

Community Volunteer Force

Volunteer Resource Newsletter

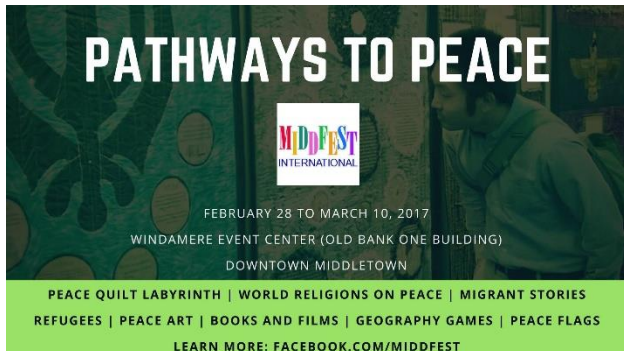
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Help needed from May - September

We need 4 volunteers, two in each booth, to help with the Hamilton Flea. It entails serving beer or selling merchandise on May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12 and September 9.

The Hamilton Flea is Hamilton's first curated, urban flea market. The Flea is held in historic downtown Hamilton's newly established Marcum Park. The venue provides patrons an immersive experience into Hamilton's revitalization on the second Saturday of each month. A full day in Hamilton can include a walk through High Street's new shops and eateries, a tour of Hamilton's historic farmer's market, a visit to the newly created Hamilton Municipal Brew Works, and then a day of shopping, eating and drinking at the Hamilton Flea! This monthly event features a wide variety of local artisans who specialize in handcrafted goods and unique, high-quality services. Contact Karen Wittmer karen.wittmer@hamilton-oh.gov (513) 844-8050.



Middfest Volunteers needed now!

Pathways to Peace is open through March 10 and has positions for several volunteers on a daily basis. All work is clean and involves no heavy lifting. The event opens each day at 11 a.m. Positions available:

Greeter: Greet visitors and guide to desired activity/display, encourage guests to sign in, count attendees, sell tickets to banquets and communication training, thank guests for attending. Be aware of security.

Docent: Answer questions about quilt exhibit, guard quilts (keep visitors from touching them).

Book & Craft sales person: Answer questions and assist visitors in purchasing books and crafts.

Youth Loft Coordinator: Welcome students and children and briefly explain each of activities, get students started in chosen activities, answer questions. Extend thank you.

Rover: Assist director where needed. The areas most likely to need a Rover will be the Book and Craft Sales Nook and the Youth Loft. Rover may also be asked to assist with electronics. If a buffet is being served during a Rover's shift, help may be needed setting up tables and chairs, help clearing tables or assisting caterer, etc.

Contact Virginia Ritan, Executive Director, Middfest International [513 422-7710](tel:5134227710) to register as volunteer or with questions. Or email middfest@siscom.net.



Help serve meals at Hope House Mission

Every day, Hope House Mission, Middletown, serves more than 160 hot meals to homeless and hungry guests. Often, a meal served with kindness is the first step on the road to recovery for hurting men, women, and children we serve. It's more than a meal. It's hope. We are in need of individuals and groups to assist with serving lunch or dinner, Monday through Saturday, at our men's or women/children's shelters. Volunteers can provide and serve a meal (for up to 50 people) or simply help serve meals our cook has prepared. In the spring and summer we are also in need of volunteers who can mow the lawn at our women/children's shelter. Together, we can break the cycle of poverty and despair, one life at a time. Visit our website hhmission.org to get connected or contact our Volunteer Coordinator at lfields@hhmission.org.



Prepare shipments of medical supplies March 4th

Caring Partners International missionary Andrew Wienhoff and his volunteer team are preparing shipments of medications and medical materials to church-based healthcare projects in Haiti, Kenya, Mexico, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic. The next large-scale work day scheduled is Saturday, March 4, but contact us prior, or ask to join our Facebook Group "Caring Partners" to receive up-to-date info on all of our service projects here at our facility in Franklin a.wienhoff@caringpartners.org Phone: 937-743-2744.



Hamilton, Fairfield, Oxford volunteers sought

The First Tee of Greater Miami Valley needs volunteers at HAMILTON/FAIRFIELD (Miles of Golf, Potter's Park Golf Course, Twin Run Golf Course); OXFORD (Indian Ridge Golf Club).

VOLUNTEER ROLES - Check-In/Check-Out (check in participants and monitor attendance, distribute name tags and collect at the end of day, collect yardage books, ensure participants are checked out at the end of day) **Group Leader** (escort participants to each station following rotation schedule, keep eye on time to stay on schedule, communicate with participants about life skill of the day as you are rotating from station to station, reinforce safety guidelines and make sure they're being followed) **Golf Station Leader** (lead golf skill at assigned station following lesson plan for day, ensure safety and use of coaching philosophy) **Set-Up / Tear-Down** (arrive early to set-up stations for day, pull out loaner clubs and put away at the end of day, after session ends, clean up).

TIME COMMITMENT: Flexible based on your availability. Minimum one day a week for a 3- or 4- week session.
REQUIREMENTS: background check provided by Protect Youth Sports. Must attend volunteer training. Contact Wendy Mockabee | Director of Outreach & Administration wmockabee@thefirstteegmv.org | (937) 432-9600 ext. 3.



March volunteer days planned at Sorg

March 11-12, Saturday and Sunday (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.) Bring lunch, drinks, gloves, dust masks, light hand tools including brooms and dust pans. Scope of work could include: Move theater seats from stage to one of store fronts; Paint interior spaces, fire escape doors and boarded up areas - remove board up, then paint, then replace; Clean, dust, vacuum - this is heavy cleaning to be done so dust masks will be needed; Clean chandelier; Attempt to remove paint from steel panels in entry corridor; Remove peeling paint from stairwells; Sweep common areas in commercial building; Demo 4th floor kitchen ceiling (it's falling out of lath); Remove paint from hallway windows. Marquee: remove all bulbs, scrape peeling paint. Fire escapes: with ladder and extension handles - paint wood barriers. Parking lot: Construct concrete barrier poles at entrance.

There will be a fund raiser on Saturday, March 25. Positions available: set up for cocktail hour, tour guides, ticket checkers and people to assist serving wine and beer during the cocktail (7:00-8:00).

Long term opportunities: committee members for Marketing and Finance Committees. To register to volunteer or questions, email info@sorgopera.org or call Sylvia McIntosh, Volunteer Coordinator [513 464-9032](tel:5134649032).



RASKALS needs groups and others May 6

Random Acts of Simple Kindness Affecting Local Seniors is a community-wide service program matching local senior citizens with volunteer teams to complete simple yard clean-up and outdoor home chores. Program is volunteer driven and coordinated through West Chester Township. Next event is May 6. Call 513-777-5900 or e mail Laura Groff at LGroff@WestChesterOH.org.



Volunteer Training/Meet & Greet March 2-4

Mark your calendars to attend one of the training dates below. Sara Schapman, new Volunteer Coordinator, will host training for our volunteer software, Volgistics. Please RSVP to Sara at sschapman@YourMetroParks.net.

Thursday, March 2 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. VOA MetroPark
Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Chrisholm MetroPark

Volunteers are needed at the Welcome Center at Voice of America MetroPark. Welcome park customer/owners with a smile, provide information about programs and the parks.

Training provided. Welcome Center - Voice of America MetroPark (Ronald Reagan Lodge, 7850 VOA Park Dr., West Chester OH 45069). Contact Claudia Whitacre cwhitacre@YourMetroParks.net.

Kites 'N MPX - Voice of America MetroPark on Saturday, April 8th 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers needed for Kites 'N MPX event to help with kite making, registration, safety and more. Contact Sara Schapman at sschapman@YourMetroParks.net



Easter Egg hunt volunteers sought

Liberty Township Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday prior to Easter from 10 a.m. until Noon at Liberty Park (rain or shine). The Easter Egg Hunt will have designated start time for different age groups: 1-2 year olds 10 a.m.; 3-4 year olds 10:30 a.m.; 5-6 year olds 11 a.m.; 7-8 year olds 11:30 a.m.

The township says "we are always in need of volunteers to help run events and/or help with the preparation of events. Student volunteer opportunities available too!" Contact Vickie Daniel at 513-759-7500 or vdaniel@liberty-township.com.



Work for snuggles!

PAWS Adoption Center in Monroe is in need of wonderful volunteers to help with our mobile events as well as our day-to-day operations at the shelter! If you're willing to work for snuggles, call us! [513.539.7297](tel:513.539.7297).

hamilton living water ministry, inc.



Work with children after school

Hamilton Living Water Ministry, Inc. (HLWM) is a grassroots, non-profit organization serving some of Hamilton's neediest youth and families since 1999. We offer year round educational and recreational programs to hundreds of children free of charge and have become a safe haven for youth.

Volunteers are always welcome to help make our programs successful. We need individuals to work with our children (grades K-6) and teens (grades 7-12) with homework, enrichment activities, art, science or be an extra pair of eyes to support our staff and help to show the kids love and kindness.

We love to have volunteers share their talents and skills with our youth. Come and volunteer one day or as much as your time allows! We run after-school and summer programs for children so we always need organization of classrooms, organizing the kitchen and snacks for feeding the children, decorating the building for the programs, anyone with IT experience to check out computers/electronics for usage, purging and shredding files. Depending on the time of the year, weeding and planting landscaping, official striping of the soccer field.

Contact Pam at 513-894-9892 or email p.raines-bowers@fuse.net.



Game night with teens

Laugh, have fun and make new friendships at Game Night with teens who have developmental disabilities! Volunteers ages 14 and up are welcome – perfect for families, youth groups, college students, etc. looking for a fun and meaningful way to spend an evening! Contact Melody Schurgast at midschurgast@butlerdd.org or 513-785-4667 to get involved.



Volunteer openings in our area

JustServe is a free website that matches faith, nonprofit, community and governmental organizations that need volunteers with volunteers willing to help. It is an easy way for volunteers to search for opportunities that resonate with their interests. For information about projects in our area visit: www.justserve.org and enter your zip code. It is that simple!!



Take dogs and cats to visit senior citizens

Animal Friends Humane Society is seeking **volunteers for its new program to encourage interaction between animals and senior citizens.** Dr. Carole Kuhn has developed a fund called 'Carole's Canine Companions' with the help of Animal Friends Humane Society and Hamilton Community Foundation. Animal Friends Humane Society, with help of volunteers, is taking selected dogs and cats on regular visits to both Berkeley and Westover. The goal is to expand scope to accommodate many more senior citizens' organizations in future.

Volunteer Specifics: 1. must become volunteer and attend volunteer orientation. 2. required to attend separate orientation (1 hour) after regular volunteer orientation to familiarize yourself with program. 3. must be at least 18 years of age. Volunteers not required to participate in other volunteer opportunities as long as they stay active in Carole's Canine Companions program with at least 4 hours a month.

Animal Friends still has regular volunteer opportunities. For more information Contact volunteer connection [513-867-5727](tel:513-867-5727) or visit www.animalfriendshs.org

Power Thursday

Can you help run sound for us?

Power Thursday is looking for adult volunteers to work with children ages 4 to 10 years of age in a faith based program. Power Thursday, is an inner city ministry located at 412 South Front Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45011. This is a weekly event that is held from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of one Thursday a month. **We have an urgent need to have someone run sound for us on Thursday evenings, training provided.** References and background check is required. Contact Christine Birhanzl (voice or text) at 513.502.9631 or christinebirhanzl@yahoo.com

Too many local children are being hurt.
You can help save an abused child.



Be a child's voice

Volunteer to be a **Court Appointed Special Advocate**

CASA volunteers advocate for abused and neglected children with the purpose of guiding the child through the system to provide positive outcomes, which include:

- Having a voice in court
- Being safe from further harm
- Receiving services to help the child heal from their trauma
- Staying on track academically
- Finding a permanent, safe home in a timely manner

PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA
(Court Appointed Special Advocates)
513.867.5010
casa@parachutecasa.org www.parachutecasa.org



Volunteer informational meetings March 1 & 8

Looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity please join us for CASA 101 (Volunteer Informational Meeting) to learn more about our upcoming CASA volunteer training set to begin May 2017. CASA 101 is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1st (Middletown MidPointe Library, 125 S. Broad Street) and March 8th (Oxford Lane Library, 441 S. Locust Street) both starting at 6:00 pm. **Stop by to listen and ask questions about becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate for an abused or neglected child in Butler County. You will not be asked for a donation.** Don't want to wait - call [513.867.5010](tel:513.867.5010), email casa@parachutecasa.org or go to www.parachutecasa.org for more information.



Several upcoming events need volunteer support

- Saturday, March 4, OTR Improv. Ushers and ticket-takers needed. Shift lasts from 6:30 – end of show (likely 9:30pm)
- Friday, March 10, Fitton Family Friday. Ushers and ticket-takers needed. Shift lasts from 6:30 – 8:30pm
- Saturday, March 11, Phil DeGreg & Brasilia. Ticket-takers needed. Shift lasts from 6:30 – end of show (likely 9:30pm)

Contact Scott Berry [513.863.8873 ext. 128](tel:513.863.8873)
scott@fittoncenter.org, www.Fittoncenter.org.



Neighbors Who Care Home Repair needs you

SELF helps low-income families in Butler County (mainly elderly or disabled) stay in their homes. The repairs can range from simple painting to wheelchair ramps or more complex repairs.

We can choose projects that meet the abilities of the volunteers and provide supervision and help as needed. We also supply materials and tools. The groups we currently partner with like AK Steel and Bethany United Methodist Church find these projects rewarding, spiritually uplifting and fun. Contact John H. Post, Housing Coordinator, Supports to Encourage Low-income Families jpost@selfhelps.org, 513-787-9956 Next scheduled dates: **March 25, April 22, May 20.** (We can also schedule a specific date for your group!)



The YWCA Hamilton (244 Dayton St. Hamilton) is looking for volunteers:

Thank You Callers: We are looking for folks who are willing to help us clean up our database. There would be *No sales calling. * You would simply be calling people to thank them for supporting the YWCA, verify contact info and mark off if a phone number was incorrect.

Volunteer Front Desk Receptionist: This involves answering calls, light clerical, and greeting people as they enter the building. May require signing privacy and confidentiality form.

Organizer/sorter: If you like sorting and throwing stuff away, this is for you. We have some closets of "stuff" that need sorted/organized/discarded etc.

Administrative: Help with filing, sorting and data entry.

Maintenance: If you like to work with your hands on a project, we have some ceilings desperately in need of scraping in preparation for painting. Also, help raking leaves, weeding, trimming shrubs.

Event planner: We are in need of people to help with various events and activities. This would entail helping to get sponsorships for the event or in-kind donations of food, merchandise or gift cards.

Promote the YWCA: We will host a booth over the summer at Hamilton Flea. We would love engaging folks to come help us staff our booth, talk about our mission and sell split the pot tickets.

Times are flexible on most volunteer activities. If you are interested please contact Reva Evans 513-856-9800 revans@ywcahamilton.com.



Classroom volunteers needed

Butler County area youth can benefit from your experience in just 45 minutes 1x/week for 5-7 weeks by becoming a JA classroom volunteer. JA provides a one-time new volunteer training of 1.5 hours and provides all materials to lead activities and discussions in K-12 classrooms. Coordination of days and times of classroom visits is done between volunteer and at school at which you're paired. Many options this Spring. Contact Carol Lucio, [513.673.9357](tel:513.673.9357) or Carol.Lucio@ja.org.



Be a buddy for Parent's Night Out

Pause offers families of children with physical, mental, developmental, medical, behavioral and/or learning challenges, access to a broad range of support options maximizing the use of community resources and family support networks. On the current menu of options, Pause provides: respite, free family fun, caregiver networking/resourcing and community service events to help families with tangible needs.

Here is how you can help this month: Be a buddy for our March Parent's Night Out respite event. Volunteer as a family, group or by yourself! The benefits to our families are immeasurable and we can't do it without our volunteers! Contact PauseVolunteer@bcsc.org or visit <http://www.butlercfc.org/page/volunteer-pause>.



Volunteer orientation is March 25

Animal lovers needed for walks and cuddles! Animal Friends Humane Society is looking for caring individuals 16yrs+ who would like to spend a few hours a week playing with and caring for shelter animals. There is no set schedule required and volunteers who have completed orientation can come anytime during open shelter hours, (M,T,F,Sa,Su **11 am to 4:30 pm** & W, Th **1 pm-7 pm**). Contact volunteer connection **513-867-5727** (main). <http://www.animalfriendshs.org/> The next volunteer orientation is **Saturday, March 25**.



Students, individuals invited

Are you looking for a rewarding, fun volunteer opportunity? Look no further! Abilities First has several **volunteer positions available with flexible days and times**. If you are a high school student (16 or over), college student or individual who wants to give back to the community, call Pam Roark Gibbs today! Pam can be reached at 513-423-9496. www.abilitiesfirst.org We guarantee your life will be impacted!



Guardians and 'Friendly Visitors' needed

Many of Butler and Warren County's most vulnerable elderly, mentally ill and developmentally disabled residents have experienced improved lives thanks to the advocacy of court appointed guardians from LifeSpan. LifeSpan was the first organization to offer a guardianship programs in Butler County and remains the only one serving both elderly and those with mental illness or developmental disabilities.

LifeSpan Guardians are appointed by the Probate Court to make decisions for their persons under Guardianship relating to their health care, living arrangement or safety issues. Persons Guardianship are individuals who have no immediate family able to or willing to help them or they have limitations that impair their ability to make competent decisions. They typically live in nursing homes, group homes, or in other supported

living environments. Many times, our Guardian is the only person who visits outside of medical professional or caregivers.

LifeSpan is always in need of compassionate Volunteer Guardians or Friendly Visitors as each year the Guardianship programs sees an increase in referrals. This your chance to help those whom may have nowhere to turn. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and will receive orientation and ongoing training.

Volunteers develop a personal relationship, oversee care, advocate, or just be a friend with individuals under Guardianship. Contact Angelic Frazier- Volunteer Guardian Coordinator 513-785- 4189 or frazier@lifspanohio.org. For more information on LifeSpan www.lifspanohio.org



Sort clothing on Saturday mornings

Rethreads, a free clothing store in Fairfield staffed solely by volunteers, **needs help sorting clothing every Saturday from 10 AM to noon**. Rethreads is located at 1425 Nilles Road, Fairfield, OH 45014 in the old Fairfield Church of the Nazarene building. Clothing is free to clients on four days each year (one for each season). Quarterly giveaways typically draw between 200 and 300 clients. Rethreads can arrange to have groups volunteer at other times. Contact Fairfield Church of the Nazarene (513) 549-6394 or Michael Albrecht (michaelalbrecht@gmail.com).



Respond to disasters or work from home

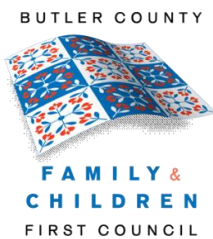
The American Red Cross is looking for **volunteers to help on Disaster Action Team (DAT)**. **Volunteers respond to local fires and disasters in Butler County**. When there is a fire and someone is home, the fire department calls Red Cross to send volunteers to help the family. To help someone who may have just lost everything is priceless. You will find this a very rewarding project that actually doesn't take up much of your time. Training involved and you will always go out in a team.

Virtual Intake Processing Volunteer: This is a great position for those **volunteers who wish to work from home!** All you need is a computer! Your job is to be in contact, through email and phone calls, with incoming prospective volunteers. You will help those incoming volunteers finish their applications and refer them to their correct department of interest! It's a great way to volunteer and help the Red Cross! To sign up to volunteer go to www.redcross.org or for more information you can call Tammy Simendinger at 513-579-3031.



Historical Society seeks volunteer help

BCHS is looking for volunteers in a number of different areas: Receptionists – greet guests, light office work; Tour guides – provide tours of the Butler County Historical Society to visitors (will train); Data entry – Assist with the inventory and collection of the Butler County Historical Society. All hours are subject to the availability of the volunteer. We are open Tuesday-Friday 9-4 and Saturday 9-2. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Creighton at 513-896-9930 or bcmuseum@fuse.net.



Peer Partner volunteers needed

Peer Partner volunteers: Butler County Community Wraparound (through Family and Children First Council) is adding additional support to our process in the form of Peer Partners. These individuals will be partnering with the youth on Wraparound teams to help empower them to ensure voice is being heard at meetings, as well as help them navigate through the many systems of care. We are currently looking for young adults (over the age of 18) with lived experience (such as involvement with juvenile justice, mental health, children services, substance abuse, developmental disabilities or special education) to partner as volunteers (stipend for attending meetings and mileage reimbursement will be included). If you are eager to learn and grow and help other youth who are struggling to see that they are supported, this may be a good fit! (One year commitment if possible. Hours per week vary.)

Contact Julie Caito, LSW, [513-594-1007](tel:513-594-1007), Caitoj@bcesc.org, Butler County Educational Service Center, 400 N. Erie Blvd. Suite A. Hamilton, OH 45011.



Expect more from us. We do.

Volunteers needed in Butler County

Volunteers needed to provide companionship for lonely hospice patients and family members. Volunteers visit individuals in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and patient's private homes. Crossroads Hospice cares for patients in 7 surrounding counties and we have a need for volunteers in Butler County. Activities may include reading, listening, sitting and talking, playing board games, crafts, singing, sharing music, or other interests. A smile, a caring attitude and a compassionate heart is all that is needed to touch lives and make a difference... *the life you touch may be your own*. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Volunteer interview, training, TB test and background check is required (all cost covered by Crossroads). Volunteering can be flexible. Contact Gretchen Eagle Gretchen.Eagle@crossroadshospice.com. (513)786-3752.



The Caring Craftsmen could use you

We do home repair, accessibility modification and general craftsmen projects for people with developmental disabilities and/or their families. We are an all-volunteer group and our projects are paid for through donations. We do our projects at no cost to families. We have site leaders that have expertise in what the project entails. Site leaders help volunteers learn the craft at hand. If you are a seasoned craftsmen or someone that would enjoy learning a new skill while helping others contact Dave Glock Jr. [937304-5774](tel:9373045774) or caringcraftsmen@gmail.com



Student and community volunteers welcome

Intergenerational art program for people with dementia is in need of volunteers. Training is required. We welcome high school students, home school students, college students or community volunteers. (College credit and post-secondary credit is available). See our website for more information: www.ScrippsOMA.org or call Beth Rohrbaugh at 513-529-7172.

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

*Serving Survivors of Domestic Violence,
Sexual Assault & Stalking*

Respond to hospital calls in Butler County

We are looking for volunteers to serve survivors of sexual assault! Volunteers must be over 18, attend our 40 hour training and then sign up for a minimum of 2 on call shifts per month. **Volunteers will be partnered and respond to hospital calls in Butler County if someone has been sexually assaulted and go empower, support and provide resources for the survivor.** Contact Staff.whw@gmail.com for more information.



Assist victims of domestic violence

One in 3 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. Make a difference - volunteer with The Center for Family Solutions. **Volunteer victim advocates assist victims of domestic violence** with applying for Civil Protection Orders (CPO); provide crisis intervention services and emotion support; accompany victims to court for CPO hearings; assist victims with court preparation, safety planning and resource referrals. All victim advocate volunteers will complete a comprehensive 40-hour training program that includes classroom instruction, online learning and direct observation / shadowing. No prior experience required! Contact Erin: cfs.erinf@gmail.com or 513-896-2350. www.centerforfamilysolutions.org.



Help at clinic or in food pantry

Want to make a difference in someone's life, meet new friends and give back to your community? If so then please consider bringing your skills and interests to Mercy Health St. Raphael.

You can volunteer according to your personal schedule, morning or afternoon and depending on your qualifications choose your role!

We interview all applicants to assess interests and skills. We will make every effort to make the appropriate match between the volunteer and the area of need.

Opportunities are available in the clinic and our Choice Food Pantry. Food Pantry Assistants, Lunch Window Attendant, Stocking shelves, Donation Assistants, Volunteer Nurses, Volunteer Physicians, Telephone-Patient Follow-up, Intake Screening, Special Projects.

Find out if being a Volunteer at Mercy Health is the right fit for you. Contact Volunteer Services at 513-981-4211 or bgemmons@mercy.com.

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