



# CITY OF STORM LAKE VOLUNTEER GUIDE

## About Us

Give back. Get Involved. Inspire. Energize. We'll help you find a meaningful role for a clean, proud, friendly and healthy community.

- Adopt a park, beach, planter or playground
- Help with public art
- Translate for others
- Host a block party
- Raise project funds
- Staff an event
- More? We love ideas!



## Contact Us

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-  [www.stormlake.org](http://www.stormlake.org)
-  620 Erie Street, Storm Lake IA 50588



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## Boards and Commissions

Storm Lake depends on dedicated citizens to serve on city boards, commissions and committees. Time commitment is minimal, but impact is big. Find a seat that fits you!

Call 712-732-8000 or email [cityclerk@stormlake.org](mailto:cityclerk@stormlake.org) for information on currently available positions.

Storm Lake City Council  
ADA Compliance Board  
Airport Commission  
Joint Airport Zoning Board  
Community Band Board of Trustees  
Planning and Zoning Commission  
Board of Adjustment  
Board of Appeals  
Cemetery Board  
Civil Service Commission  
Library Board of Trustees  
Mayor's Advisory Committee on Parks, Trails & Urban Forestry  
Storm Water Committee



**Mayor's Volunteer Recognition Reception**

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## MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

**ADOPT A PARK** – Groups are encouraged to help keep our public spaces beautiful. If you can spare a few hours a month, adopt a park, beach, or rain garden for cleanup. Contact City Hall.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** – This citizens group raises funds and conducts project to improve the Storm Lake Public Library furnishings, programs and special events. Contact the library director.

**DOWNTOWN PLANTERS** – Share your heart in the heart of the community (not to mention your green thumb.) Plant and maintain one of the many planters that add color to the downtown.  
Contact the city Public Works department.

**EVENTS** – There are many events that need helping hands – from the City's own Kids Fest to Star Spangled Spectacular and Wood, Wine & Blues to the Chills & Thrills for Halloween and Miracle on Lake Avenue in December. Contact Storm Lake United, 712-732-3780.



**BVU volunteers regularly help clean up Circle Park**

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## A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

Storm Lake Proud Days have become an annual opportunity for citizens to get together and make a difference each spring. Watch the local media and City of Storm Lake website for announcements. Everyone is invited to turn out, and give the parks and public places a good cleaning and facelift for the busy summer season.



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## HOST A BLOCK PARTY

Each summer, the Storm Lake Police offer a National Night Out program to help keep neighborhoods safe. Meet your City public safety people, meet new friends, and learn about what's going on in Storm Lake. Watch the local media and City website/Facebook for your chance to volunteer as a block party host.

## PUBLIC ART OPPORTUNITIES

Storm Lake loves its art, and there are many locations for potential permanent and temporary art projects. Artists: we'd like to see your talents. Or do you have a location where art would be welcome? Contact City Hall with ideas - 712-732-8000 or [communications@stormlake.org](mailto:communications@stormlake.org).



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## BE A MENTOR

There are always plenty of opportunities to help out the children of Storm Lake – it doesn't take a ton of time, it just takes being there.

Community Education welcomes applications for coaching and event staffing.

The Storm Lake Schools are a rich opportunity to give back to the community. Scouting programs, church youth groups, mentor programs, The Bridge youth programs and more can always use a hand.



## DID YOU KNOW?

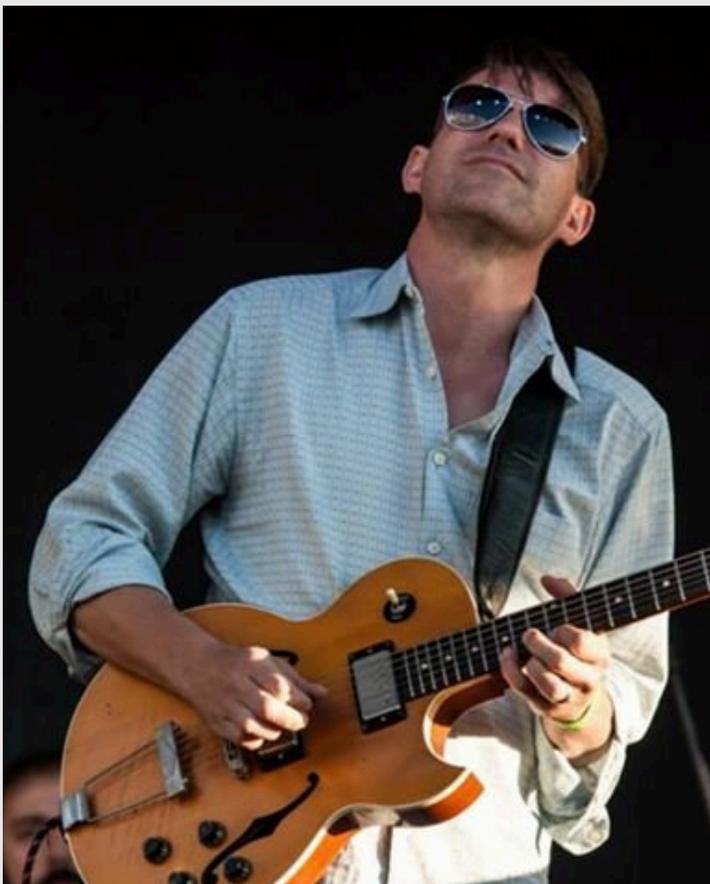
- Studies show that people who volunteer feel that they gain in skills, self-esteem, sense of worth, and even physical health.
- In one study, over 90% of people who volunteer reported feelings of personal achievement and felt they are making a difference.
- U.S. volunteers contribute over \$200 billion in value to their communities. One in every three people volunteer in some role.

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## THE ULTIMATE VOLUNTEERS

There is no greater act of giving than to serve as a volunteer firefighter, protecting the community and its people. It's not something everyone can do, but for the few who do, the sense of accomplishment and camaraderie is life-changing. If you would like to know more, contact the SLFD at 712-732-8010.



## SHARING YOUR TALENTS

Let's face it, you've always had an itch to be in the spotlight. Fun has value for the community as well. If you can contribute via music, acting, comedy, magic, balloon art, whatever - we want to hear about it. It can be as simple as a solo musician entertaining at the Farmer's Market, to providing an activity for Kid's Fest, to sharing time in a senior living facility. What do you have to share? Contact Storm Lake United, 732-3780 or [marketing@stormlakeunited.com](mailto:marketing@stormlakeunited.com).

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## LOOKING FOR INSPIRATION?

“Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it. Remember, you don’t live in the world all of your own.”

~Albert Schweitzer

“Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”

~Elizabeth Andrew

“You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.”

~Winston Churchill

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation’s compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.”

~Erma Bombeck

“You may not have saved a lot of money in your life, but if you have saved a lot of heartaches for other folks, you are a pretty rich man.”

~Seth Parker

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in”.

~Author Unknown

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.”

~Oscar Wilde

(Quotes courtesy Lesley Voss, [volunteermatch.org](http://volunteermatch.org))



## FEEDING THE HUNGRY

There is no more direct and personal way to make a difference than connecting those in need with vital food resources.

Even a couple of hours a month can make a huge difference in the lives of your neighbors in need.

There are several ways to help:

- The Friends With Food program needs volunteers to pack and deliver once monthly. Email [salud.of.stormlake@gmail.com](mailto:salud.of.stormlake@gmail.com).
- The Kiwanis monthly food distributions often need a helping hand to serve some 200 families once monthly.
- Upper Des Moines Opportunity food pantry is often in need of assistance and donations.
- Adopt a Family for Christmas program for the holidays.
- Donate your extra garden produce.

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## GETTING INVOLVED

Here are just a few of the other entities in Storm Lake that may welcome volunteerism

AVID  
Storm Lake Community Schools  
712-732-8065

The Bridge of Storm Lake  
529 Seneca Street  
712-213-0195  
volunteer@thebridgeofstormlake.com

Buena Vista County Extension & 4H  
824 Flindt Drive  
732-5056

Buena Vista County Genealogical Society  
712-732-7111  
221 W. Railroad

Buena Vista County Historical Society  
712-732-4955  
214 W. 5th Street

Buena Vista County Public Health and Home Care  
1709 Richland Drive  
712-749-2548

Buena Vista Manor Care Center  
1325 Lake Ave.  
712-732-3254

Buena Vista Regional Medical Center  
712-213-8619  
1525 W. 5th Street

Centers Against Abuse & Sexual Assault CAASA  
PO Box 333, Storm Lake IA 50588 712-732-8120  
Crisis Line: 877-362-4612

CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocacy Program  
Buena Vista County Courthouse  
215 E. 5th Street  
Phone: 712-749-5184

Community Chest c/o Juvenile Court Service  
712-749-2564  
P.O. Box 394

CommUnity Education  
712-732-5711  
419 Lake Avenue P.O. Box 638



Storm Lake Schools Foundation  
712-732-8060  
419 Lake Avenue

Elementary Tornado Academy  
712-732-8074

Faith, Hope, & Charity  
712-732-5127  
1815 W Milwaukee Avenue P.O. Box 243

Friends of Storm Lake Public Library  
712-732-8026  
www.stormlakepubliclibrary.com

Goodwill Industries  
229 W Milwaukee Ave

Head Start/ Early head Start  
9030 East 5th St.  
712-732-1358

Iowa Central Community College Storm Lake Center  
Tutors for new English Language Speakers  
712-749-5178

Kids Fest  
Info: City of Storm Lake – 712-732-8000  
Storm Lake City Hall,  
620 Erie Street

Knights of Columbus  
For info, Storm Lake St. Mary's Parish – 712-732-3110  
300 E. Third Street, Storm Lake

Lake Preservation Association  
P.O. Box 1263

Lutheran Family Services of Iowa  
1407 West 5th St.  
712-276-9000

Methodist Manor  
1206 Shoreway Road  
712-213-5923

Prairie Lake Area Education Agency  
824 Flindt Dr 3 105  
712-732-2257

Rotary  
712-732-1310  
P.O.Box 243

Santa's Castle  
200 East 5th St.  
Storm Lake, IA  
712-749-9247

Senior Citizens' Center  
1628 E Lakeshore Dr.  
712-732-2828

Storm Lake Community Schools  
712-732-8060  
1416 North Michigan

Storm Lake Parks & Rec  
401 Chautauqua Park Dr  
712-732-8027

Storm Lake United  
119 W 6th St  
712-732-3780

United Community Health Center  
715 W. Milwaukee St  
712-213-0109

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.  
712-732-1757  
620 Michigan St.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Witter Gallery  
712-732-3400  
609 Cayuga





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## Making a Difference

Your generous gift can make your community a brighter place for everyone. We can help match your budget with a Storm Lake need.

- Playground pieces
- Trees and flowers
- Public art projects
- Fitness equipment
- Special event funding
- Ideas? Let's talk

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## WHAT'S YOUR PASSION?

Every gift is gratefully appreciated by the community. We also want to make sure a donation matches well with the donor's interests and intentions. Maybe you'd like to do something for children, or nature, or add a feature downtown. Here are just a few examples of current needs - but we're interested in hearing other ideas as well.



Playground equipment pieces



Sports equipment



Bicycle racks



Outdoor fitness equipment

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Planters



Trees for parks



Benches



Gardens and rain garden plantings

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Trash containers



Murals and public art



Materials and funding for the Public Library

## MEMORIALS

For those who would like to make a gift in memory of a loved one or through a trust, we are happy to assist with planning, signage and other details. Call 712-732-8000.