

State Farm community volunteerism is working together to help build stronger, safer, better educated communities. Our mission emphasizes what we're all about--building strong communities.

It is important to remember community service is voluntary. State Farm encourages employees and retirees to be involved with their communities and provides resources to support their involvement.

Below is a list of local on-going volunteer opportunities and donation requests from our b'link non-profit partners that you can participate in at any time!

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Big Brothers Big Sisters

Help support Big Brothers Big Sisters of McLean County by becoming a "Big" and mentor a youth.

Habitat For Humanity

Habitat for Humanity has a [wishlist](#) of items they need. These are items that will be used for multiple builds throughout the efforts. For questions or to make drop off arrangements, call (309) 827-3931 or email info@hyabitatmclean.org.

Home Sweet Home Ministries

Seeking donations of [URGENT](#) and [EVERYDAY](#) needs.

Donations can be dropped off at the front desk at Home Sweet Home Ministries at 303 East Oakland Avenue, Bloomington IL, 61701, (309) 828-7356.

Midwest Food Bank

Cards of Encouragement for Disaster Relief - Cards are needed for the family food boxes that are sent out for disaster relief situations like hurricanes, floods, and tornados. Cards can be homemade or purchased, and should include a simple message of hope, positivity, and care for the recipient of the box. No envelopes are necessary. Completed cards can be mailed to or dropped off at: 2031 Warehouse Road, Normal, IL 61761. Office hours are Mon-Fri from 8 AM – 4 PM.

Operation Gratitude

Operation Gratitude's mission is to forge strong bonds between Americans and their Military and First Responder heroes through volunteer service projects, acts of gratitude, and meaningful engagements in communities nationwide. How you can help...Do you have a collection of Beanie Babies, or small plush toys like Webkinz or Burt's Bears, and are wondering what to do with them? Or perhaps a surplus of blank greeting/holiday cards? Send them to Operation Gratitude and they will put them in ALL of the care packages they send to deployed Troops! Click [here](#) for more details.

PATH Crisis Center

PATH is looking for volunteers for their both their Crisis Line and 211 [call centers](#). Training can be done virtually as well as volunteering in the call centers answering their phones. If you are interested in helping out, click [here](#) to get more details.

Recycle Furniture for Families

Volunteers are needed to answer telephone, handle light admin work, work in the warehouse moving furniture, folding and matching towels and sheets, putting away kitchen items and delivery drivers. The hours are Monday-Thursday 9am-12pm and Saturday 9am-12pm. Individuals will be trained. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Frank Downes at 309-829-6500.

Salvation Army

Each month the Salvation Army would like to carry a different staple pantry item for their clients. These are items that are not typically available in their pantry, but would be useful to their clients and are often requested. This list is the most requested items.

- Canola Oil - Sugar - Flour - Baking Soda - Salt - Garlic Powder
- Onion Powder - Chili Powder - Bisquick/baking mix

Bell Ringing – From November 12th to December 24th volunteer Bell Ringers are needed to ring bells at our red kettle locations throughout Bloomington/Normal. Volunteers can register at www.registertoring.com beginning October 1st. Use Group Name "2021 Ringers" when registering.

The Loft Rehabilitation and Nursing of Normal

The Loft is looking for some pen pals to write letters to some of their residents. See their [Facebook post](#) that shows photos of each resident needing a pen pal and topics they enjoy talking about.

West Bloomington Revitalization Project

Bed Blitz items needed include: Laundry detergent (any size/any brand), new twin sheet sets and new pillows.

Food Pantry items needed: non-perishable items including, rice and canned goods.

Contact info@westbloomington.org to coordinate drop off.

YouthBuild McLean County

Non-Profit in need of Financial Literacy Mentors. YouthBuild of McLean County's mission is to build, develop, inspire, and challenge educationally and economically disadvantaged students to make the difference! If you are interested in helping, please contact Alicia Lenard at alenard@youthbuildmcleancounty.org.