

## **Opportunity Enterprises, Inc. Partnership Samples:**

**Culver's** – Work Experiences, situational assessments, paid work based learning– Dining Room Attendant, Customer Service, Back of the House Services.

**Gabis Arboretum** – Paid Work Based Learning in landscaping and the gift shop.

**Valparaiso Country Club** – Paid Work Based Learning in grounds-keeping, food service, golf cart detailing.

**Walgreens:** Work Experiences, situational assessments, paid work based learning within multiple stores in Northwest Indiana – product facing, shelving products, inventory, product dating, sales stickers updates and unloading the store truck.

**Zao Island** – Paid Work Based Learning experience in customer service, grounds-keeping. Custodial, and food service.

**Goodwill Industries of Northeast Indiana Stores** – Work Experiences, situational assessments, paid work based learning Portage, Valparaiso, Griffith, Crown Point locations - paid work experiences, sorting, organizing, accepting donations, product display and assisting customers.

**Camp LakeSide** - Paid Work Based Learning: Camp Counselors assisting campers with projects (crafts, science, etc,) sports activities, fishing, cooking, music, dance, etc.

**Ivy Tech** – Post-secondary education VTEC program. Certificate Program in Light Industrial, Hospitality, Electronic Recycling, Culinary, and Custodial. Paid Work Based Learning in the Custodial Department.

**Valparaiso Park Department** – Paid Work Based Learning – Grounds-keeping, Gate Attendant, Concession Stand, and boat rental attendant. Winter – Ice skating rink, customer service admission/skate rental, and custodial.

**YMCA** Work Experiences, situational assessments, paid work based learning Valparaiso, Chesterton, and Crown Point- in Childcare and custodial

**Strack and Van Til Food Markets – all locations** – Work Experiences, situational assessments, paid work based learning– Utility Clerk, Floral, Stocking, Custodial, Facing, back shopping – Central Bakery within Stracks – packing baked goods, panning cookies, dishwashing, custodial, assisting cake decorators.

**Northwest Indiana Foodbank** – Paid Work Based Learning: sorting donations, stocking shelves, putting up produce and other products, sanitized carts and cleaned common areas.

**Stone and Pallet** - Work Experiences, situational assessments, paid work based learning – recycling granite and wood products

**Al's Supermarket** - Work Experiences, situational assessments, paid work based learning– Utility Clerk, Stocking, Custodial, Facing, back shopping.

**Life Care Center** - Work Experiences, situational assessments, paid work based learning in the areas of Housekeeping and Laundry Services.

**McDonald's** – Multiple Locations: paid work based learning, work experiences, situational assessments, – Dining Room Attendant, Customer Service, Drive thru Services, Grill area.

**Meijer** - paid work based learning, work experiences, situational assessments for utility, stocking, and cart attendant.

**Washington Park Zoo** - Work Experiences, situational assessments, paid work based learning- grounds-keeping, customer service, gift shop, concession services and custodial.

## **Sample of Goodwill Partnerships:**

### **All County programs**

**Walgreens:** Work Experiences and situational assessments within multiple stores in Northeast Indiana – product facing, shelving products, inventory, product dating, sales stickers updates and unloading the store truck.

**Goodwill Industries of Northeast Indiana Stores** - Fort Wayne, Auburn and Angola locations - paid work experiences, sorting, organizing, accepting donations, product display and assisting customers.

**Ivy Tech** – Post-secondary education 'Titan' program. Certificate Program in Housekeeping/hospitality, Auto Detailing and Greenhouse/Farm. Starting in the fall of 2024. Goodwill will provide Pre-Ets services for the participants.

**Twisted Pen Program** – Each school we work with is able to make and sell twisted pens to their school, families and community. Many are sold through the Goodwill Stores and all profits go back to the students to repurchase supplies. The program teaches entrepreneurial skills from planning, ordering supplies, manufacturing, sales/marketing, customer service, leadership and teamwork.

### **DeKalb County**

**Gumps BBQ and Restaurant** - Paid work experiences, hiring, Pre-Ets, training.

**Auburn YMCA** - training, work experiences and future coffee and food service in partnership with Dekalb High School and other entities. Dekalb will transport students, the YMCA is providing the space for the coffee and food service and Goodwill will help with DeKalb students. Another not for profit entity is providing the food expertise and other staffing.

**City of Butler** - unlimited opportunities for paid work experiences: gardening, watering the city's flowers, painting playground and other equipment, maintaining facilities, cleaning tombstones at the cemetery and etc.

**Dekalb Animal Center** - paid work experiences, Maintaining the facilities, walking dogs, cleaning and organizing.

**Image of Hope Ranch** - paid work experiences, maintaining the facilities, painting, cleaning, working with the animals, feeding building pens and other needs on the Ranch.

**Heimach Center Dekalb Council on Ageing** - students assisted with a fundraiser event set up and tear down. They also assist with organizing filing cabinets and shredding documents that are longer needed.

**Miller's Market** - students stock shelves every other week. They also tear down boxes and organize the shelves, make sure items are where they are supposed to be.

**First Church of Christ Garrett** - students work with the janitorial staff every other week. They clean and help set up special events.

**JAM Center** - students clean every other week. Mopping, dusting, cleaning windows, dishes.

## **Allen County**

**Lutheran Life Villages** - 4 Job rotations for students throughout the school year in partnership with East Allen County Schools. 1. Activities 2. Dining Services 3. Linens/Housekeeping 4. Facilities.

**Omni Source** - Work experiences, hiring students, in partnership with East Allen County Schools, recycling electronic components.

**Community Harvest Food Bank** – sorting donations, stocking shelves, putting up produce and other products, sanitized carts and cleaned common areas.

**Goodwill “ShopGoodwill”** Internships online shopping store - photography for items listed, sorting, helping select and listing items for sale and packaging.

**Changing Footprints** – matching donated shoes, quality checks, and packed shoes for customers.

**Turnstone** - services to meet the needs of kids and adults with physical, visual, developmental, and neurological disabilities and their families.

**Common Grounds coffee house** – work experiences and situational assessments.

**Leo Parks Dept** - paid work experiences grounds maintenance, painting and etc.

**Glenbrook Hyundai** - work experiences in the auto industry .

**Ivy Tech Community College** – Students going to classes.

**AWS Foundation** - assembly projects.

**Leo High School** – student coffee and food sales, student make and sell the products and coffee they make.

**Coffee Cart at New Haven High School** - student coffee and food sales, student make and sell the products and coffee they make.

**Partners in Autism** - helping maintain the facility, work assessments work experiences.

## **Noble County**

### **Impact Institute in Kendallville**

**Whatchamacakes** - paid internship cleaning and assisting with stocking and organization.

**The Breakfast House** – internships, assisting with cleaning tasks and minor kitchen tasks such as peeling potatoes.

Kendallville Public Library - internships straightening books, dusts shelves, organizes and sorts magazines, water plants.

**Community Learning Center** – internships, working closely with the maintenance director on odds and ends projects such as setting up for events, fixing things, hanging things.

**Rural King** – internships stocking and facing shelves, and relocates items if they are in the incorrect location.

**Shepherd's Chevrolet** – internships detailing car interiors and assist with minor car maintenance such as oil changes.

**Kendallville Elks** – situational and work experiences.

## **Steuben County**

**Angola: YMCA** – summer partnership for work experiences.

**Angola Rural King** - work experiences stocking and facing shelves, and relocates items if they are in the incorrect location.

**Walgreens** - Work experiences and situational assessments.

**Image of Hope Ranch/Haven Hills Farm LLC** - paid work experiences, maintaining the facilities, painting, cleaning, working with the animals, feeding building pens and other needs on the Ranch.

**Angola High School** - cleaning, organizing the classrooms over summer break sorting supplies and assisting with miscellaneous needs.

**Steuben Animal Shelter** - paid work experiences, maintaining the facilities, walking dogs, cleaning and organizing.

**Turning Point of Steuben County homeless center and housing** - assisting staff with needs for the facility.



## LOGAN Community Partnerships

### **South Bend Regional Airport**

During this work experience students learn the responsibilities of working in the airport. They were able to experience every different opportunity including security, janitorial, fire department, train scheduling. Each student was able to pick which job they would like to try and do it for 2-4 weeks. They were then offered to stay in their same job or try something new.

### **Mishawaka Parks Department**

During this partnership they provided work experience opportunities working directly with Parks Department Staff in the parks doing general gardening/maintenance.

### **Cultivate Food Rescue**

During this work experience the students were given the opportunity to do different jobs such as packaging, creating the meals, janitorial work, etc. They learned kitchen safety and sanitation practices.

### **Martin's Super Markets**

At Martin's the students were allowed hands on experience with bagging, stocking and cleaning. They worked on money management and were able to implement many skills they have learned in their work experiences here.

### **Purple Porch Food Co-Op**

In our partnership with Purple Porch the students did stocking, bagging, inventory, cashiers along with working in the deli and produce departments. The students were also allowed experiences in how to be vendors at the farmers market.

### **Ronald McDonald House**

Students experience many different types of jobs when doing a work experience at Ronald McDonald House. They do housekeeping, cooking, taking drinks and blankets, etc. to the families staying there. They also learn about sanitation practices for those with special medical needs.

### **Tanglewood Assisted Living**

During the work experiences at Tanglewood, the students perform work duties such as recreational activities, social activities and cafeteria work.



## **Pathfinder Community Partnerships**

### **Beckler's Power Equipment**

During this work experience students learn the responsibilities of working in the store. They learn to help customers, take inventory, assemble lawnmowers, and assist with displays. They also can work in the shop. They power-washed used lawnmowers, replaced wheels, moved garden tractors in and out of the fenced area, disposed of oil, and helped with small engine repairs.

### **United with Love Food Pantry**

Students have participated in many activities at the Pantry. They have filled teen bags, helped unload donations, stocked and face shelves, and tore down boxes. They also work in the reception area greeting and checking in neighbors.

### **Covered in Love Resale Shop**

In this store students help sort donations, help with laundry, clean merchandise, check toys for missing pieces, stock merchandise, and run the cash register.

### **Juergen's Hardware**

Students remove delivered merchandise from pallets, operate pallet jacks, stock shelves, price items, print bin tickets, fill displays, and recycle cardboard and pallets.

### **Huntington County Humane Shelter**

Students assist with the care of cats and dogs, change and wash litter boxes, inventory donations, wash and fold bedding, and socialize animals.

### **Huntington City-Township Library**

Shelve, re-shelve, and sort books, Cut, copy, organize, follow directions, and assemble grab-and-go craft bags.

### **Huntington YMCA**

- **Preschool** - Learn policy and Procedures of checking and checking out for children. Work cooperatively with coworkers to create a positive and predictable learning environment and assist with creating developmentally appropriate lesson plans. Familiarize and follow cleaning and sanitizing guidelines provided by the YMCA. Assist teachers with classroom activities, run centers, and assist with classroom management in preschool classrooms.
- **Custodial**- Clean toys, wipe down workout equipment, inflate balls, and organize equipment closet.

### **Pathfinder Children's Center**

**Early Childhood Education**- Work cooperatively with coworkers to create a positive and predictable learning environment, assist with the assessment of children's development regularly, and assist teachers with classroom activities in preschool classrooms to prepare children for kindergarten.

Familiarize and follow Early Head Start Guidelines for responsive physical care and active supervision of children ages 6 weeks to age 3.

**Social Work** - Familiarize yourself and use the Conscious Discipline Curriculum to provide regular opportunities for children to develop social-emotional skills and mechanisms. Assist teachers in providing group instruction in social-emotional skills.

Assist ERSEA manager with entering income and resource information for new and potential Early Head Start families into Child Plus and create individualized files of required records. Attend and participate in home visits as scheduled for EHS children.

**Home Craft Home Goods Store-** Counting inventory, pricing merchandise, pulling old merchandise, re-stocking new merchandise. Tagging Bags, marking hangers with size markers, and helping with seasonal projects.

**Lincoln Elementary** – Counting sorting and placing cold lunch items in pans in preparation for daily lunch.

#### **Huntington Arts and Entrepreneurial Center-**

**Art Studio Assistant** - Organize studio tools and materials, maintain studio equipment, assist with planning, gathering materials, and set up for workshops. Greet participants as they arrive for workshops.

**Culinary Arts Assistant** – Assist with cleaning, sanitation, and organization of the kitchen, including coolers, equipment, and workstations. Assist with planning and ensuring materials and ingredients are set up and organized for culinary classes.

**Ceramics Studio Assistant-** Assist with workshop planning, maintain equipment cleanliness, prepare clay and glazes for use, handle artwork to and from the kiln room, and greet and assist participants as they arrive for workshops.

#### **Huntington Bike Shop-**

Assemble bikes, tear down and recycle cardboard, sweep floors, straighten merchandise.

## **Sampling of Corvill Community Partnerships**

### **Healthwynn Nursing and Rehab-**

#### **Hubbard Hill Rehab & Retirement Community**

Dietary -dishwashing, food prep, order taking, serving, busing tables, host

Laundry-sorting, operate commercial washers and dryers, folding delivering personal clothing to residents rooms, linens to each floor

Housekeeping-sanitizing and cleaning rooms, halls, restrooms and dining areas to include emptying trash, dusting, sweeping, mopping, vacuuming.

Grounds Care/Maintenance- Use of various manual tools and power tools, mowing, trimming, irrigation, hedge trimming, general maintenance

#### **Hacienda Mexican Restaurants**

Students learn the jobs of hosting, busing tables, food prep and dishwashing.

#### **Martin's Supermarkets**

#### **Hardings Friendly Markets**

Students gain real work experience in stocking and facing shelves, grocery bagging and carry out, salad prep in the deli, labeling food items, general cleaning in the customer dining area.

#### **Metro Diner**

Dishwashing, busing tables, assisting with to-go orders

#### **Marshalls**

Experience gained in merchandising-displaying products, unpacking and tagging clothing, attaching security devices

#### **Here Kitty Kitty Rescue**

#### **South Bend Animal Control**

#### **Pet Refuge**

Experience gained in general animal care such as maintaining cleanliness of facility, cages, feeding bowls, blankets, etc.

Grooming, exercise and feeding

#### **Cultivate Food Rescue**

## Northern IN Food Bank

### Feed the Children

### Soup for Success

Students gained insight regarding Food portioning and packaging, general food safety and regulations.

Packaged backpacks with food for weekend food program, checked expirations dates, learned how inventory system works at food bank.

Worked assembly line jobs packing food and toiletry items for shipment.

Measured, packaged and labeled soup products

Stocked and conducted inventory of a teacher's store located in the warehouse

## Red Roof Inn Hotel

Students gained work experience in housekeeping, maintenance, laundry and front desk duties

## Farm and Fleet

Students worked on merchandising displays, assembly of lawn mowers, grills and other outdoor equipment, watering and caring for plants, customer service.

## Ivy Tech

## IUSB

## Bethel University

## Notre Dame

## Erskine Green

Corvill has assisted students with learning about, visiting and applying to various colleges and training institutes for post-secondary opportunities.