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March & April 2025



**Shelter House – Annual Book Sale
Event and Post Event Volunteers Needed
March 8th through March 13th
860 Quarry Road, Coralville**

The Shelter House Annual Book Sale will be held on March 8th and March 9th.

Volunteers will be needed to assist on the sales floor during the event as well as clean up in the days after the event.

Learn More and Sign-up to volunteer at this link: <https://bit.ly/booksale2025>
Contact: brett.mccartt@shelterhouseiowa.org



NEIGHBORHOOD
CENTERS

**Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County
2nd Annual Spring Gala – April 12th (set up April 11th)
Unitarian Universalist Society 2355 Oakdale Rd, Coralville**

Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up, parking, av & streaming, welcome/registration, food/beverages, other event activities and clean-up after the event.

Volunteer information and sign-up:
[NCJC Volunteers 2023/24: 2025 Annual Spring Gala](#)

For more information contact: Bella Arredondo 319 354 2886 ext 104
Bella-Arredondo@ncjc.org



Kirkwood Workplace Learning Connection 18th Annual 8th Grade Student Financial Literacy Fair Volunteers needed to assist in Johnson & Washington Counties Various Dates in April

Workplace Learning Connection is again partnering with middle schools for this interactive budgeting experience. In the classroom students learn about career paths, budgeting basics, and financial well-being. Based on their interests they select a career, determine their monthly income and develop a virtual budget.

The Fair brings together important financial concepts and provides an impactful budgeting practice based on each students' financial choices.

You are invited to talk with 12-14 year old students for 3 hours. A brief training is provided. Previous experience and budgeting expertise are not required. Your volunteer time is key to making this a powerful learning experience.

Use this link for information and to register to volunteer:

[**Financial Literacy Fair Sign-Up Link**](#)



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a national IRS sponsored program that provides free tax preparation of federal and state tax returns for households with income less than \$64,000.

Volunteers are critical to the success of the VITA program. VITA volunteers help complete and file tax returns for those who have a limited income. On average, it costs a taxpayer nearly \$300 to have taxes done. This money can instead be used for basic needs such as groceries and rent.

Volunteer opportunities include Greeters and Tax Preparers and shifts are flexible January through mid-April. No tax experience is required. Online training sessions are provided and required.

For more information or to register to volunteer, access this link:

[Become a VITA Volunteer! | Johnson County \(johnsoncountyiowa.gov\)](http://johnsoncountyiowa.gov)



**Agape Café Annual Fundraiser
Saturday, March 29
26 East Market Street at Old Brick Church, Iowa City**

10 volunteers are needed to help with clean-up after the annual fundraiser. Volunteers are needed from 11:00am -1:00pm.

To learn more or to volunteer contact Angel Wilford at
agapebreakfast@gmail.com 319-471-3994.



UnityPoint Health
AbbeHealth Services

Aging Services, Inc. - Pathways Adult Day Health Center Day Program for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities Volunteers Needed - Variety of Activities Available

Pathways can create a custom volunteer experience for individuals or groups and offer one-time or short-term volunteer options. Volunteers can assist with anything from 1:1 time with participants (playing a game, talking, or assisting them during a big group program), helping out with main group activities during crafts or games, coming to help with a holiday party, or administrative tasks such as filing or mailing letters.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can make a difference at Pathways in Iowa City, reach out to Hannah Lenth by e-mail or phone:

Hannah.lenth@unitypoint.org 319-339-6162



Agape Café

**Breakfast Clean-up Wednesday Mornings 9:00am-11:00am
26 East Market Street at Old Brick Church, Iowa City**

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

Volunteers are needed to assist with breakfast clean up. Volunteer activities include washing dishes, putting away supplies, tables and chairs, etc. Flexibility with volunteer hours is available. Come early and enjoy a great breakfast.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, contact Jenny Britton at: 319-400-4879 or agapebreakfast@gmail.com



Crowded Closet
MCC THRIFT SHOP

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**Open Individual and Group Volunteer Times on
Fridays**

Warm up at Crowded Closet Thrift Shop on Fridays this winter! First time or returning volunteers welcome any Friday, 9-12 or 1-4pm.

Volunteer roles at the shop are easy to learn and fun to do. Groups welcome! Sign up by emailing the Office of Community Engagement:

crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com or call 319-337-5924 ext 12.



Houses into Homes

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!!

Delivery and Warehouse Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for furniture deliveries on Sunday, March 9, Saturday, March 29, Sunday April 12, Sunday April 27:

[Click here to sign-up](#)

Volunteers are needed to assist in the warehouse: [Click here to sign-up](#).

[Click here to view all Houses into Homes volunteer opportunities.](#)



Meals on Wheels of Johnson County Flex Meal Delivery Drivers Needed

The Johnson County Meals on Wheels program is looking for additional Flex Drivers. Flex Drivers are substitute drivers who are available to fill in for last minute volunteer cancellations to deliver meals.

Meal delivery takes place Monday-Friday with pick up time between 10:15am and 10:30am. Routes typically take between one to two hours. Meal pickup location is at the Meals on Wheels Coralville office, 2210 9th St. Coralville, IA 52241.

New volunteers will fill out a volunteer application for Johnson County on our [website](#) or with this direct link: <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/196250922> Once approved, volunteers can sign up for this position through the volunteer portal or through Stephanie directly. Flex volunteers are typically notified the day before the delivery shift.

For additional information or questions, please contact:
Cara Brady , Johnson County Volunteer Coordinator 319-375-3160



Shelter House - Individual Volunteer Opportunities

Shifts are flexible to volunteer schedules

Volunteers are needed to help with the following:

- Sorting donations
- Fulfilling client donation requests
- Assisting in the Job Lab to help clients use computers to apply for jobs, create resumes, and apply for housing.

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

Contact: brett.mccartt@shelterhouseiowa.org



Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity

Construction Volunteers Needed – Iowa City Locations

Volunteer shifts available Thursday-Saturday every week

8:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-5:00pm

Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity is looking for additional construction volunteers throughout March and April to help with the progress of **two** current builds in the Iowa City area.

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 here: [Volunteer Calendar](#)

For questions or more information please contact:

Sammi deNeui, Volunteer Coordinator, sammi@iowavalleyhabitat.org



Ronald McDonald House Meal Groups Urgently Needed Monday through Sunday

There is currently an urgent need for volunteer groups to help prepare meals for families returning from the hospital. This is a great opportunity for groups of up to 8 volunteers to make a meaningful impact.

Meal groups will choose the meal, bring the groceries, and use the fully equipped commercial kitchen to prepare the meal. Dinner is served at 5:30 PM, and typically 60 guests are served each night.

This opportunity is available Monday–Sunday, and community support is especially needed at this time. Interested groups can learn more about the opportunity and sign up by utilizing the link below:

[Meal Opportunities Signup form](#)



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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 here:

<https://rmhc-eiwi.org/volunteer-application/>



HACAP Food Pantry – Washington, Iowa
2176 Lexington Blvd

Volunteers are needed to assist in the HACAP Food Pantry in Washington.

- Sort and organize food donations during the week
- Assist with grocery store pick-ups of donated food
- Ensure food is distributed quickly and safely to those in need
- Volunteer shifts are flexible and can be tailored to volunteer availability

For more information or to volunteer contact:

Renella Crawford, Washington Operations Director
319-653-7275 or rcrawford@hacap.org



Girl Scout Event: Journey the World

April 4th and 5th Various times and volunteer activities available
Hawkeye Downs Speedway and Expo Center

Journey the World is an enriching cultural fair designed to celebrate and explore the diverse tapestry of cultures that shape our identities and communities. This vibrant event invites Girl Scouts and community members throughout eastern Iowa to engage with issues that impact families and girls throughout the world. Girl Scouts from Johnson and Washington Counties are attending this event.

The 2025 theme is “Our Story: Reflecting the symbolism and values of our Movement,” which details how the values of Girl Scouting can help Girl Scouts and Girl Guides develop the confidence to advocate for themselves, for others, and for big causes they care about.

- Enjoy interactive exhibits from troops in our council
- Sample cuisines from around the world
- Hands on activities with over 30 community partners
- Create Friendship bracelets and circuit card making in our Makerspace

Volunteers are needed to assist with setting up the venue, facilitating various activities, and clean up.

Volunteer Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084EADAA2AA0FE3-46934618-journey>

For information on other volunteer opportunities:

United Way Volunteer Center

<https://www.unitedwayjwc.org/volunteer-center>

319-337-8657 or email: vols@unitedwayjwc.org

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(319) 338-7823

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