, and attempts to meet their most basic spiritual needs.
Drop off location: 1415 Anthony Drive, Champaign
For larger items, please call for more information. (217) 355-5654
1. Air conditioning for warehouse
2. Indoor fork lift
3. Heavy duty grocery bags
4. New mailbox
5. Coloring books/sheets

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SMILEHEALTHY
SmileHealthy is dedicated to working with the community to meet the oral health needs of underserved children and families by focusing on preventive care, treatment and education to provide a lifetime of excellent oral health.
Supplies can be dropped off at 44 Main Street, Suite 205, Champaign from 9-5 or call 359-7404 to have someone come pick them up.
1. Packages of sugarless chewing gum and sugar free candy
2. Clorox wipes
3. Alcohol based gel hand sanitizer
4. Re-sealable quart or sandwich sized bags
5. New soft toothbrushes--toddler, youth or adult

TIMES CENTER
A Transitional Living program serving homeless men in Champaign County. The program also supports a community soup kitchen serving three meals daily, seven days a week.
Drop off location: 70 E. Washington St., downtown Champaign, daily 8 AM—8 PM
1. Wallets
2. Deodorant
3. Disposable razors
4. Laundry soap
5. New underwear (all sizes / styles)
ADVOCATE.
Speak out and lead on behalf of those in need. Here are the leadership needs for agencies that help people here in Champaign County.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois**
Contact: Eric Batsie at 217-355-2227 or eric.batsie@bbbs.org
*Helping our community’s most vulnerable children through the power of a relationship with a Big Brother or Big Sister, giving kids the support and care they need to make good choices.*
Big Brothers Big Sisters is actively expanding and recruiting members for the board of directors along with committees and working groups for special events.

**Smile Healthy**
*SmileHealthy is dedicated to working with the community to meet the oral health needs of underserved children and families by focusing on preventive care, treatment and education to provide a lifetime of excellent oral health.*
Contact Nancy at 359-7404 or ngreenwalt@smilehealthy.org
Assist SmileHealthy in accomplishing its mission by providing services as a development consultant.

**Times Center**
*A transitional living program serving homeless men in Champaign County. The program also supports a community soup kitchen serving three meals daily, seven days a week.*
Contact: Jason Greenly
Phone: 217.398.7786
Email: jgreenly@mhcenter.org
Join the Advisory Board. It meets once a month and the primary goal is fundraising.
Follow your heart to make a difference through volunteering. Here are the volunteer opportunities at agencies who help people here in Champaign County.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS**
*Helping people prevent, prepare and respond to disasters along with training people in health and safety programs including CPR and babysitting.*
Contact Darla Divan at (217) 351-5861 or ddivan@redcrossillinois.org.

1. Disaster Action Team volunteers help with local disasters on a 24 hour basis. Training is required and these are long term opportunities.
2. Youth Education volunteers teach preparedness in local area classrooms. Information and training is provided.

**A WOMAN’S FUND, INC.**
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Please contact Jenny Allen at allenj@awomansfund.org or call her at 217.384.4390

1. Direct service providers for women and children. This requires 40 hours of training that will be provided to the volunteer.
2. Share expertise and talents with residents in a supervised workshop. Examples include: resume writing, reading bus schedules, crafts, etc.
3. Non-direct volunteer support opportunities include yard work, shelter improvements, organizing donations, reception coverage.

**CENTER FOR WOMEN IN TRANSITION**
*Providing supportive service for women and children experiencing homelessness for any reason so that they can have a self-sufficient, stable lifestyle.*
Contact Katherine Murray at 217.819.4612 or kmurray@cwt-cu.org.

1. Supervise and play with kids during the Center’s children’s program. Volunteers are especially needed for groups on Monday and Tuesday mornings.
2. Help sort and organize donations at the Transitions resale shop. Volunteers must be 18 to volunteer.
3. Get a group together to clean, sort and reorganize the basement of Forbes House. Please be prepared to provide shelving, paint and other supplies needed to complete the project.

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CASA**
*CASA represents the legal interests and rights of children who have been abused and/or neglected.*
Contact: Rush Record record@chocasa.org or call (217) 384-9065

1. Volunteers help by providing an extra set of eyes and ears for the court and child welfare agencies. CASA volunteers are actively involved in their assigned cases, adopting roles that include not only advocacy, but also frequent contact with the children and caregivers, and coordination and involvement with involved parties. Volunteers must complete 30 hours of training and 10 hours of observation. The next training is scheduled to begin June 7, 2010.
2. Volunteers are also need to answer phones. Front office volunteers are asked to sign a confidentiality agreement. Extensive training is not required.
3. Painters with expertise are needed to give CASA offices a fresh coat of paint.

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE CENTER**
*Helping the uninsured in Champaign County with free clinic services at 507 S. Second, Suite 2E, Champaign.*
Contact Information: Call Sheri Williamson at 217-398-2914 or by email at volunteer.ccchc@gmail.com. Volunteers are needed to serve at least one night a month. The following medical professionals are especially needed to volunteer their time:

1. Providers - Medical doctors, nurse practitioners, physician’s assistants, and residents
2. Triage - CNAs, EMTs, RNs, LPNs
3. Discharge – RNs
4. Social Work – Social Workers
5. Pharmacy – Pharmacists, Pharmacy Technician

For those interested in sharing their time, the hours of operation are: Psychiatry Clinic on the 2nd Monday evening of each month from 7:00-9:00pm and Main Clinic each Tuesday evening and the first Wednesday evening of each month from 6:00-8:30pm.
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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY YMCA
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Contact: Donna Wright at 217.239.2815
1. Front desk volunteers to work at the Church Street location. Scan cards, hand out towels and generally welcome members. Early morning shifts from 7-11 AM and evening shifts from 5-7 PM.
2. Help with Summer Camp drop off and pick up times from 7-9 AM and 4-6 PM.
3. Camp volunteers including those with expertise in science, handyman skills, etc.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER OF NORTHERN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
*Providing information, referral and advocacy services, emergency food pantry, case management, and transportation.*
Contact Karen or Wendy at 893-1530.
Volunteers are needed to help with youth activities in this Rantoul program. Hours are 4-6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays until school is out. Help with homework and playing games. During the summer, the hours will change to 1-3:30 p.m. but the days will remain the same.

CRISIS NURSERY
*Crisis Nursery is committed to creating an "Island of Safety" dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect through the provision of emergency intervention, respite care and support to families in crisis.*
Contact Information: volunteer@crisisnursery.net or call Kim at 217.337.2731.
Crisis Care volunteers are essential in helping carry out the mission of preventing the cycle of abuse and neglect. If you are able to commit two hours a week interacting with children who are in crisis, please call today. Crisis Nursery is desperately seeking summer volunteers.

EASTERN ILLINOIS FOODBANK
Contact Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@eifoodbank.org or call 328-3663.
1. Farmer's Market volunteers are needed to help with setup, tear down, answering questions about the Foodbank, and pick up produce from farmers at the end of the Market day. Currently, Volunteers are needed for the following dates:
   - June: 5, 12, 19, 26
   - July: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
   - August: 7, 14, 21, 28
   - September: 4, 11, 18, 25
2. Help with the Foodmobile (mobile food pantry) on Saturday, May 15, 8am to 2pm at the Full Gospel Christian Fellowship, 619 S Railroad St, Paxton, IL 60957.
3. Volunteers will be needed to repackage food on Thursday, April 29 and Thursday, May 6. All re-packs are held at the Eastern Illinois Foodbank from 5:30 – 7:30pm.

SALT & LIGHT
*Salt & Light meets physical needs, educates clients to help them meet their own needs, and attempts to meet their most basic spiritual needs.*
Contact: Thad Sweet at volunteer@saltandlightministry.org or call Thad or Melany at 217-355-5654
For more information, see: [http://www.saltandlightministry.org/volunteer.html](http://www.saltandlightministry.org/volunteer.html)
1. Long term volunteer with accounting experience to help with new software and data entry.
2. Volunteers to provide childcare during the Wednesday worship service from 11 AM—1 PM.
3. Help with Spanish translation during the Wednesday worship service at noon.
4. If you have expertise with eBay, volunteer to sell donated items online to raise funds for Salt & Light.
5. Volunteers for administrative assistance each weekday.
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SmileHealthy is looking for people to help with filing and data entry during a weekly two hour shift at our administrative office in downtown Champaign. SmileHealthy is collecting names of those interested in being contacted to help with special events like mobile clinics and health fairs.

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Contact: Jason Greenly
Phone: 217.398.7786
Email: jgreenly@mhcenter.org
Help prepare and serve meals for this Champaign soup kitchen. Please call Jason to schedule an orientation.

**UNITED WAY OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**
Providing leadership in the mobilization of resources to meet human care needs in Champaign County.
Contact: Lynn Peisker
Phone: 217.352.5151
Email: lynn@uwayhelps.org
Here’s your chance to play the victim! You can help Champaign County first responders in their training for a mass casualty event from assessment through hospital treatment by volunteering to play the role of a victim. Twenty-five volunteers, age 18 and older, are needed from 8 AM – 1 PM on Tuesday, May 25, 2010. Volunteers should report to the University of Illinois Willard Airport fire station (located at the old terminal). Volunteers will be evaluated by emergency personnel and transported by bus to area hospitals in this simulation. No actual injuries or treatment will occur – this is a practice event! Morning refreshments and lunch will be served.
GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.

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