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VOLUNTEER EXPRESS

July & August 2024



Houses into Homes & Coralville Parks & Rec Upcycle Throwdown 2024

Coralville Parks & Rec and Houses into Homes are teaming up for this upscale, recycle event! The team competition to repurpose furniture will raise funds for the good of the community.

Sign up to help make the inaugural Upcycle Throwdown a huge success!!
July 11th-July 14th

Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the exciting weekend event:

- *Furniture Collection
- *Upcycle Work Days
- *Event Management
- *Design Mentor
- *Donate Desserts or Beverages

Use this link for more volunteer information or to sign-up:

[Event Volunteers: Upcycle Throwdown 2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)



Back to School Supply Distribution

August 9th Noon-7:00pm

Johnson County Fairgrounds

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

Over 300 volunteers will be needed to assist with distributing school supplies.

Click here to volunteer:

https://unitedwayjc.galaxydigital.com/need/index?s=1&need_init_id=11363

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>



FRYfest 2024 **August 30th – A Celebration of Everything Hawkeye**

Volunteer for this great event!!
A variety of volunteer times and activities are available.

Use this link for Volunteer Sign-up and Information:

https://unitedwayjc.galaxydigital.com/need/index?s=1&need_init_id=11329



Faith UCC/Mark Twain Food Pantry **2nd & 4th Wednesday 2:15-5:45**

Volunteers are needed each month to assist in serving an increasing number of recent immigrant families from Africa in a highly diverse neighborhood in Iowa City.

Volunteers welcome and assist guests and restock shelves with available items while encouraging an atmosphere of inclusiveness and kindness. Many families speak English but may be also fluent in French.

For questions or more information, contact Faith UCC by phone or e-mail:
Faith UCC: 319-338-5238 or faithucc2014@gmail.com



Agape Café **Dishwashers needed Wednesday Mornings 8:30am-10:30am** **July 10th-August 21st** **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.

The Agape Café is looking for dazzling dishwashers to assist on Wednesdays the weeks before the University starts and student volunteers return.

Dishwashing assistance is needed on Wednesdays between 8:30am-10:30am.
July 10th, July 17th, July 24th, July 31st and August 7th, August 14th, August 21st
Come early at 8:00am 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



CORALVILLE
COMMUNITY
FOOD PANTRY

Coralville Community Food Pantry Summer Lunch Program June 11th – August 16th Tuesday-Friday 11:30am-1:00pm

For the second year, the Coralville Community Food Pantry will be providing a free meal and fun activities to local kids every Tuesday-Friday.

Volunteers are needed to welcome kids and their families, serve food, and play games. Use these links to review volunteer opportunities and sign-up:

July Volunteering: [CCFP Volunteers: July Summer Lunch Prep \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

August Volunteering: [CCFP Volunteers: August Summer Lunch Prep \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)



Agape Café

**Kitchen Deep Clean – Sunday, August 25th 1:00pm-4:00pm
26 East Market Street at Old Brick Church, Iowa City**

Are you looking for a one-time, worthwhile project for your group? The Cafe serves free, restaurant style breakfast to our neighbors in need, each Wednesday morning, at Old Brick in Iowa City (26 E Market St).

We are doing a deep clean on the kitchen at Old Brick on Sunday, August 25, from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. We would love your help. Please reach out to us at agapebreakfast@gmail.com.



Ronald McDonald House Meal Groups Needed

Meal groups are always needed to come to the House and prepare dinner for families. Families returning from a day at the hospital. greatly appreciate a hot and fresh meal.

Volunteer meal groups are welcome into the kitchen up to 8 volunteers. The volunteer meal group determines the menu they will be preparing. Meal groups provide groceries for the meal. All necessary equipment needed to prepare your dishes should be available in the kitchen. 65 servings are requested to ensure all guests are guaranteed a meal. Dinner is served daily at 5:30 pm and meal groups are welcome to come anytime starting at Noon.

Review meal availability and sign-up here:

[Volunteer Meal Opportunities | RMHC-EIWI](#)

The Johnson County Meals on Wheels program is looking for additional Flex Drivers for July and August. 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:
Stephanie Schmidt, Johnson County Volunteer Coordinator 319-375-3161



Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County
End of Summer Jam
Saturday August 17th 10:00am-6:30pm
Willow Creek Park 1117 Teg Drive, Iowa City

Join an unforgettable celebration bidding farewell to an incredible summer and gearing up for the new school year at the "End of Summer Jam" block party!!

Volunteer assistance is needed for a variety of volunteer activities for this event. Utilize the link below for more information or to sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B44ADA92BA1FA7-50231679-endofthe>



Shelter House - Individual Volunteer Opportunities

Weekly volunteers are needed to help with sorting donations and filling out donation slips as request are received. Shifts are flexible with a volunteer's schedule, and it is preferred if a volunteer could commit to scheduling a shift once per week for at least one month.

Visit <https://shelterhouseiowa.org/volunteer/> for more information and to fill out a volunteer application today! Contact Jessica Field jessica.field@shelterhouseiowa.org if you have any questions



Crowded Closet
MCC THRIFT SHOP

Crowded Closet Thrift Shop Individual and Group Evening Volunteer Shifts Thursday Nights 7/18, 8/08, 8/15

Volunteer at everyone's favorite thrift shop where your service provides local and global relief! [Click here to sign-up for evening service!](#)

Contact Christine Maust Beachy, Volunteer Coordinator, 319-337-5924 or crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com.



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 Saturday, July 20th, Sunday July 21st, Sunday August 11th, Saturday August 24th. [Click here to sign-up.](#)

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

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



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 about a long-term volunteer commitment, start by completing the application here: <https://rmhc-eiwi.org/volunteer-application/>



Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County National Night Out Tuesday, August 6th 5:30pm-8:00pm Weatherby Park 2400 Taylor Drive, Iowa City

Volunteer assistance is needed for Set-up, Parking/Traffic Directing, and Tear-Down for this event. Utilize the link below for more information or to sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B44ADA92BA1FA7-50193597-national>



Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County & St Andrew Presbyterian Church Free Summer Lunch Program June 10th-August 16th 11:00am-1:00pm Pheasant Ridge Neighborhood Center, 2651 Roberts Road, IC

Leaders, helpers, and drivers are needed for the free summer lunch program

LEADERS are two-member teams who commit to Monday-Friday for **ONE WEEK**. LEADERS pick up food from the church, set up, oversee volunteers, direct clean-up, and return leftovers to the church. Time commitment is from 11am to 1:30pm. Leaders will complete a brief training/orientation and will shadow the role before leading on their own.

HELPERS are individuals who commit to **ONE DAY** at a time, arriving at Pheasant Ridge at 11:30 and leaving at 1:15, or when clean-up is done. HELPERS will assist in set-up, serve food, interact with children, and help with clean-up. Leaders will provide direction to the helpers.

DRIVERS (one each week) will go to the HACAP warehouse in Hiawatha (about 35 minutes from the church) and select food (mostly fruit and vegetables) that is appropriate for lunches that week. This can be one-person, a large vehicle is not needed, and NCJC will attend with you before driving on your own. Drivers will arrive at the HACAP warehouse at 9:00am on Mondays. Volunteer drivers can sign-up for one trip, or several trips throughout the summer.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome (**elementary age must be accompanied by an adult who can focus on the tasks**). High school students can earn volunteer hours and add this community service to college applications and job resumes. It is a good way to meet new friends, and to get to know the awesome kids who come for lunch.

Sign up to volunteer here: [Summer 2024: Pheasant Ridge Lunches \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B44ADA92BA1FA7-50193597-national)

For questions, please contact: Heather Woodin, Summer Lunch Program Coordinator, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church 319-338-7523 hwoodin@saintandrew-ic.org or Bella Arredondo, NCJC Volunteer & Community Engagement Specialist, 319-354-7989x104 Bella-Arredondo@ncjc.org



United Way of Johnson & Washington Counties

United Way of Johnson & Washington Counties My Very Own Book Drive

Each year United Way of Johnson & Washington Counties collects new and gently used books for Pre-k through 6th Grade youth in our community. Donated books are given out to local Title 1 schools at literacy events, provided to social service agencies, and distributed at other community and youth events to encourage reading and increased access to books.

If you would like to volunteer to hold a book drive as an individual, group, business, etc., please visit the following link:

<https://www.unitedwayjwc.org/book-drive>

For questions and additional information reach out to Wendy Nolan at wendy.nolan@unitedwayjwc.org or 319-338-7823



Grow: Johnson County Weekly Volunteering – May through October Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00am-Noon

Volunteers work on the farm assisting with harvesting, washing, and distributing produce. All volunteers are trained in Grow's food safety protocols.

If you are interested or would like more information visit:

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



55+ RSVP Volunteer Medical Transportation Program

Community Members 55 and better are encouraged to get involved using their lifetime of experience to reach out and help others. Individual abilities and interests are matched with community volunteer needs.

The 55+ RSVP Medical Transportation Program provides rides for seniors and disabled adults who have no other means of transportation to medical appointments. Without this transportation, many would not access vitally needed medical services, especially in the rural areas of our communities.

There has been an increase in the number of senior residents in the community in need of this ride service. Additional 55+ RSVP Volunteer Medical Transportation drivers are needed to meet this need.

For more information visit the United Way website: [CLICK HERE](#)
or contact Wendy Nolan at: wendy.nolan@unitedwayjwc.org

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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