

VOLUNTEER, GET INVOLVED, DONATE!

A volunteer is someone who is giving of their free time, energy, ideas and talent to fulfill a need, benefiting our community as a whole. Please contact the appropriate organization for more details about volunteer opportunities and/or to pledge your commitment to fulfill a need. (Volunteers should not expect financial compensation for service.)

VOLUNTEER/CLUB OPPORTUNITIES—

Friends of the Mahomet Public Library

Friends of the Mahomet Public Library (FMPL) is a volunteer organization whose purpose is to provide financial and other support for programs, collections and the public use of the Mahomet Public Library. Membership in Friends is \$5 per year per individual or \$10 per family. To join, please fill out an [application form](#) and return it to the Mahomet Public Library.

The Mahomet Public Library also welcomes regular volunteers for a variety of necessary tasks. Call MPL at **(217) 586-2611** or visit mahometpubliclibrary.org→**About The Library**→**Get Involved**→**Employment and Volunteering**.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands has been a community staple for almost 40 years (since 1983). Volunteers are needed on a regular basis to help provide for the community.

Monthly opportunities are as follows:

2nd Wednesday 8-10 am—Food delivery from food bank

2nd Thursday 7 pm—Board meeting open to public

2nd Saturday 9:30-10:30 am—Donations from community

3rd Saturday 8:45-11:30am—Food Giveaway

Weekly opportunities are as follows:

Fridays 10am-12pm—Pack and load donations from Schnucks, transport to HH, unload, sort and store.

Fridays 10:15-10:45am—Strong person with truck to load, transport and unload donations from Schnucks to HH.

mhhfoodpantry.org

Interact Club

Interact Club is a volunteer club opportunity *for our MSHS students*. The group engages in several community outreach initiatives. If your student is interested, have them inquire at

the high school or email sponsor, Mrs. Ericson, at ericson@ms.k12.il.us for more information about becoming involved.

It Takes A Village

ITAV is a 501(c)3 charitable organization started in 2012, dedicated to providing free clothing, cleaning and household items to those in need in Central Illinois. They not only help residents of Mahomet but anybody who can drive to them. The largest fundraising event is the operation of the gates at the Champaign County Fair, which necessitates a substantial volunteer base for success, and they actively seek volunteers year-round to assist with day-to-day operations and special events.

Contact **(217) 766-3955 or email help.itav@gmail.com**

Mahomet Area Youth Club

MAYC is a program committed to empowering youth through enriching and educational experiences that promote personal growth, leadership and community involvement. They provide a safe, supportive and engaging environment for young people and provide a diverse range of programs and activities, designed to inspire and equip the youth of the Mahomet area to reach their full potential and contribute positively to their community. MAYC also offers programming for summer camps and school breaks. They have multiple volunteer opportunities – each with varying levels of responsibility and commitment. They welcome community members to explore the opportunities, ranging from youth program volunteers to committee volunteers, positions within the board of directors and more and help wherever they are able. Volunteers working with youth will require a background check. For more information or to get started, contact executive director, **Brii Buchanan, at 217-586-6323 or email director@mahometyouth.org**

Mahomet Lions Club-District 1M

The Mahomet Lions Club is part of an international organization that raises money and gives directly back to the community and its needs (including but not limited to MAYC, Helping Hands, MPRD, etc.) The club is a non-profit and raises money throughout the year, with their biggest annual fundraiser occurring during the Mahomet Music Fest and during candy distribution days. The members host and participate in several social engagements and volunteer at many community events. Membership for the year is \$200 (some allotted to the international affiliate and some to the Illinois chapter), and members have regular club meetings on the second Mondays of the month at 6:30pm at the Lutheran Church of Mahomet March-November with a guest speaker/program and dinner. Reach out to current president, **Steve Moss, or Brady Allison at 217-552-3479 or at**

brady.allison@farmcreditil.com for more details. (Volunteer opportunities necessitate membership.)

Mahomet Parks and Recreation

MPRD needs volunteer coaches year-round for the various children's sports programs that they offer. Become a youth coach today and benefit from the experience as well!

Contact **Ethan at mahometrec@mahomet-il.gov**

Mahomet Rotary

Mahomet Rotary Club is a service-oriented organization that finds ways to give back to the club, to our local community as well as internationally. It is comprised of local community members committed to acts of service to benefit Mahomet and surrounding communities. The club meets on the last (4th) Wednesday of the month at 7:00 AM The Open Room, 407 E. Main Street. For more information about becoming a member, email **mahometrotary@gmail.com** or visit them at mahometrotary1.wixsite.com/website or on Facebook at Rotary Club of Mahomet.

Mahomet Town & Country Women's Club

The MTCWC has been an active women's club in Mahomet for 57 years, focusing on supporting Mahomet staples (including but not limited to MAYC, Helping Hands, MPL, MPRD, Mom's Pantry, etc.). The club is a non-profit and raises money through their large-scale and historical nut sale, starting in the fall, from which all profits are donated to their various missions. The members host and participate in several social engagements and volunteer at many community events. Membership for the year is \$40, and members have regular club meetings at MPL with a speaker/program and dinner on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm Sept-Nov and Jan-May. Reach out to current president, **Kim Schaab-Ozier, for more details at mahomettownandcountry@gmail.com.** (Volunteer opportunities necessitate membership.)

Masonic Lodge #220, 414 E. Main St.

Mahomet Lodge #220 is one of over 400 Masonic lodges in Illinois and is a non-profit fraternal organization comprised of adult men who share a common goal of developing positive relationships between the members and their families, as well as in the community at large and is steeped in tradition. They provide scholarships to local students in Mahomet-Seymour and Fisher High Schools and host an annual Community Builder Award every spring, too. They also participate in a variety of local events, including the Illinois Marathon, Mahomet Soda Fest, the Seymour July 4th parade, the Mahomet Auto Fest, the MAYC half-marathon, Trunk or Treat and Village Christmas. Several of their annual

fundraisers that have become mainstays in the Mahomet community, including the annual Egg My Yard Easter fundraiser, the Auto Fest silent auction, the Mahomet 220 Golf Outing and the Christmas Photo Mini-Sessions. The organization is funded by dues paid by the members and a variety of fund-raising events held every year. Members of the lodge also participate in a variety of affiliated Masonic bodies, including Shriners, York Rite Masons and Scottish Rite Masons. There are also Masonic-affiliated organizations for spouses and children of the members. Contributing to that strength is having a very diverse membership, with members widely ranging in age and from a wide variety of professional vocations. For more information on the Mahomet Masonry organization, visit **mahomet220.org**, follow their Facebook page **Mahomet Lodge #220** or contact via email at **mahometblue49@gmail.com**.

Mom's Pantry

Mom's Pantry was instituted by long-time community member and former teacher, Cindy Brumfield. The building is located behind the Mahomet-Seymour High School, in the auxiliary building adjacent to the football field. Mom's Pantry provides food, toiletries, school supplies and clothing, free of charge, to any family with a student currently enrolled in the M-S school district. Cindy also facilitates many student groups (Scouts, athletic teams, etc.) by organizing a day (or several) to help with Mom's Pantry needs. Mom's Pantry is supported solely by donations. Groups/organizations, sports teams, scout troops, book clubs, nurses, student council, FFA, churches, banks and more from the community may elect to host food drives, collect hygiene products, coats, hats and gloves, or assemble school supplies and gather socks and underwear for donation, among other things. Please reach out to Cindy to find out how you can volunteer and what the current needs are. Email **cbrumfield@ms.k12.il.us**

Museum of the Grand Prairie

The Museum of the Grand Prairie welcomes volunteers to be involved in many phases of the museum's operations, including but not limited to, managing collections, creating exhibits, running school programs, creating and helping with public programs, volunteering in the Forest Preserves, becoming a museum docent, school marm, translator, regular program assistant or regular land steward, researching and fundraising. Annual events that require a lot of volunteer help are Summer Splash (July), Prairie Stories (September), Harvest Fest, (October) and Night Lights (November-December). To learn more about becoming a volunteer, how to fill out an application, or for more information about specific projects, call **217-586-3360** or e-mail the **CCFPD staff volunteer@ccfpd.org**. Interested

individuals can learn about these opportunities through the volunteer newsletter. Sign up at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/ddBm8Eq/volunteer>

Summer Lunches Program

The Summer Lunches Program is able to offer assistance during the summer months and is organized and executed through community church efforts, with generous donations from Mahomet Lions Club and Domino's Pizza. Meals are organized and donated Monday through Friday, throughout the summer. The program began its initiative on the Candlewood Estates property, but residents do not need to live in the Candlewood community to receive a meal. Lindsay Brotherton from Mahomet United Methodist Church has taken over as the meal coordinator and says they can use help with any step. Last year there were approximately 5,400 lunches distributed over ten weeks, and there have been a few occasions when volunteers served over 160 meals in one day. The 2026 program will run from June 1 to August 7, Monday through Friday, 11:30am to 12:15pm. Coordinators are grateful for any assistance and from other local businesses for donations of any kind. For more information, contact **Lindsay Brotherton at [jlbrotherton0416@gmail](mailto:jlbrotherton0416@gmail.com) or 217-377-8120 or Linda Meachum at 217-377-3935.**

Village of Mahomet

The Village of Mahomet seeks volunteers for the Mahomet Music Festival weekend (F, Sa), which takes place during the fourth weekend of August. Festival organizers are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make the event possible. From welcoming guests and helping with setup to keeping the event running smoothly, there's a role for everyone. Whether you can give a two-hour shift or an entire day, your time and energy make a huge difference in creating a safe, fun and memorable experience for our community.

Volunteer perks include:

- Being part of a beloved community tradition
- Meeting new people and making connections
- Complimentary Festival T-Shirt & Snacks

If you're ready to join the fun, go to the volunteer page and click on the link for roles and time slots: Setup Volunteers needed for both Friday and Saturday

- Festival Weekend Volunteers needed for several available time slots
- Clean-up Volunteers needed Sunday

<https://www.mahometmusicfest.com/volunteers>

WRAPPS

WRAPPS is an organization committed to assembling and providing reusable sanitary hygiene products for females in developing countries and those who need them in the United States and locally. The need was identified after discovering the exorbitant amount of school days missed by young females, due to not having appropriate needs to leave their homes. The group meets at the Mahomet United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome and help is needed, including from those who do not sew. The WRAPPS group meets on the second Tuesdays of the month from 1-3pm in the library at the Mahomet United Methodist Church. For questions or more information, contact coordinator, **Cindy Guthrie**, at wrappsproject@gmail.com