IMU Welcome Center

Call: 319-353-4468

If you need assistance throughout the day, please call the IMU welcome center.
Arc of Southeast Iowa

Mission: The Arc of Southeast Iowa is committed to being a leader in offering information, services and advocacy to individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and community; to promote informed choices and the realization of their goals relating to where and how they live, learn, work and play.

Project Description: Volunteers will be painting walls, staining cabinets and general area beautification of the Children’s Center.

Participant Capacity: 8
Transportation: Drive yourself
Address: 2620 Muscatine Ave, Iowa City, IA 52240
Site Leader: Kaydee Ecker

Coralville Community Food Pantry

Mission: The Coralville Community Food Pantry's mission is to partner with the Coralville community to provide hope and nourishment for our neighbors during times of need. Our vision is to transform Coralville into a hunger-free community.

Project Description: Volunteers will be assisting with stocking shelves, building some new shelves in the back (no construction background necessary) and helping sort deliveries.

Participant Capacity: 8
Transportation: Drive yourself
Address: 1002 5th St, Coralville, IA 52241
Site Leader: Meghan Bullard

Crisis Center

Mission: The Crisis Center of Johnson County is a volunteer-driven organization that provides immediate and non-judgmental support for individuals facing emotional, food, or financial crisis.

Project Description: Volunteers will help receive and sort donations, repackage bulk items and bread, sort produce, clean bins, and stock coolers. These activities will require moderate physical activity (standing, walking) and lifting of at least 25 pounds.

Participant Capacity: 10
Transportation: Drive yourself
Address: 1121 Gilbert Ct., Iowa City, IA 52240
Site Leader: Margaret Good
Event at Mercer Park

**Mission:** The MLK Alliance Group exists to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the Iowa City community

**Project Description:** Volunteers will assist with set-up, sign-in, and facilitating activities at the Mercer Park Event. Learn more about the event on the [City of Iowa City website](#).

**Participant Capacity:** 25

**Transportation:** Drive yourself

**Address:** 2701 Bradford Dr, Iowa City, IA 52240

**Site Leader:** Shelley Hartman

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Food Pantry at Iowa

**Mission:** The mission of the Food Pantry at Iowa is to provide food and basic necessities for University of Iowa students, faculty, and staff in need, and fight food insecurity through education and advocacy.

**Project Description:** Volunteers will be prepping the Pantry for the spring semester -- cleaning, taking inventory, accepting donations, etc.

**Participant Capacity:** 6

**Transportation:** Walking distance

**Address:** Iowa Memorial Union – Room 209

**Site Leader:** Kayla Carter

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Habitat for Humanity ReStore

**Mission:** Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

**Project Description:** Volunteers will be assisting staff in cleaning, organizing, and merchandising items for sale in the store. Additional waivers and conditions required.

**Participant Capacity:** 10

**Transportation:** Drive yourself

**Address:** 2401 Scott Blvd SE, Iowa City, IA 52240

**Site Leader:** Abbie Beadle
Hope Lodge

Mission: The Russell and Ann Gerdin American Cancer Society Hope Lodge in Iowa City offers a private room for the comfort of its guests and their caregiver. Fostering a home-like environment, the Hope Lodge is equipped with a community dining room, kitchen, family room, library, exercise area and laundry facilities. The Lodge also offers guests a wide variety of cancer programs and services free of charge that provide information, resources, and support to ease the cancer journey.

Project Description: Volunteers will be helping clean the facility and assist with other projects as directed by staff.

Participant Capacity: 10
Transportation: Drive yourself
Address: 750 Hawkins Drive, Iowa City, IA 52246
Site Leader: Jodi Graff

Hy-Vee Stores

Project Description: Volunteers will stand at the entrances of various Hy-Vee stores, pass out flyers, and ask shoppers to purchase items to donate on their way out. They will also help sort the donations as they are received. All donations will go to the Crisis Center and Food Pantry at Iowa.

Participant Capacity: 16 (8 per location)
Transportation: Drive yourself
Addresses: 812 S 1st Ave, Iowa City, IA
1125 N Dodge St., Iowa City, IA
Site Leader: 1st Ave. - Paul Mintner
Dodge St. - Andy Kutcher

Iowa Children’s Museum

Mission: The mission of the Iowa Children’s Museum is to inspire every child to imagine, create, discover and explore through the Power of Play!

Project Description: Volunteers will clean from 9-10am and then play on the floor with kiddos from 10am-12pm. Additional waivers and conditions required.

Participant Capacity: 6
Transportation: Drive yourself
Address: 1451 Coral Ridge Ave, Coralville, IA 52241
Site Leader: Anna Holbrook
Ronald McDonald House Charities

**Mission:** The mission of RMHC is to create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families. A world where all children have access to medical care, and their families are supported and actively involved in their children's care.

**Project Description:** Volunteers will help with a variety of projects including: making toiletry bags, setting up crafts for our families, cleaning the house, etc.

**Participant Capacity:** 6

**Transportation:** Walking distance

**Address:** 730 Hawkins Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246

**Site Leader:** Brock Cavett

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Shelter House

**Mission:** The Coralville Community Food Pantry's mission is to partner with the Coralville community to provide hope and nourishment for our neighbors during times of need. Our vision is to transform Coralville into a hunger-free community.

**Project Description:** The group will be split up to work on different activities. Volunteers will work on cleaning up the facility and surrounding areas, assist with meal prepping in the kitchen, sort and organize donations and the donation closet, and potentially assist with a project at either the Winter Shelter or Cross Park Place.

**Participant Capacity:** 10

**Transportation:** drive yourself

**Address:** 429 Southgate Ave, Iowa City, IA 52240

**Site Leader:** Nic Arp

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United Way | Flash Cards

**Mission:** United Way improves lives by mobilizing the caring power of our community to advance the common good.

**Project Description:** Children’s knowledge of letter names and shapes is a strong predictor of their success in learning to read. Volunteers complete the sets by decorating flash cards with the capital and lower case of each letter and creating a picture of an object, animal, household item etc. that corresponds with the letter on the back of the card. Typically, one volunteer can complete 1-2 sets in an hour. The flash card sets will be distributed to students at high poverty schools and Kindergarten orientation. Corner bookmarks are an easy and fun activity for volunteers to be creative while encouraging kids to read. Construction paper templates and supplies make it project anyone can do—all volunteers need to supply is the creativity.

Bookmarks will be distributed with literacy kits and kids have a great time picking them out.

**Participant Capacity:** 25

**Transportation:** Walking

**Address:** IMU Academics Room 256

**Site Leader:** Alex Bare
United Way | Life Size Board Game
Project Description: A jumbo version of a Scrabble-like crossword game that is developed to engage kids in a new and interactive way to develop social skills like teamwork and problem-solving. Volunteers complete the life-size games by working together to design, paint, and follow the easy-to-understand directions to create the game. The game will be provided to local youth programs to offer interactive and engaging literacy activities. This activity works best for a group size of 10-12 people.
Participant Capacity: 10
Transportation: Walking
Address: IMU 2nd Floor Ballroom Stage
Site Leader: Brooke Robinson - 810-701-0237

United Way | Literacy Kits
Project Description: As a project of United Way’s Early Literacy and Learning Initiative, Literacy Kits contain a children's book and an activity related to the book to make reading fun. The target audience for use of the kits is grades K-3. The kits are distributed to families for early elementary-aged children through the highest percentage of poverty schools, summer lunch programs and service agencies. Volunteers complete the literacy kits by making the activity (includes coloring, cutting, pasting, etc.) that goes along with the children’s book. Typically, one volunteer can complete 1-2 kits in an hour. There are literacy kits for over 50 children’s books, including topics of STEM, animals, diversity and inclusion, and financial literacy.
Participant Capacity: 125
Transportation: Walking
Address: IMU 2nd Floor Ballroom
Site Leader: Student United Way Ambassadors

Uptown Bill’s
Mission: In the spirit of Bill Sackter, they strive to nurture and encourage individuals with disabilities by providing: a gathering place where people of all abilities are welcome, employment and micro-enterprise opportunities for individuals with disabilities, and a community forum on abilities awareness.
Project Description: Volunteers will help sort books and CDs. They may also do touch-up painting or help paint a new window mural.
Participant Capacity: 9
Transportation: Walking distance
Address: 730 S Dubuque St., Iowa City, IA 52240
Site Leader: Jerilen Demuth
“I BELIEVE THAT UNARMED TRUTH AND UNCONDITIONAL LOVE WILL HAVE THE FINAL WORD IN REALITY. THIS IS WHY RIGHT, TEMPORARILY DEFEATED, IS STRONGER THAN EVIL TRIUMPHANT.”

DR. KING, 1964 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE ACCEPTANCE ADDRESS