



Blessed to be a Blessing...

During the summer months, many of us take time to enjoy some family visits, travel and take a deep breath before the fall and holiday seasons start. As we enjoy the summer days, there are many opportunities in our community to reach out and be a blessing to those around us.

Being the hands and feet of Jesus can be an amazing gift as we share the love of our Lord & Savior. Below are volunteer opportunities and organizations in our local community that could always use a helping hand. Please consider joining in as the summer days unfold ahead. A smile can be shared with all those in need and our hearts will be blessed as we share the blessings God has so richly given to us!

- **Peoria Public Schools**, 309-672-6512: Volunteers needed to assist with 2017-2018 School Registration. Registration Hubs are located at Richwoods High School, Manual Academy, Peoria High School, and Glen Oak Community Learning Center. Registration held between 7/25/2017 through 8/5/2017. Times, days and sign up [here](#).
- **South Side Mission Marts:** The South Side Mission Mart stores are always in need of volunteers to help sort and display donations. Call the location to arrange time and day. Visit their [website](#) for details.
 - 1st Location: South Side Mission Marts - 3033 North Sterling Ave, Peoria IL 61604
Phone: 309-682-2495 Monday through Saturday ~ Hours: 9 am to 6 pm
 - 2nd Location: South Side Mission Marts - 1614 West Pioneer Parkway, Peoria IL 61615
Phone: 309-693-2110 Monday through Saturday ~ Hours: 9 am to 8 pm
- **Dream Center Peoria**, 309-676-3000:
 - Project #1 **Mission Peoria** is a week-long mission trip for youth groups to give back to the city, neighborhoods and organizations of Peoria. Students are split into teams and help with service projects and children's 'VBS-like' programming.
 - **Mission Peoria Kitchen Help (July 24-29)** This is an opportunity to serve at many different times. Volunteers are needed at breakfast, lunch and dinner. To sign up click [here](#).
 - Project #2 Through **Backpack Peoria**, the Dream Center partners with Peoria Public Schools and various community organizations to provide families with a one-stop shop to get ready for school. On Saturday, July 29th, between 2500 and 3000 backpacks filled with school supplies are given away. While at the event, families have an opportunity to register for school, get necessary dental and medical exams, meet with school administrators and get in touch with area resources. To sign up, click [here](#).