Meet Muncie

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Abstract

For my Honors Thesis I was a peer mentor for a section of Muncie 101 and I created five modules about Muncie that will become the backbone for a comprehensive website about Muncie. When I came to Ball State University as a freshman I knew nothing about the city of Muncie. Since then I have learned about the city through many experiences and come to call it a second home. These experiences include taking a course, Muncie 101 that was designed to introduce freshmen to Muncie, taking a course, Women of Middletown, focusing on the women of Muncie, and exploring the city on my own. Looking back, I see all that I have learned and realize the value of getting to know Muncie.

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• I would like to thank my fellow students in the Muncie 101 class during the fall of 2003. I enjoyed exploring the city with them and I am looking forward to our reunion and expanding the Muncie Website in the course Muncie 101: Revisited.

• I would like to thank the freshman from the Muncie 101 class during for letting us introduce them to Muncie and for putting up with my sometimes over-the-top Muncie enthusiasm.

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Project Reflection

I arrived at Ball State as a freshman not knowing anyone or anything about Muncie. The only road I recognized was McKinley. I knew there had to be restaurants and places to shop. There had to be something more to Muncie that enabled it to support the 18,000-student university and made the college information books classify Ball State’s campus as “suburban” rather than “rural.” I hoped that my Muncie 101 course would show me places to eat, where to shop, and things to do on the weekends. In the end, the class not only introduced me to the city but also started a love of Muncie that has grown until today. By offering Muncie 101 classes, the Honors College has a new initiative to help all freshmen get acquainted with the city. Through this project, I have been able to be a peer mentor for a new Muncie 101 class and create five basic “Muncie Modules” that will become the backbone for a comprehensive website about Muncie.

On the first day of Muncie 101 as a freshman, we had to take a quiz to test our Muncie knowledge and I have never failed anything so miserably before or since. After that experience, I wanted to learn everything I possibly could about Muncie. The class went beyond what you can do on a weekend and talked about Muncie’s culture and history. We discussed Muncie as Middletown, learned about the local civil rights movements, and the revitalization of the downtown area. We went on fieldtrips everywhere from Minnetrista to the Muncie Recycling Center. I went on all the weekend activities outside of class as well including Puerto Vallarta, the Farmland Corn Maze, and Ivanhoe’s. We were required to complete two Muncie activities outside of class and review a local restaurant. My roommate (who was also in the class) and I took this as an opportunity to explore further and find places that students do not frequent very often. We went to La Hacienda, a Mexican restaurant on the south side, and to the Minnetrista.
farmer’s market. We enjoyed ourselves and learned more about the city at the same time. At the end of the semester, I was able to take the quiz again and answer every question. While it may seem like I accomplished my goal of learning where to shop and eat in Muncie, the class had sparked an interest and I knew that I was only beginning to learn.

My sophomore year, I took an Honors Colloquium entitled “Women of Middletown” where each student was assigned 12 to 14 women in Muncie to interview. Each student was then to write a short passage about each woman that would then be compiled into a book celebrating the wonderful women who were involved in the Muncie community. I enjoyed this class because I finally had the opportunity to interact with local Muncie residents who were invested in Muncie and dedicated to seeing it move forward. I learned more about the city from listening to their stories and experiences.

During my junior year, my friends and I decided that we were going to take time each weekend to do something that we could only do in Muncie. We ate at local restaurants, visited local stores, and explored the city in general. I enjoyed sharing my Muncie knowledge, and it was fun to experience more parts of the city. These explorations gave me an excitement about introducing others the city. I gladly took the opportunity to be a peer mentor for a new Muncie 101 class as a senior.

The Muncie 101 class during the fall of 2006 has been fun as well as a learning experience. The class was formatted the same as my Muncie 101 class with a combination of fieldtrips and various speakers from the community. Many fieldtrips were the same from my Muncie 101 class, while others were new. The trip to the Cardinal Greenway was fun because we got to go for a ride on the Greenway’s community cruisers (old-fashioned bicycles). We also went on a walking tour of some of the historical homes downtown and got a tour of Minnetrista.
The speakers were interesting as Mayor Dan Canan spoke about issues currently facing the community and Dr. Warren Vander Hill lectured on the Muncie Middletown studies over the years. I learned more about Muncie through these activities myself as well as having the opportunity to watch the students learn.

Each peer mentor had the opportunity to plan a class. I found that planning a class period was much more challenging than I originally thought because it was difficult to decide what to do. There were so many potential fieldtrips or speakers that I thought would be interesting, but I had to think about what would bring the most benefit to the students. I had to start thinking creatively because many of the activities that I thought would be best were already included in the class. After brainstorming ideas, I talked with the instructor who suggested a tour of the Muncie Civic Theatre because it is a great resource for students and the building tells a lot about the history of the performing arts in Muncie. I set up a tour with the educational director. He spent half the time talking about the history of Muncie Civic Theatre and the organization and the other half showing us all around the building discussing the history of the building itself. The students wrote journals about the tour, and they all seemed to enjoy it. One girl started volunteering at the Muncie Civic Theatre after the fieldtrip, and I was touched that the tour inspired her to start giving back to the community.

When class first began, all the freshmen students seemed very hesitant both about the course and the city. I attributed it to the normal period of adjustment that every freshman goes through, but I unfortunately found that some of them simply did not share my same excitement. Eventually, the students opened up and began to speak in class and during our fieldtrips. They would talk about their classes and what was going on in their lives. They would ask questions about resources on campus and common freshman issues such as the difference between course
planner and course request. I was happy to help them learn how to be successful in college, but I wish that they had taken a stronger interest in the course. The instructor, the other peer mentor, and I planned activities such as going to the Artswalk downtown, the luminary walk at Minnetrista, and coffee at the MT Cup outside of class for the students. I remembered enjoying the activities outside of class when I was in Muncie 101, and I was convinced that they would too. They all would seem excited in class, but no one would come. However, a couple of students did start to use the information they learned in class. One girl took some of her friends downtown to paint their own pottery at The Artist Within and another took her family to Concannon's when they visited Muncie. I liked hearing about their adventures around Muncie, knowing that they were benefiting from the things we were exposing them to in class.

In addition to helping with the Muncie 101 class, I created five basic "Muncie Modules" that will become the basis for a comprehensive Muncie website that the Muncie 101: Revisited class next semester will finish. The first module consists of reviews of five local restaurants, because some of the best restaurants in Muncie are not large chains. Many students complain that they get bored in Muncie, so the second module is a long list of things to do on the weekends with a few ideas highlighted and explained in greater detail. The third module is similar to the second; only it is a list of things to do when Parents visit. Many times when parents visit, the student is responsible for planning the weekend. This can be difficult for a freshman that has only been in Muncie for half a semester. The fourth module is a description of some of the special places and attractions that are unique to Muncie. Finally, the fifth module is a basic list of places to volunteer because even though students are only in Muncie for a few years, it is still important to give back to the community.
Muncie Modules

Module 1................................................................. Local Restaurant Reviews
Module 2................................................................. Things to do on Weekends
Module 3................................................................. Things to do with Parents
Module 4................................................................. Unique to Muncie
Module 5................................................................. Places to Volunteer
Local Restaurant Reviews

Some of the best restaurants in Muncie are locally owned. Their charm and great food make them places you do not want to miss. Here are a few:

Incredible Yogurt
3804 W Bethel Ave

Incredible Yogurt is a locally owned frozen yogurt shop that is nothing short of incredible. There are many different flavors of frozen yogurt including Double Dutch Chocolate, Peanut Better, and Pumpkin Pie and they change daily, so you get a chance to try them all. There are numerous toppings, sundaes, and shakes as well. If you do not want to have ice cream for dinner, Incredible Yogurt does go beyond frozen yogurt with many types of sandwiches and the infamous soups in a bread bowl. And then after dinner you can have dessert! Anytime of the year Incredible Yogurt will never disappoint.

Puerto Vallarta
508 S. Tilottson Ave
4000 N. Broadway Ave
3505 N. Wheeling Ave

Puerto Vallarta creates the best Mexican in all of Muncie. With three different locations, there is always a Puerto Vallarta close to you as well. The extensive menu has so many wonderful options it can be very difficult to choose just one item. While contemplating your order, you can enjoy the festive atmosphere and all the chips and homemade salsa you can eat. The menu has many options including a la carte items, full entrees, and choose-your-own combo plates. The salads, enchiladas, tacos, burritos and more will surely satisfy the pickiest eater. The lunch combos and fast service also make Puerto Vallarta an excellent lunch hour stop. When you leave, you will always leave happy.

Greek’s Pizzeria
1600 W. University Ave

Greek’s Pizzeria is right in the middle of the village and is only a short walk from campus. Inside, it looks like a little family own pizza place, and that is exactly what it is. The menu holds many types pastas and pizzas and breadsticks to go along. Their pizza sauce is sweet and compliments any combination of toppings. However, their most famous pizza is their white pizza that is made with Alfredo sauce instead of pizza sauce. They also offer outdoor dining on a large side deck that is great on warm summer nights. All in all, Greek’s pizza has become a Muncie staple over the years and it continues to satisfy today.
The Blue Bottle
206 S. Walnut Street

The Blue Bottle is a local coffee house right in the middle of downtown Muncie. It has a quaint atmosphere yet its coffee, hot chocolate, and lattes rival national chains. The extensive menu can make it difficult to choose, but the friendly baristas are always happy to help you find the perfect drink. The Blue Bottle also offers cookies, pastries, salads, and sandwiches so you can also grab a quick breakfast, lunch, or even a snack to go with your coffee or other beverage. It is a great place to meet friends and with WiFi hot zone it is an ideal place to get some homework done.

White River Landing
117 W. Charles Street

When you first walk into the White River Landing, you feel as if you have left Muncie and entered a cabin in the north woods. Canoes suspended from the ceiling, moose heads, natural wood paneling, and fishing equipment everywhere all contribute to the wonderful atmosphere. While you wait you can munch on freshly popped popcorn and take it all in. The menu holds a variety of choices including salad, burgers, wraps, panini’s and pizzas. The burgers come loaded with toppings and the pizzas are pizzas with a twist such as BLT pizza and chicken ranch pizza. The dessert menu has many wonderful desserts like turtle cheesecake, carrot cake, and apple dumplings. And as it is only a MITS ride away from campus, it is the perfect place for a good meal.
Things to do in Muncie on a Weekend...

This section is dedicated to anyone who has ever been bored on a weekend and said, “There is nothing to do in Muncie.” There are countless things to do in Muncie and here are just a few:

Explore Downtown Muncie

If Downtown Muncie could speak, it would tell a great story about the history of Muncie. Downtown Muncie used to be the center of all activity in Muncie. However, in the 1970’s it started to decline with the development of McGalliard Road and the construction of the Muncie mall and for parts of the 1980’s and 1990’s it became a ghost town of vacant buildings. In the recent years, the city has poured many resources into reviving the downtown area. While there is still a lot of work left, downtown Muncie is on its way to thriving once again and is a great place to explore.

Park on Walnut Street or in the public parking lot on the corner of High Street and Jackson Street. Stop at the Blue Bottle to get a latte or hot chocolate and then walk down Walnut Street. Make sure to stop at the card and flower shop, Dandelions, and at the Artworks Gallery. Paint a plate, mug, or vase for your mom at The Artist Within. Eat at the White River Landing, the Taste of Texas, or treat yourself to a nice meal at Vera Mae’s Bistro. Turn onto Main Street and admire the art at Gordy Fine Art and Framing. Purchase tickets to the current show at the Muncie Civic Theatre and pick up a class schedule at Cornerstone Center for the Arts. Admire the architecture. Return that overdue library book to the Carnegie Library and take an adventure through F.B. Fogg Inc. Unique Gifts and Gallery. Ride the MITS trolley to Concannon’s to get some cupcakes to share with your roommates as you tell them about your wonderful explorations of downtown Muncie.

For more information on events and places in downtown Muncie, visit http://www.munciedowntown.com/

Visit the Minnetrista Cultural Center

The Minnetrista Cultural Center is a center for preserving the history of Mid-Eastern Indiana. It has gardens, museum exhibits, and quaint orchard shop where it presses its own apple cider on-site. Minnetrista is also the location of the Ball Brothers’ houses and there are tours of the houses available. It hosts many events including a luminary walk through the gardens in December and a farmer’s market every Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning in the spring, summer, and fall. During the spring and summer, it holds many outdoor concerts by the Muncie Symphony Orchestra. Call or visit http://www.minnetrista.net/ to see what is happening.

1200 North Minnetrista Parkway
(765) 282-4848

Find Every Garfield Statue in Muncie

In 2003, 25 local organizations and artists painted 5-foot statues of Garfield in celebration of Garfield’s 25th birthday. Some of these statues are still around Muncie such as the one in the Ball State Bookstore. Your challenge is to find as many of these statues as possible around Muncie using any resource (the internet, driving around,
talking with local residents and businesses, and whatever else you can think of). Be sure
to document your findings and share them with others. Good luck!

Here are some more ideas:

• Go Bowling
  o Student Center Bowling Alley
  o Clancy’s Village Bowl
    ▪ 4805 N Wheeling Ave.
    ▪ (765) 289-4161
• Go out to eat
  o (Link to list of restaurants)
  o (Link to restaurant reviews)
• See a movie
  o Kerasotes Theaters
    ▪ 860 E. Princeton
    ▪ 3401 W. Community Drive
  o Dollar Movies at Northwest Plaza
    ▪ 1907 W. McGalliard Road
    ▪ All movies are 50 cents on Tuesdays
• Get coffee (or hot chocolate)
  o Starbucks Coffee Company
    ▪ 701 W McGalliard Road
    ▪ 765-254-9310
  o The Blue Bottle
    ▪ 206 S. Walnut Street
    ▪ (765) 284-3630
  o MT Cup
    ▪ Located in the Village
    ▪ 1606 W. University Avenue
    ▪ (765) 287-1995
• Shop
  o Concannon’s Pastry Shop
    ▪ 620 North Walnut Street
    ▪ (765) 747-0667
  o Dandelion’s
    ▪ Card, Flower, and Gift shop in the heart of downtown Muncie
    ▪ 120 S. Walnut Street
    ▪ (765) 289-6363
  o Jack’s Camera Shop
    ▪ 300 East Main Street
    ▪ (765) 282-0204
  o Minnetrista Orchard Shop
    ▪ Cute gifts and the best apple cider
    ▪ 311 W. Joseph Street
    ▪ (765) 282-8575
• Muncie Mall
  - Intersection of McGalliard Road and Grandville Avenue

• Eat at the New York House
  - An Asian food restaurant in downtown Muncie that is quite an experience
  - 127 North High Street

• Visit the Hot Dog Man
  - Located in the Village on the South side of University Avenue

• Volunteer
  o BSU Student Voluntary Services
    - First floor of the Student Center
    - http://www.bsu.edu/svs/
  o Muncie Boys and Girls Club
    - 1710 S. Madison Avenue
    - (765) 282-4461
  o Animal Rescue Fund
    - 1209 W. Riggin Road
    - 765-282-2733 (ARFF)
  o The Red Cross
    - 325 E Washington Street
    - (765) 284-3361
    - http://www.redcross-hhc.org/
  o Minnetrista
    - http://www.minnetrista.net/
  o The Cardinal Greenway
    - http://www.delgreenways.org/
  o Ball Memorial Hospital Volunteer Services
    - (765) 747-3274

• Go to a branch the Muncie Public Library
  o Carnegie Library
    - 301 E. Jackson
    - (765) 747-8206
  o Conley Library
    - 1824 E. Centennial Avenue
    - (765) 747-8216
  o Kennedy Library
    - 1700 W. McGalliard Road
    - (765) 747-8212
  o Maring-Hunt Library
    - 2005 S. High Street
    - (765) 747-8208

• See a show at the Muncie Civic Theater
  o Discounted student passes available
  o Call for schedule
  o 216 East Main Street
  o (765) 284-6681
• Cardinal Greenway
  o Ride, walk, run, or rollerblade on eastern Indiana’s trail system
  o Rent cruisers (old fashioned bicycles) for free
  o For a map visit http://www.delgreenways.org/
• Golf
  o Delaware Country Club
    - 510 S. Country Club Road
    - (765) 282-3301
  o The Player’s Club
    - 6610 W. River Road, Yorktown
    - (765) 759-7999
• Go to the Living Room
  o Live music every Friday night
  o http://thelivingroommuncie.com/index.php for a schedule
  o 130 W. Jackson Street (upstairs)
  o (765) 741-4515
• Visit an Art Gallery
  o Artworks Gallery
    - 301 South Walnut Street
    - (765) 288-2221
  o The Artist Within
    - 313 South Walnut Street
    - (765) 289-7895
  o Gordy Fine Art and Framing
    - 224 East Main Street
    - (765) 284-8422
  o MPG (Mitchell Place Gallery)
    - 308 East Main Street
    - (765) 289-8575
• Visit the Muncie Children’s Museum
  o Fun anytime of the year and there is a haunted house at Halloween
  o 515 South High Street
  o (765) 286-1660
• Go to F.B. Fogg Inc. Unique Gifts and Gallery
  o The gallery/store of local artist, Ann Johnson.
  o Lively, bold, and fun do not even begin to explain it...
  o 418 East Main Street
  o (765) 289-7464
• Try to find your way out of the Farmland Corn Maze
  o http://www.lfunfarm.com/
• Have a picnic in Christy Woods
  o Located on Riverside between the Cooper Science building and Tilottson Avenue.
• Go to the White Rabbit Used Book store
  o A little used book store right off campus in the Village
  o 1604 W. University Avenue
  o (765) 282-8978
• Get Ice Cream
  o Ivanhoe’s
    ▪ 100 different Sundaes and 100 different Shakes
    ▪ 979 S. Main Street, Upland
    ▪ (765) 998-7261
  o Incredible Yogurt
    ▪ 3804 W. Bethel Avenue
    ▪ (765) 282-2280
  o Grandma Betty’s Ice Cream Parlor
    ▪ 401 South Charles Street

• Go to a Concert
  o Ball State University
    ▪ For a schedule, visit www.bsu.edu
  o Minnetrista and the Muncie Symphony Orchestra
    ▪ For a schedule, visit http://www.minnetrista.net/
  o Downtown Muncie Concerts
    ▪ For a schedule, visit http://www.munciedowntown.com/

• Take an art, dance, or music lesson at Cornerstone Center for the Arts
  o 520 East Main Street
  o (765) 281-9503

• Visit Dave’s Alley
  o An alley dedicated to David Letterman, one of Ball State University’s most
    famous alumni.
  o 200 block of Walnut Street between High Street and Adams Street

• Go to the Burris Playground
  o Behind Burris Lab School (not during school hours)

• Paint your own pottery
  o The Artist Within
    ▪ 313 South Walnut Street
    ▪ (765) 289-7895

• Walk a dog at A.R.F. (Animal Rescue Fund)
  o Local animal shelter that promotes proper care for animals
  o 1209 W. Riggin Road
  o 765-282-2733 (ARFF)

• Sledding at McCulloch park (daytime only)
  o On Broadway Avenue between Centennial Avenue and McCulloch Boulevard
Things to do with Parents

When your parents (or other family members) come to see you, they want to spend time with you. Many times they expect you to plan the weekend because they assume that you are a Muncie expert now that you live here. However, even experts need some help now and then, so here are some things to do with parents:

- Go to an art museum
  - Ball State Museum of Art
  - Artworks Gallery
    - 301 South Walnut Street
    - (765) 288-2221
  - The Artist Within
    - 313 South Walnut Street
    - (765) 289-7895
  - Gordy Fine Art and Framing
    - 224 East Main Street
    - (765) 284-8422
  - MPG (Mitchell Place Gallery)
    - 308 East Main Street
    - (765) 289-8575
- Visit Minnetrista
  - http://www.minnetrista.net/
  - 1200 North Minnetrista Parkway
  - (765) 282-4848
- Go shopping
  - (Link to list of places to shop)
- Go out to eat
  - (Link to restaurant list)
  - (Link to restaurant reviews)
- Take a walk on the Cardinal Greenway
  - Rent Cruisers (old fashioned bicycles) for free
  - For a map visit http://www.delgreenways.org/
- Give them a driving tour of Muncie
  - Show them your favorite places!
- Take a walking tour of the historical places in downtown Muncie
  - At the Carnegie branch of the Muncie Public Library there are brochures with self-guided historical architecture tours.
- Go mini-golfing
  - The Putting Cup
    - 1410 E. McGalliard Road
    - (765) 282-5132
- Visit the Muncie Children’s Museum
  - Fun anytime of the year and there is a haunted house at Halloween
  - 515 South High Street
  - (765) 286-1660
• Get ice cream
  o Ivanhoe’s
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    ▪ 979 S. Main Street, Upland
    ▪ (765) 998-7261
  o Incredible Yogurt
    ▪ 3804 W. Bethel Avenue
    ▪ (765) 282-2280
  o Grandma Betty’s Ice Cream Parlor
    ▪ 401 South Charles Street
• Give them a tour of campus
• Go bowling
  o Student Center Bowling Alley
  o Clancy’s Village Bowl
    ▪ 4805 N Wheeling Ave.
  o (765) 289-4161
• See a movie
  o Kerasotes Theaters
    ▪ 860 E. Princeton
    ▪ 3401 W. Community Drive
  o Dollar Movies at Northwest Plaza
    ▪ 1907 W. McGalliard Road
    ▪ All movies are 50 cents on Tuesdays
• Get coffee (or hot chocolate)
  o Starbucks Coffee Company
    ▪ 701 W McGalliard Road
    ▪ 765-254-9310
  o The Blue Bottle
    ▪ 206 S. Walnut Street
    ▪ (765) 284-3630
  o MT Cup
    ▪ Located in the Village
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• Go to a Concert or a play
  o Ball State University
    ▪ For a schedule, visit www.bsu.edu
  o Muncie Civic Theatre
    ▪ 216 East Main Street
    ▪ (765) 284-6681
  o Minnetrista and the Muncie Symphony Orchestra
    ▪ For a schedule, visit http://www.minnetrista.net/
  o Downtown Muncie Concerts
    ▪ For a schedule, visit http://www.munciedowntown.com/
Unique to Muncie

There are many places and things that are uniquely Muncie. You know, they are just not the types of things that you would find anywhere else. Here is a sample:

- **Minnetrista**
  - The Minnetrista Cultural Center is a center for preserving the history of Mid-Eastern Indiana. It has gardens, museum exhibits, and quaint orchard shop where it presses its own apple cider on-site. Minnetrista is also the location of the Ball Brothers’ houses and there are tours of the houses available. It hosts many events including a luminary walk through the gardens in December and a farmer’s market every Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning in the spring, summer, and fall. During the spring and summer, it holds many outdoor concerts by the Muncie Symphony Orchestra. Call or visit [http://www.minnetrista.net](http://www.minnetrista.net) to see what is happening.
    - 1200 North Minnetrista Parkway
    - (765) 282-4848

- **Concannon’s Bakery**
  - Stepping into Concannon’s Bakery is taking an adventure through Candy Land. There are so many wonderful things that it is difficult to know where to begin! Case after case is filled with cookies, cakes, doughnuts, breads and more. They hand make their own chocolates and truffles and as well as cheesecakes. Don’t forget to grab a package of cream-filled cupcakes to share with your friends!
    - 620 North Walnut Street
    - (765) 747-0667

- **FB Fogg**
  - Lively, bold, and fun do not even begin to explain F.B. Fogg Inc. Unique Gifts and Gallery. Local artist Ann Johnson creates all sorts of creative papier-mâché gifts. She is most known for her clocks that are in the shapes of almost everything under the sun, mostly pets. They hang everywhere and are surrounded by her many other creations including flowers, clothing, and children’s toys. The color and imagination everywhere make this store a constant adventure.
    - 418 East Main Street
    - (765) 289-7464

- **Lumberjack Statue**
  - There is a giant Lumberjack statue that looks over Muncie. It is the landmark for Timber’s Bar at the corner of Tilottson and Kilgore.
    - Corner of Tilottson and Kilgore.

- **Cardinal Greenway**
  - The Cardinal Greenway is Eastern Indiana’s trail system. You can ride, walk, run, or rollerblade the miles of paved trail that runs through Muncie. Rent Cruisers (old fashioned bicycles) for free at the Depot near downtown Muncie.
    - For a map visit [http://www.delgreenways.org](http://www.delgreenways.org/)
Places to Volunteer

Even though as a student you are only in Muncie for a short time, it is still important to give back to the community where you live. Here are some places that can always use a volunteer:

- The American Red Cross
  - 325 E Washington Street
  - (765) 284-3361
  - http://www.redcross-hhc.org/

- ARF (Animal Rescue Fund)
  - Walk a dog or play with a cat
  - 1209 W. Riggin Road
  - 765-282-2733 (ARFF)

- Ball Memorial Hospital
  - Volunteer Services
  - (765) 747-3274

- Ball State University Student Voluntary Services
  - Coordinates a variety volunteer programs for students
  - First floor of the Student Center
  - http://www.bsu.edu/svs/

- Big Brothers-Big Sisters of East Central Indiana
  - Be a mentor and role model to a child
  - 220 N. Walnut Street
  - (765) 284-4141

- Cardinal Greenway
  - http://www.delgreenways.org/

- Isanogel Center
  - 7601 W. Isanogel Road
  - (765) 228-1073

- Minnetrista Cultural Center
  - 1200 North Minnetrista Parkway
  - (765) 282-4848
  - http://www.minnetrista.net/

- Muncie Boys and Girls Club
  - Be a mentor and role model to a child
  - 1710 S. Madison Avenue
  - (765) 282-4461

- Muncie Children’s Museum
  - Work at the annual Muncie Children’s Museum Haunted House in October
  - 515 S. High Street
  - (765) 286-1660

- United Way of Delaware County
  - The Day of Caring each fall is a day of volunteering at various places in the community
  - 500 N. Walnut Street
  - (765) 288-5586