VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

"UNLESS SOMEONE LIKE YOU CARES A WHOLE AWFUL LOT, NOTHING IS GOING TO GET BETTER. IT'S NOT." -Dr. Seuss

Many organizations trust that volunteers will contribute to their mission and work - we are fortunate to have many choices in east central Illinois. Are your gifts in gardening? singing? cleaning? or hosting? Please use the contact information listed with each group to see how you can help during this time

ACADEMY CARE CHOIR

The Care Choir provides a comfort to Hospice patients and families with short, peaceful serenades of a cappella songs throughout the Charleston-Mattoon area's care facilities. Contact the Academy of Lifelong Learning at 581-5114 or academy@eiu.edu to learn what is required to participate.

THE DOUGLAS-HART NATURE CENTER

2204 Dewitt Avenue East, Mattoon
The Nature Center is home to over 70 acres of restored Illinois habitats, hiking trails and a visitor center housing live animals, toys, books and displays. If you would like to be a Weekend Host please contact the Nature Center at 217-235-4644.

THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE

520 W. Lincoln Avenue, 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 to sort, organize and clean the donated items. Contact the store at 217-348-7066 for additional information.

STANDING STONE COMMUNITY CENTER

375 N. 14th Street, Charleston
This non-profit resale ministry features food, clothing, books, toys and furniture to fulfill unmet needs through their multifaceted, Christ-centered outreach. Volunteer to help meet their need by calling 217-549-3378 for details.

THE WHITESIDE GARDEN

In 1963, Dr. Wesley Whiteside of the EIU Botany Department, began transforming five acres of former farmland into a diverse botanical garden. His property has become a true treasure for east-central Illinois. The garden relies on support of volunteers to care for the amazing plant collections. If you would like to lend a hand please contact Marissa Grant at volunteer@dhnature.org.