WELCOME TO THE 3RD ANNUAL
YOUTH AND FAMILY VOLUNTEER FAIR!

The DeKalb County KEYS Initiative and Kishwaukee United Way are proud to offer you this event and invite you to discover the wide variety of volunteer opportunities available for young people and their families. Your presence at this event means you’ve chosen to make a positive difference in other people’s lives through service. Whether this is your first time looking for a volunteer opportunity or you’re an experienced volunteer looking for new ways to share your time and talent, WE SALUTE YOU!

Tonight you’ll find many exciting possibilities waiting for you. Match your interests, career goals, and schedule to one of these fine community organizations to make a positive impact in our community by donating your energy!

We would like to thank the DeKalb County Partnership for a Substance Abuse Free Environment (DCP/SAFE) and the DeKalb Township Committee on Youth for assisting us with this event. We hope you enjoy the 2014 Care or be Square Volunteer Fair!

How to use this booklet

Within this resource book, you will find information about each of the organizations participating in the 2014 volunteer fair. Don’t feel pressured to make decisions tonight. Get acquainted with the different organizations here, learn about their volunteer opportunities, and then follow up with them. Feel free to take notes on these pages – this booklet is yours to keep.

The codes listed with each organization will help you better understand age requirements, family involvement opportunities, and the time commitment of various volunteer opportunities.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Youth who volunteer just one hour a week are 50% less likely to abuse drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, or engage in destructive behavior.
- Youth who volunteer are more likely to do well in school, graduate, vote, and be philanthropic.
- Teens say the benefits received from volunteering are: Learning to respect others; learning to be helpful and kind; learning to understand people who are different from them; developing leadership skills, becoming more patient, and better understanding of good citizenship.
- 51% of DeKalb and Sycamore youth report they serve in the community one hour or more per week.
- Volunteer opportunities provide an environment for people of different generations to work together for a common goal, as well as offering an opportunity for mutual understanding.
- Both scholarship and college applications contain questions about community service or volunteer experience.
## American Red Cross

**Purpose of organization:** The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

**Description of volunteer activities:**
- Students can get involved with the Red Cross through a number of volunteer and leadership opportunities such as starting a Red Cross Club at their high school, hosting blood drives, office support, volunteer recruitment, college internship, etc.

**If interested, contact:**
- Emily Barrile
  - 8 Health Services Drive, Ste. #1
  - DeKalb
  - 815-756-7339
  - Emily.barrile@redcross.org
  - www.redcross.org
  - facebook.com/chicagoredcross

**Qualities the volunteers should have:**
- Passion and enthusiasm for the American Red Cross.

## American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) DeKalb Region #193

**Purpose of organization:** DeKalb AYSO is part of the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), a nationwide organization committed to providing quality youth soccer. Region 193, covering DeKalb, Cortland, Malta, Waterman, Shabbona and surrounding towns, strives to meet this commitment.

**Description of volunteer activities:**
- Referees over the age of 12.
- Coaches that are over the age of 18.
- AYSO Spring Season: April thru June; AYSO Fall Season: August-October.

**If interested, contact:**
- Kristin Anderson
  - PO Box 209
  - DeKalb
  - 815-501-7397
  - kanderson.ayso193@yahoo.com
  - www.dekalbayso.com
  - Facebook: DeKalb AYSO

**Qualities the volunteers should have:**
- Willing to have fun, reliable, enjoy working with children, lot of soccer knowledge is not necessary.

## Barb Food Mart

**Purpose of the organization:** Barb Food Mart strives to reduce food insecurity and provide nutrition education.

**Description of volunteer activities:**
- Volunteers can help unload and stock food deliveries, assist shoppers and/or organize drives for food items, personal care items, paper goods and/or school supplies.
- Families can volunteer to help with food deliveries on Monday mornings.
- For food deliveries, volunteers must be 12 years old or older.
- To assist families when shopping, volunteers need to high school graduates

**If interested, contact:**
- Sheryl Nakonechny or Becky Mascal
  - Huntley Middle School   Door #28
  - 1515 South 4th Street – DeKalb
  - 815-754-2241
  - barbfoodmart@dist428.org
  - www.barbfoodmart.org
  - Facebook: Barb Food Mart
Big Brothers – Big Sisters

Purpose/mission of the organization: Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring professionally supported one to one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

Description of volunteer activities: Big Brothers Big Sisters provides children age 5-16 with adult mentors in the community. Our community based program is a one year commitment spending a couple hours a week with your specific “Little”. This is a great way for the whole family to get involved! We have many volunteers who bring their “Little” around their whole family.

If interested, contact:
Laura Nolan - BBBS
14 Health Services Drive - DeKalb
815-758-8616
www.fsadekalbcounty.org
lnolan@fsadekalbcounty.org
Facebook: Big Brothers Big Sisters of DeKalb County - Family Service Agency

We also have a site based after school program which allows local high school students to be involved in group activities once a week for 22 weeks of the school year. This is something high school students sign up with through their school. Currently, DeKalb High School and Sycamore High School are the current collaborations. We also will be starting a lunch buddies program which would match community members with a local school age child and the volunteer would meet once every other week during the school year. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact us and start the enrollment process now for the Fall of 2014.

* Must be 18 or older for community based and High School Student for our after school site based.

Cooking For Kids Sake is something you could always get involved in as a family! This is Big Brothers Big Sisters annual event which features a competition of youth chefs from around the area! Keep updated on our Facebook and website for the date and released information!!

DCP/SAFE
(DeKalb County Partnership for a Substance Abuse Free Environment)

Purpose of organization: DCP/SAFE’s purpose is to facilitate the promotion of community based prevention, wellness and healthy lifestyles for youth, adults and the community as a whole within DeKalb County, using researched based, best practiced, and outcome driven prevention strategies. The group functions through collaboration and volunteer efforts from community members, families and organizations.

Description of volunteer activities: Participation for youth and adults in leadership conferences, attend and host booths at wellness fairs and other community awareness events, represent coalition and county at statewide and national trainings and community development offerings.

If interested, contact:
Capri Smith
631 South First Street
DeKalb
815-756-8501 x104
capri@bengordoncenter.org
www.bengordoncenter.org/prevention
Facebook: DCP/SAFE

One-time event:
DCP/SAFE is offering scholarships for DeKalb County middle school and high school students as well as adult mentors to attend the 2014 Cebrin Goodman Teen Institute (CGTI). This youth empowerment and leadership conference is July 20-24, 2014 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL. The scholarship covers the cost of the event ($309). For more information about CGTI go to: http://www.os-iti.org/code/iti_about.html
DeKalb Area Retirement Center – Oak Crest

Purpose of organization: A church related not-for-profit continuing care retirement community. We are ecumenical in nature and have been established to serve people 62 years and older through comprehensive programs, activities, and services which create a quality of life characterized by independence, dignity, and security.

Description of volunteer activities:  
Assisting with the daily activities and programs, transporting wheelchair residents from one area to another, taking residents for strolls throughout the campus on nice days, doing manicures, letter writing, reading, crafts, table games, visiting, working in the Shoppe, assisting with Special Events such as plants care, baking, sing a longs, and special events.

If interested, contact:  
Joan Launer, Community Events Coord.  
2944 Greenwood Acres Drive  
DeKalb  
815-756-8461  
jlauner@oakcrestdekalb.org  
www.oakcrestdekalb.org

DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center

Purpose of organization: To provide nursing and ancillary services in a safe and secure long-term environment where each resident will be treated with compassion and dignity and will be given the opportunity to experience vitality.

Description of family volunteer activities:  
Evenings and weekends are a great time for families to volunteer! We play bingo, Wii and cards in the evenings and at times have special musical events. Saturday morning is also a great time to help with bingo. Saturday and Sunday afternoons we need help in our Ice Cream Parlor and need people to assist those that want to play cards.

If interested, contact:  
Kathy Vickers, Community Life Coordinator  
2600 N. Annie Glidden Road  
DeKalb  
815-758-2477  
kvickers@dekalbcounty.org

Volunteers are always welcome to share their talents with our seniors by offering musical gifts, reading short stories, crafting, playing cards, plant care and so much more! We try to match volunteer interest with the interest of our residents at DCRNC so each party enjoys time spent together. Opportunities are available during the day, evenings and weekends. We have a calendar of events planned each month that you can help with or we can match you with a person to visit. We prefer that you commit a few hours each month so that you can build a relationship with our residents and they can feel comfortable with your visits.

DeKalb County Community Gardens

Purpose of organization: DeKalb County Community Gardens strengthens access to fresh, local sustainably-grown organic food for people in need.

Description of volunteer activities:  
DCCG volunteers range from those who just want to help, organic gardeners to Master Gardeners and Naturalists. Opportunities include setting up and maintaining garden beds, planting, weeding and harvesting

If interested, contact:  
Dan Kenney  
P.O. Box 348 - DeKalb  
815-793-0950  
dkenney53@hotmail.com  
www.dekalbgardens.org

Facebook: DeKalb County Community Gardens

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DeKalb Public Library

**Purpose of organization:** The mission of the DKPL is to inform, educate, entertain and inspire the community.

**Description of Volunteer Activities:**
Shelf-reading; sorting books; event help; possibility of program development; office clerk duties (stuffing envelopes, putting patron folders together, mailings, etc.)

**Volunteers NEEDED for One-time event:**
The Writer’s Yarn, a local author’s fair on May 31st, 11-3. We need volunteers to help us set up for the author’s fair, assisting the author’s to their booths, bringing in lunches from the Lincoln Inn that day, and other tasks. The Writer’s Yarn hosts up to 20 authors in our library. The authors are given the opportunity to mingle with fellow writers, meet fans, and promote/sell their books.

**DeKalb Youth Service Bureau**

**Purpose of organization:** The DeKalb County Youth Service Bureau, Inc. (YSB) assists youth as they build healthy lives and relationships with their families, friends, and community.

**Description of Volunteer Activities:**
VolunTEEN Service Learning Group: The VolunTEEN program provides DeKalb County Youth ages 12-18 with on-going opportunities to volunteer in their community while enhancing their civic awareness. YSB will provide coordination of volunteer experiences, collaboration with other community organizations, and supervision of the youth that are volunteering.

**If interested, contact:**
Renee Burger
330 Grove Street - DeKalb
815-748-2010
www.dcysb.org
adesalvo@dcysb.com
FB: DeKalb County Youth Service Bureau

**Feed ‘Em Soup**

**Purpose of organization:** A Community Project centered on providing community meals every Wednesday. Our mission is to provide meals, offer encouragement and support, and supply opportunities to those in need within our community.

**Description of Volunteer Activities:**
On meal days, assist with one of the following services:
Food prep, meal serving, dessert cart/tray, drink serving, clean up
* There are age requirements for various jobs.

**If interested, contact:**
Derek Gibbs
122 South First Street - DeKalb
815-310-0903
www.feededsoup.org
Volunteer registration on website
FB: Feed ‘Em Soup Community Project.
Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois

**Purpose of organization:** Girl Scouting build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

**Description of volunteer activities:** Girls in Scouts, 7th grade or older – Have opportunities to volunteer as a Program Aide for younger troops or at Girl Scout events. Adults - May volunteer in a variety of ways: Troops Leaders, Leading short term series, participating in events, Service Unit Team Positions: Treasurer, Registrar, Engagement Coordinator, Manager, Cookie Coordinator

*A free training program is offered prior to volunteering with Girl Scouts.

**Qualities the volunteers should have:**
Personal Integrity, dependability, honesty, adaptability, oral communication, and foster diversity.

If interested, contact:
Amanda Monroe
2820 McFarland Rd - Rockford, IL 61107
815-962-5591 ext. 7230
www.girlscoutsni.org
Facebook: Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois

Keep Encouraging Youth to Succeed Initiative (KEYS)

**Purpose of organization:** The DeKalb County KEYS Initiative is building a community where all adults support children and teenagers so that they thrive. We work with several community partners to influence the personal behavior of adults toward children and teens, strengthen youth-serving programs and impact public policy. KEYS conducts community presentations, provides educational materials to the public, and does a variety of special events.

**Description of volunteer activities:**
Seeking youth and adults to serve on steering committee (board), assist with planning, marketing, and hands-on support for special events, and assist with website, Facebook and other marketing pursuits.

**Qualities the volunteers should have:**
creativity, self motivation and self direction, dedication to duties and trustworthiness to finish tasks, passion for advocating for youth

If interested, contact:
Mary Hess
631 South First Street – DeKalb
815-756-8501 x 111
maryh@bengordoncenter.org
www.dekalbcountykeys.org
Facebook: DeKalb County KEYS (Keep Encouraging Youth to Succeed)

Kishwaukee Community Hospital TAGS Program

**Purpose of Organization:** Our mission is to continually provide quality service to patients while enriching the lives of our volunteers.

**Description of volunteer activities:**
Desk Team Volunteer
Patient Information Binders
Medical Records Volunteer
Patient Unit Volunteer
Green Leaf Gift Shop Volunteer
Special Events or Holidays

If interested contact:
Volunteer Services
One Kish Hospital Drive – DeKalb
815-756-1521 Ext. 15372
voloffice@kishhospital.org
www.kishhealth.org
**Kishwaukee Family YMCA**

**Purpose of Organization:** Strengthening the foundations of community.

**Description of volunteer activities:**
The Y offers volunteer opportunities in most every department. Volunteer opportunities can be tailored to meet the interests of the individual, family, or group.

**If interested contact:**
Dionne Horne  
2500 W. Bethany Rd – Sycamore  
815-756-9577  
dborne@kishymca.org  
www.kishymca.org  
FB: Kishwaukee YMCA

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**Kishwaukee Fest (Parade, Concerts, and Drum Corps Show)**

**Purpose of organization:** To provide entertainment to DeKalb County Community.

**Description of volunteer activities:**
Kishwaukee Fest offers a wide variety of events and activities for families and community guests. One main event and several small events throughout the year.

**If interested, contact:**
Michael Embry  
P.O. Box 463 – DeKalb  
815-756-1263  
FunMEvents@aol.com  
www.KishwaukeeFest.com

**Volunteers NEEDED for a one-time event:**
July 13: Drum Corps Show – need 30+ volunteers to assist in the day’s events (5pm – 10pm)  
July 20-24: Concerts and Events – need 4 volunteers each day to assist with events (times vary)  
July 25: Kishwaukee Fest Parade – need 25 volunteers to help set up the parade (5pm – 8pm)

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**Kishwaukee Special Recreation Association (KSRA)**

**Purpose of organization:** Kishwaukee Special Recreation Association’s mission is to serve all residents who have special needs and to facilitate inclusion of these individuals into leisure programs.

**Description of volunteer activities:**
Administrative duties, program assistants, Camp Maple Leaf counselor Assistants, program guide creation and distribution

**If interested, contact:**
Julie Eggleston, Executive Director  
1403 Sycamore Road - DeKalb  
815-758-6663 x122  
jeggleston@dekalbparkdistrict.com  
www.kishsra.org

**Volunteers NEEDED for a one-time event:**
Kishwaukee Special Recreation Association “Hidden Treasure Sale” – May 10 – 8 AM – 3 PM. Assistance before the rummage sale event to assist in setting up items and tables, assisting customers with the purchases, and taking tables down and clean up after event. Contact Julie Eggleston for registration and more information.
**Kishwaukee United Way**

**Purpose of organization:** Kishwaukee United Way is a local organization committed to making an impact through community building, fundraising, and local advocacy. Money raised through local fundraising efforts is distributed by volunteer allocation panels after assessing program and service needs in DeKalb, Sycamore, Cortland, Clare, Creston, Malta, Maple Park, Shabbona and Somonauk.

**One-time event: DAY OF CARING – JUNE 19, 2014**

Day of Caring is an organized day of service during which volunteers from the Board of Directors and Kishwaukee United Way, and staff from Kishwaukee United Way partner agencies visit, assist, and complete projects at community’s non-profit agencies.

**Description of volunteer activities:**

- Cleaning (indoor and outdoor)
- Gardening, Painting, Office Work,
- Art Projects, and many more!

* children under 16 should be accompanied by an adult

**If interested, contact:**

Dawn Littlefield
115 North First Street - DeKalb
815-756-7522
dawn@kishwaukeeunitedway.com
www.kishwaukeeunitedway.org
Facebook: Kishwaukee United Way

**Midwest Museum of Natural History**

**Purpose of organization:** To inspire an appreciation for the great diversity of the natural environment and human culture through education and recreation.

**Description of volunteer activities:**

Live Animal Care—this position requires a commitment of 2 hours on one day per week (same day each week). Volunteers prepare diets and feed the Museum’s live animals and assist with other animal tasks, such as cleaning cages. Volunteers who show a commitment to the program are also trained in animal handling. Animals include reptiles, amphibians, fish, and arthropods. *Youth less than 12 years must have a parent accompany them for volunteer activities.

**If interested contact:**

Cindy Chang
425 W State Street – Sycamore
815-895-9777
director@mmnh.org
www.mmnh.org
FB: Midwest Museum of Natural History

**DID YOU KNOW?** Research data tells us that youth get involved in volunteering not only for personal reasons, but also for reasons that reach far beyond them as individuals:

- Youth feel compassion for people in need; they can do something for a cause in which they believe; they believe that if they help others, others will help them.
- 73% of young people think their efforts can have a positive impact on their communities.
- Teens rank volunteering, the environment, and eating healthy, as the top 3 activities they consider “cool”.
- Youth who volunteer gain important job skills and experience, while exploring career options.
- Young volunteers expand their social circle and enhance their social awareness.
Opportunity House – KSRA Special Olympics

**Purpose of organization:** Opportunity House is a not-for-profit, community organization providing residential, vocational, and recreational services to people with developmental disabilities. Our primary service area is DeKalb County. Our mission is to help people with disabilities work, live in homes of their choice and enjoy community life.

Kishwaukee Special Recreation Association is cooperation between the DeKalb, Sycamore, and Genoa park districts. KSRA provides individuals with disabilities opportunities to integrate into the larger society and enjoy recreational activities offered through the park districts regardless of age, ability, race, sex, or disability.

**Description of volunteer activities:**
Assist Special Olympic Athletes in all areas of sport skills development.

Sports offered are basketball, aquatics, bocce, soccer, softball, golf, bowling & volleyball. Volunteers may assist on a weekly basis at practices or at tournaments. Help also need for awards banquets.

**If interested, contact:**
Marc Johnson
202 Lucas St., PO Box 9 - Sycamore
815-991-2990 x 120
ohsports@comcast.net
www.ohinc.org

Facebook: Opportunity House - Kishwaukee SRA Special Olympics

Pay It Forward House – NFP

**Purpose of organization:** Pay-It-Forward House, NFP is a hospital hospitality house organized to provide a supportive and caring home-away-from-home for family and friends of patients receiving medical treatment in DeKalb County, IL, especially at Kindred Hospital in Sycamore.

**Description of volunteer activities:**
We have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities with varying levels of time commitment. Some volunteers work at the house as Friendly Faces greeting and assisting our guests from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and from 11:00 am – 2:30 pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Others volunteer in our gardens during the spring, summer and fall months completing tasks such as watering or trimming plants, edging flower beds, weeding, mowing or raking leaves. Members of our Cookie Baking Committee bake cookies for our guests to enjoy once a month and some of our volunteers help out only at special events held once a year. Volunteer Orientations are held monthly and we encourage anyone interested in becoming involved at Pay-It-Forward House to attend one to learn more about the House, its mission and how to become a volunteer. A current listing of upcoming Orientation dates and time can be found on our website.

**If interested, contact:**
Diann Welsh
719 Somonauk Street - Sycamore
815-762-4882
info@payitforwardhouse.org
www.payitforwardhouse.org
Facebook: Pay-It-Forward House

**Special Event:** Our annual family fun fair “Meet Me at the Fair” will be held on July 19th and we’re looking for volunteers to help that day with games, serving food, set-up and take-down. Set-up begins at approximately 9 am and the event will run from 3:00 – 6:00 pm. This event is open to the public and includes kid’s games, silent auction, musical and story-telling entertainment and food. It’s a great way to volunteer and have fun at the same time.
Penguin Project

Purpose of organization: Penguin Project provides children and young adults with disabilities the opportunity to appear in Broadway-style musicals. Helping them every step of the way are volunteer peer Mentors who work alongside their Artist learning all of the songs, dances and dialogue – and then appear on stage alongside their Artists during shows to assist them as necessary. Rehearsals begin in May and continue through the show in late September. Most cast members will rehearse about twice a week during that period, sometimes more often.

Description of volunteer activities:
This year, Penguin Project will present Aladdin, in the fall of 2014. Mentors will be expected to attend as many required rehearsals as possible. Rehearsals start in May, once a week, and build up to (for most mentors) 2-3 times a week by late August. Rehearsals are at the First United Methodist Church in DeKalb and run from 6:30 until 8 p.m. No prior acting, singing or dancing experience is required to be a mentor – just a willingness to work with others and help them achieve their full potential. Past mentors have learned a tremendous amount about persons with disabilities and how to interact with them and always leave with many new friends.

If interested, contact:
Barb or Joe King
815-893-9447
cctpenguins@gmail.com
www.cctonstage.com

Pine Acres Rehabilitation Center

Purpose of organization: At Pine Acres Rehabilitation and Living Center we are committed to providing the highest level of care for our residents in a warm and friendly environment that promotes human dignity and independence.

Description of volunteer activities:
Assisting in Structure Activity Programs
Leading Large or Small Group Activities
Visiting with Residents one on one
Pet Therapy, other opportunities available

If interested, contact:
Kay Coover
1212 S. 2nd St. - DeKalb
815-758-8151
kcoover@pineacresdekalb.com

Salvation Army

Purpose of organization: The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Description of volunteer activities:
Food Pantry and seasonal events: School Supply Sharing, Thanksgiving Basket Sharing, and Christmas Toy Sharing.

If interested, contact:
Travis Catalina
830 Grove Street – DeKalb
815-756-4308
www.salarmydekalb.org
Travis_Catalina@usc.salvationarmy.org
Sycamore History Museum

**Purpose of organization:** The Sycamore History Museum collects, preserves, and interprets history in a fun and interactive manner for people of all ages.

**Description of volunteer activities:**
Junior Docent activities include leading tours of the exhibit and museum gardens, and assisting craft activities and games during Family Fun Days (once a month in June, July, and August) or special events (such as the Northern Illinois Steam and Power Show). **Training is scheduled for April 9 at 6:30 p.m.** However, individual training is also available.

**If interested, contact:**
Jayne Higgins
1730 N. Main Street - Sycamore
815-895-5762
info@sycamorehistory.org
www.sycamorehistory.org
Facebook: Sycamore History Museum

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TAILS Humane Society

**Purpose of organization:** TAILS Humane Society addresses the root causes of pet overpopulation, abuse, and neglect and promotes a culture of respect and caring for pets and wild animals through essential programs, services, education, and advocacy.

**Description of volunteer activities:**
We rely on our volunteers to assist with virtually all aspects of animal care. At any given time, upwards of 200 dogs, cats, puppies, kittens and assorted little critters call TAILS their temporary home. The shelter work is rewarding, but it is hard and there is nothing glamorous about cleaning up after the animals. **To volunteer without an adult, the person must be at least 16 years old.** Children ages 5 – 15 may volunteer, but they must come with an adult who will be trained to work along with them in the shelter setting.

**If interested, contact:**
Peg Rozhon
2250 Barber Green Road
DeKalb, IL 60115
815-758-2457 x103.
prozhon@tailshumanesociety.org
www.tailshumanesociety.org
Facebook: TAILS Humane Society

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Voluntary Action Center

**Purpose of organization:** Voluntary Action Center of DeKalb County is committed to providing high quality services that address the basic transportation and nutrition needs of its community.

**Description of volunteer activities:**
**Meals on Wheels** - Deliver hot lunch meals to homebound older adults during the week and on holidays. Decorate paper sacks; make cards or favors in celebration of holidays for Meals on Wheels recipients.

**Community Dinner** - Serving meals that are available at no cost and open to anyone on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday of every month. Location: VAC's DeKalb Luncheon Site, 330 Grove St. DeKalb.

**Community Garden** - Help planting, weeding and/or harvesting the garden. Location of garden – 1606 Bethany Road, Sycamore.

**If interested, contact:**
Meals on Wheels:
Ron Mullen, 815-758-3932
1606 Bethany Rd. Sycamore

Community Dinners:
Nancy Hicks, 815-758-1678
330 Grove St. DeKalb

Community Garden:
Colleen Bredeson, 815-758-3932
mcsab@comcast.net
Youth Engaged in Philanthropy (YEP)

Purpose of organization: Build youth leadership skills.

Description of volunteer activities:
The YEP committee is looking for high school aged youth who are critical thinkers, dedicated, responsible and concerned about local and global issues. YEP meets once a month, September through May.

Follow us on Instagram@youthengagedinphilanthropy

If interested, contact:
Becky Zantout
475 DeKalb Ave. - Sycamore
815-748-5383
Becky@dekalbccc.org
www.dekalbccc.org

A message from DeKalb Mayor, John Rey

Volunteering has been an important part of my life in DeKalb County. I have always chosen to become involved in organizations with the purpose of improving the community in which we live. Good things happen when people step up and give back to the whole community.

I encourage you to find ways to give back whether through school, church or other community organizations. Your contributions will build community spirit and raise the quality of life in our towns/cities.

There are many opportunities for your involvement. Tonight you have a number of organizations in which you can become involved. I strongly encourage you to learn about some of them and make a significant contribution to one or more. Such collaboration with others from the community will give you the benefit of mentors and role models for your life. You will gain personal satisfaction from giving time and talent to such activities with like-minded people. Whether it is in school, work or service, you need to seek those areas of life where you will make a difference.

All of us becoming involved will raise the quality of life we enjoy. It was said by Winston Churchill, “We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give.” Let’s commit to give back to our community through service. I can promise that you will learn from those you service and also from those you serve with.