

# **Youth Can Make A Difference**



**Volunteer Directory for Civic Engagement**

# What does it mean to volunteer?

Volunteering means doing something “good” or “helpful” for someone, something (such as the environment) or some organization, without expecting something in return.



Sure, kids can help their parents by doing chores around the house. Or parents can help their kids by looking over their homework. These things are great, but not quite the same as volunteering. When you think about volunteering, you should think about the needs of your community. This directory is designed to give helpful information to those that want to meet those needs and to show others that volunteering is very important.



Now volunteering can have a different meaning for different people, but every volunteer can admit that it makes you feel good! The feeling of success can be achieved through volunteering to better the community around you.

# Choosing a Volunteer Direction

Before you begin to volunteer, it's very important to decide what type of volunteer activity really interests or excites you.



Do you want to start with a volunteer activity that is familiar to you, or an activity that presents a challenge, or one that lets you blend your skills and interest with new opportunities.

Another idea is to “invent” your own volunteer project. The possibilities are endless!

There is nearly always a need for an extra hand for local church and school activities. Contact a local school or church leader to see what and when upcoming activities are and if help is needed. Or you may find a need that could be met by forming a volunteer group headed by you and/or a family in your own church or school. To find out more about opportunities at a local church or school, contact the one nearest you.

Most communities have local volunteer or nonprofit organizations that would be happy to have you and/or your family's support.

**NOTE:** If you or your family is interested in starting a volunteer project, be sure to obtain permission from the targeted recipient(s) and from city, town, county, church, school or other officials and/or organizations.

## Town Governments:

**Town of Carbondale:**  
618-549-5302

**Town of Herrin:**  
618-942-3175

**Town of Carterville:**  
618-985-2252

**Town of Marion:**  
618-997-6281

**Town of Energy:**  
618-942-6212

**Town of Murphysboro:**  
618-684-4961

**Town of Harrisburg:**  
618-253-7740

# How do I get started?



There are numerous exciting, fun, and rewarding volunteer activities out there. To help get you started, below are volunteer opportunities broken into categories with contact information.

## Environmental/Wildlife/Animals

Do you like working in the yard, gardening, hiking, wildlife, getting dirty, or just being outside? If so, then take a look at the organizations below to find an opportunity that fits.

**Animal Rehabilitation:** Help at an animal rehabilitation center to help at-risk pets with their basic needs.



**Wildlife Management:** Volunteer at nearby wildlife refuge and keep parks clean and safe.

**Animal Care:** Play and care for animals that are looking for a home. Pamper them with your love.



**Save the Earth:** Interested in the environment? Teach, lead tours, and show exotic animals at your local science center.

### ***Whom to Call:***

Free Again- Herrin, IL

Animal Rehabilitation

618-988-1067

freeagaininc@norbind.net

PAWS-Pets are worth Saving- Anna, IL  
Animal Rehabilitation  
618-833-DOGS (3647)  
pawspawscs@yahoo.com

Wright Way Rescue- Murphysboro, IL  
Animal Rehabilitation  
733-353-9931  
wrightwayrescue@aol.com

Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge- Marion, IL  
Wildlife Management  
618-997-3344  
craborchard@fws.gov

Marion Regional Humane Society- Marion, IL  
Animal Care  
618-964-9999  
marionrhs@yahoo.com

Pampered Pets- Carterville, IL  
Animal Care  
618-985-9196

The Science Center-Carbondale, IL  
Save the Earth  
618-529-5431

## Young People

Do you enjoy spending time with kids, reading, playing sports or music? Maybe some of these ideas are right for you.

**Child Play:** Spend time with children who always need some attention.



**Reading Rocks:** Help and encourage children at your local public library that reading is fun and adventurous.

**Youth Development:** Be there when a child needs you most. Help them with social and emotional issues through friendship.

***Whom to Call:***

Robin's Nest Learning Center- Carterville, IL

Child Play

618-985-3581

Carterville Public Library- Carterville, IL

Reading Rocks

618-985-3298

Malone's Daycare Center- Carterville, IL

Child Play

618-985-4260

TLC- Carterville, IL

Child Play

618-985-2181

Carbondale Public Library- Carbondale, IL

Reading Rocks

618-457-0354

Boys and Girls Club- Carbondale, IL

Youth Development

618-457-8877

I Can Read- Carbondale, IL

Youth Development

618-549-0969

Murphysboro Youth and Rec Center-Murphysboro, IL

Youth Development

618-684-8243

The Night's Shield- West Frankfort, IL

Child Play

618-932-6400

info@nightsshield.org

Bears For BooBoos-Carterville, IL  
Youth Development  
618-559-5411  
Kandi Chapman  
kchapman@mbiworldwide.com

## **Homelessness/Shelters/Hunger Programs**

Do you enjoy meeting new people, building, cooking, playing games or helping those in need? If so these opportunities may be right for you.

**Stand by me:** Volunteer at a homeless shelter and support those who always need a hand.



**Hunger no Longer:** Help out at a pantry or food bank to distribute food to the hungry in your community.

**Nice Twice:** Volunteer at a thrift store which supports local causes.

### ***Whom to Call:***

The Refuge- Marion, IL  
Stand by me  
618-993-0907

Williamson County Crisis Center and Homeless Shelter-  
Herrin, IL  
Stand by me  
618-988-8020

Good Samaritan House- Carbondale, IL  
Stand by me  
618-457-5794  
goodsam@mchi.com

Gum Drops- Carterville, IL  
Hunger no Longer  
618-985-9567  
info@gumdropkids.org

Community United Pantry- Carterville, IL  
Hunger no Longer  
618-985-3171

The Women's Center- Carbondale, IL  
Stand by me  
618-549-4807

The Lighthouse Shelter- Marion, IL  
Stand by me  
618-993-8180  
admin@TheLighthouseShelter.com

Murphysboro Food Pantry-Murphysboro, IL  
Hunger no Longer  
618-684-8258

S.P.I.N.-Supporting People In Need-Murphysboro, IL  
Nice Twice  
618-201-4859 or 618-201-7298  
spin62966@yahoo.com

Create-a-Smile Thrift Store- Carterville, IL  
Nice Twice  
618-925-2140  
Jflora1947@yahoo.com

The Salvation Army-Marion, IL  
Stand by me  
618-993-5854

Marion Ministerial Alliance-Marion, IL  
Hunger no Longer  
618-993-8419  
mma15@verizon.net

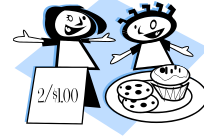
Shepherd's Closet Food Pantry-Marion, IL  
Hunger no Longer  
618-922-0553



# Community

Are you looking for ways to improve your community or like helping those around you? Here are a few ideas to get you on track.

**Goodwill:** Help at a local fundraiser that donates proceeds to people who need it most.



**Save a Life:** Donate or assist those who are giving the gift of life.

**Fun for all:** Help set the stage for local entertainment at a community play or musical.



**Candy Striper:** Share your time and talents to make a significant impact in your local hospital as well as in the community



**Holiday Events:** Help your town put on community events and create new ideas.

## ***Whom to Call:***

### City of Carterville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

Holiday Events

618-985-2011

Mickey Edwards

### Pumpkin Path-Carterville

Holiday Event

618-9856942

Andrea Frailey

### Marion Rotary Club- Marion, IL

Goodwill

618-997-631

American Red Cross- Murphysboro, IL  
Save a Life  
618-529-1525

Poshard Foundation- Carterville, IL  
Goodwill  
618-985-2828 x 8564  
jo@poshardfoundation.org

Park Avenue Productions- Herrin, IL  
Fun for all  
618-967-1200  
parkavenueplayers@yahoo.com

Marion Cultural and Civic Center  
Fun for all  
618-997-4030  
rebecca@marionccc.org

Two Rivers Ministries- Cairo, IL  
Goodwill  
618-306-2397  
tillman@pobox.com

Carbondale MS Walk-Carbondale, IL  
Goodwill  
October-April  
618-420-8619 or 314-303-6793

Carbondale Memorial Hospital-Carbondale, IL  
Candy Striper  
549-0721 ext. 65108  
Peggy Henson, Manager, Volunteer Services

St. Joseph Memorial Hospital- Murphysboro, IL  
Candy Striper  
618-684-3156 ext: 55532  
Timothy McSwain

Herrin Hospital-Herrin, IL  
Candy Striper  
618-942-7205  
Charolette Delaney

## Seniors

Senior citizens love sharing their past with others and having special visits. If this is something you enjoy, please consider the following.



**Respect your elders:** Visit with senior citizens, play some games, or lend an ear to show that they are not forgotten.

**Thank you for your service:** Spend time with veterans and show your appreciation for all they have done for our country.

### ***Whom to Call:***

Senior Adult Services- Carbondale, IL

Respect your Elders

618-549-6441

AMVETS- Marion, IL

Thank you for your service

618-997-5311 x 54743

marionamvets@mychoice.net

Williamson County Programs on Aging-Herrin, IL

Respect your Elders

618-988-1585

Bob Childers, Executive Director

Golden Circle-Harrisburg, IL

Respect your Elders

618-287-5590

Ann Jo, Director



## **Student Volunteer(s) of the Month** **A Recognition Program Sponsored by the Carterville Chamber of Commerce**

(Please note that nominations can be made for an individual or group of students)

To have your nominee (s) be considered **as Student Volunteer of the Month**, please determine if your candidate(s) meets the criteria outlined below. **If eligible, please follow the easy two-step process**, listed below

### **Criteria for Selection**

- Nominees must be enrolled in Carterville School District.
- Nominees must demonstrate contributions to the community through outstanding volunteer service.
- Nominees' volunteer work should demonstrate self inspiration and dedication
- Volunteer service may include summer, school, community, religious, and cultural activities.

### **Easy two-step Process for Nomination\***

Nominations need to originate from the school, civic, religious, or cultural organization in which the student volunteered.

1. Nominators fill out the attached short one-page form, being as specific as possible when answering questions
2. Mail, fax, or email the nomination to 816 S. Division, Carterville, IL 62918 (subject to change as a new high school is being built), 618-985-2741, or [khawkins@cartervillelions.com](mailto:khawkins@cartervillelions.com).

### **Benefits to the Student**

Students are recognized monthly during the school year.

- Students who are selected as Student Volunteer of the Month, have the benefit of:
  - Recognition through their school, the media, and the Chamber of Commerce website.

Questions? Call Mickey Edwards @ 618-985-2011

**Volunteer Carterville  
Student Volunteer of the Month  
Nomination Form**

Date of Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee(s) (may be an individual student or group of students): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Student's School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Day time phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions:  
Feel free to use additional space if necessary.**

1. How do you know this student?

2. Please describe the type of volunteer work to which the student is committed, and his/her length of service.

3. If known, please tell us what inspired the student to become involved in this activity?

4. Describe the impact that this volunteer service has made on the community.

Due End of Month



**STUDENT VOLUNTEER HOURS**  
Please print CLEARLY

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (for verification): \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ # Hours submitted \_\_\_\_\_

DATE	PROJECT	HOURS
<b>Subtotal (for this page):</b>		

**Total Volunteer Hours (for multiple pages):** \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



**The mission of the Carterville Youth Volunteerism Program is to effectively engage more people in volunteer service to help solve community problems.**

**This guide offers ideas only and in no way commits the organizations listed to providing volunteer opportunities at the time of your inquiry.**

**Parent permission and/or supervision are needed to participate in many of these opportunities. Be sure to ask the organization about any age requirements.**