
Why Volunteer?

- *Explore a career.*
- *Improve your communication skills.*
- *Gain work experience.*
- *Enhance personal development and growth.*
- *Make new friendships and meet interesting people.*
- *Develop leadership skills, gain confidence and build self esteem.*
- *Increase chances to obtain scholarships.*



Spirit Lake 7th Grade
Together with local community partners, 30 trees were planted to beautify the community.

HELPING our community thrive by using our greatest natural resource: **volunteers**

800 21st Street
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Youth Volunteer Program

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History of the Voluntary Action Center

The Voluntary Action Center has been serving the residents of Dickinson County since 1973. Our organization organizes and coordinates volunteer resources to deliver creative solutions to solve community challenges by:

- Connecting people with opportunities to serve.
- Building capacity for effective local volunteering.
- Promoting volunteerism.
- Mobilizing volunteers to meet local needs.

We invite volunteers of all ages to use their life experiences, time and skills, and talents to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

The Voluntary Action Center works to:

Organize

...individuals and groups to mount new projects and develop new ideas to solve social concerns.

Collaborate

...with organizations to provide the best service to the residents of Dickinson County

Train and Support

...for volunteers and their managers

What types of volunteer opportunities are available?

There is a volunteer opportunity available to suit nearly every person who wants to make a difference.

Some examples of how you can get involved are:

- Visit with residents of a care facility or in their homes, read to them, sing with them, or help them to write letters.
- Assist with special events and activities at a senior center or care facility.
- Deliver Meals on Wheels to the homebound or help type or attach labels to containers.
- Sort food items at a local food bank.
- Input computer data, assist with a mailing, or host for a local non-profit organization.
- Walk dogs, or socialize with cats at an animal shelter.
- Coordinate a short program about your favorite subject to present at a local nursing or assisted living facility.
- Tutor children who need help with a school subject.
- Entertain seniors and people with disabilities with music or a skit.
- Beautify parks, school grounds or a neighbor's yard by helping to plant, water, rake, or pull weeds.



*Spirit Lake 6th Graders
Raising money for a local charity with concession stand sales.*



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Youth Volunteer Application

Please detach and return to the Voluntary Action Center 800 21st Street, Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthdate: _____ Current Age: _____

School Attended: _____

Current Grade Level: _____

Please list your skills and interests: _____

Parent / Guardian Permission

I hereby give consent for my child to participate in a volunteer job opportunity. I also agree to allow pictures of my child to be taken, and I am aware that they may be used to promote volunteer activities:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Email: _____