



Dear Resident(s),

Protect your security deposit and our landfills by donating items that you will not be using. Every year we are overwhelmed and saddened with the amount of furniture, clothes, bikes, and even unopened food left behind or trashed.

Did you realize that 20,000 individuals in a six country area rely on the Hoosier Hills Food Bank (HHFB) each month? The Children Defense Fund reports seven out of ten children living below the poverty line live in a working class family (2003). Your Bloomington community is no exception and would appreciate your support.

The city of Bloomington is fortunate enough to have many volunteer based, not-for-profit organizations dedicated to serving our local community. Through these organizations, we can help alleviate unnecessary hardship by simply taking the time to make sure that any unwanted items go to someone else in need.

Please take just a few minutes to browse through this packet. You will find a comprehensive list of donation centers and organizations that could benefit from your conscious generosity.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Olympus Properties, LLC
812-334-8200

The City of Bloomington has a website set up so that residents like you can connect with people or organizations in your community. Provided below are just a handful of potential organizations that could use your donations come moving time.

For a more detailed and up-to-date list of needs, please visit the City of Bloomington website and search for the *Community Wish List*.

Local Charities:

Amethyst House

645 North Walnut St.

Bloomington, IN 47404

www.amethysthouse.org

(812) 336-3570 or amethyst@bloomington.in.us

Provides transitional housing and outpatient treatment for men and women who are in recovery from addictions. Treatment focuses on teaching the foundations for sober living.

Wishes: 32" TV with VCR, bedspreads, blankets, boom box with CD player, cleaning supplies, computers, copy paper, couch, dishes, ink cartridges, kitchen appliances (small) & utensils, pillows, reading materials, towels, twin sheets, vacuum & carpet cleaners

Backstreet Mission, Inc.

215 S Westplex Ave

Bloomington, IN 47404

www.backstreet.org

(812) 333-1905 or linda@backstreet.org

A faith-based non-profit organization offering Upper Room homeless rescue missions, Geno's Cafeteria soup kitchen/home deliveries, Backstreet Assistance Office food/clothing/furniture pantry, Thrift Store and Holiday Outreaches.

A new Thrift Store was recently opened at 1911 S. Walnut St., Bloomington, IN. Clothing, household goods, and furniture can be dropped off there. To schedule a pick-up of furniture and other items you may call (812) 333-3341. They DO NOT ACCEPT mattresses/box springs. Canned food and paper products still need to be taken to the Backstreet Mission at 215 S. Westplex Ave., Bloomington, IN.

Wishes: Non-perishable foods, bibles, bleach, gift cards, holiday gifts, laundry/cleaning supplies, paper products, personal care items, bicycles, and cars (drivable with no major repairs). Monthly needs list posted on web site.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

418 S. Walnut St.

Bloomington, IN 47401

www.bloomington.in.us/~bbbs

(812) 334-2828 or bbbs@bigsindiana.org

Serves the emotional and social needs of 6 to 17-year-olds by facilitating professionally supported relationships with adult volunteers. Programs also exist where children are visited in school or at a partner site by adults or high school students.

WISHES: office type supplies (paper, file folders, etc.), computers, household cleaners, paper towels, general cleaning supplies, mop, and vacuum.

Bloomington Animal Care & Control

3410 S. Walnut St.
Bloomington, IN 47403
812-349-3492

www.bloomington.in.gov/animalshelter

An open admission shelter providing care and comfort for more than 200 animals a day. Provides sheltering for homeless animals, assists in re-uniting lost pets with their families and welcomes visitors to adopt a new best friend.

WISHES: bleach, pet food (all brands), cat litter, dog houses, medical supplies, paper towels, pet crates, towels & blankets, toys & treats.

Bloomington Parks & Recreation Dept.

401 N Morton St
Ste 250
Bloomington IN 47404
812-349-3700

ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov

Provides comprehensive programs that encompass educational, cultural, recreational, intergenerational, health, fitness, volunteer and leadership opportunities. Facilities include Allison Jukebox, Banneker, Bloomington Adult Community Center and the Community Gardens.

WISHES: bins, bookshelves, cookware (pots & pans), gardening tools, globe, maps, movies

Boys and Girls Club

311 S. Lincoln St., PO Box 1716
Bloomington, IN 47402-1716
www.bloomingtonboysandgirlsclub.org
(812) 332-5311 ext. 16 or srudd@bgcbloomington.org

A guidance organization which fosters the physical, intellectual and social growth of boys and girls ages 6-18 with a special concern for those most in need of service.

WISHES: Mini fridge, bookshelves, folding chairs, white folding tables, cleaning supplies, DVD players, kitchen utensils/pots and pans/bowls, full-size refrigerator/freezer, storage containers of all sizes, office supplies.

Community Kitchen of Monroe County, Inc.

917 S. Rogers St

Bloomington, IN 47403

www.bloomington.in.us/~kitchen

(812) 332-0999 or director@monroecommunitykitchen.com

Provides hot, nutritious meals to individuals in need, Monday through Saturday, free of charge with no questions asked. Also distributes meals to kids through Feed our Future Summer Breakfast Program, Backpack Buddies and to those who are chronically ill through Nutrition Links.

WISHES: Sam's Club/grocery store gift cards, copy paper, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cream soups, salad dressing, lunch meats, onions, and potatoes.

Harmony School

909 E. 2nd St.

Bloomington, IN 47401

www.harmonyschool.org

(812) 334-8349 or info@harmonyschool.org

An independent pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade school providing quality education to youth ages 3 to 18 from a wide range of economic and educational backgrounds

WISHES: 35mm, chairs (classroom style or stackable type), digital & video cameras, acoustic guitars, amplifiers, athletic balls, boom boxes, electric keyboard, face paints, garden tools, headphones, laminator, serger sewing machine, and yoga mats.

Hoosier Hills Food Bank

2333 W Industrial Park Dr

Bloomington, IN 47404

www.hhfoodbank.org

(812) 334-8374 or hhfb@hhfoodbank.org

Collects, stores and distributes donated food to 84 nonprofit organizations with feeding programs that directly serve needy and hungry people. Distributes about 2 million pounds of food to hungry people each year.

WISHES: carts, cordless/multi-line phone, extension cords, fans, food, furniture for storage (end tables/small dressers), gardening supplies, gloves, hats, insulated coveralls, office furniture, picture frames, school/church/work food drives, space heaters, towels, and trophies.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

1010 S. Walnut St., Suite G

Bloomington, IN 47401
www.bloomington.in.us/~mhc
(812) 355-6843

Monroe County Solid Waste Management District

3400 S. Walnut St. / Old SR 37 South
Bloomington, IN 47401
www.mcswmd.org
(812) 349-2020, Brenda Strauss bstrauss@mcswmd.org
(812) 349-2876, Direct line to see if a specific item can be accepted

They typically accept anything small and usable (clothing, lamps, shoes, etc.). They DO NOT accept large items such as mattresses/box springs, large furniture, etc.

Stone Belt Arc, Inc.

2815 E. 10th St
Bloomington, IN 47408
www.stonebelt.org
(812) 332-2168, ext. 279 or lpejeau@stonebelt.org

Community Bike Project

214 N. Madison St.
Bloomington, IN 47401
(765) 491-7960 By email: Bloomington.Bike.Project@gmail.com

Donate A Car 2 Charity

<http://www.donateacar2charity.com/>
call toll free 1-877-441-3852

Opportunity House

907 W. 11th
Bloomington, IN 47404
Monday – Saturday 8 am- 3 pm
(812) 336-2443

Donations should be taken to the back door and left under the carport. Maintenance personnel is available to unload items. DO NOT accept mattresses/box springs. They accept clothing, shoes, household items (curtains, decorative items, dishes, dressers, lamps, small kitchen appliances, etc.)

Goodwill

1284 S. Liberty Drive 336-8104
840 Auto Mall Rd. 331-8170
(Monday-Saturday 9-9, Sunday 11-7)

They accept basically everything EXCEPT large appliances, mattresses/box springs.