

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Care Choir

The Care Choir provides a soothing presence and comfort to Hospice patients and families with short, peaceful serenades of a cappella songs. Care Choir is dispatched to care facilities in the Charleston-Mattoon area at the request of patients or family members. Lincolnland Hospice of Sarah Bush Lincoln coordinates the visits. If you would like to participate in Care Choir, please contact the Academy of Lifelong Learning at Eastern Illinois University, 217-581-5114 or academy@eiu.edu.

The Douglas-Hart Nature Center

2204 Dewitt Ave. East, Mattoon – The Nature Center is home to over 70 acres of restored Illinois habitats, about 2 miles of hiking trails, and a visitor center housing live animals, toys, books, and displays. Our vital team of Weekend Host Volunteers staff the visitor center for three hours at-a-time on Saturdays and Sundays. Volunteers enjoy greeting visitors, answering the phone, and watching the birds & wildlife during their shift. If you are interested in becoming a Weekend Host, or would like to do a one-time trial shift to see what it is like, please contact the Nature Center at 217-235-4644.

No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another.

- Joseph Addison

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore

520 W. Lincoln, Charleston — The ReStore sells donated items to support the mission of providing decent, affordable housing to qualified residents of Coles County. Volunteer help is needed for sorting, organizing, and cleaning. Academy members and friends are encouraged to help any time that suits your schedule. Contact the store at 217-348-7066 for additional information.

Tarble Arts Center Docents

Tarble Arts Center 2010 9th St., Charleston – The Tarble Arts Center is a major cultural arts resource serving east central Illinois. Currently, the Tarble is seeking docents, who are trained volunteers to lead tours and other activities for school and community groups. Serving as a docent can open up many opportunities for those who are interested in art. For more information, please contact the Tarble Arts Center at 217-581-2787 or email tarble@eiu.edu.