Hoosiers Helping Hoosiers

Through the Hoosiers Helping Hoosiers program of community engagement and service learning, IU Athletics students and staff live our value of being a part of something bigger than ourselves. Together, we impact lives and change the world.

To provide the greatest impact on our communities and the most meaningful experiences for our students, Hoosiers Helping Hoosiers focuses our service on three primary areas: Hoosier Readers, Healthy Hoosiers, and Hoosiers Giving Hope.

Hoosier Readers
Hoosier Readers is dedicated to supporting and improving childhood literacy in our local communities. Hoosier Readers often partner with established programs such as “Grand Slam for Literacy,” “Read Across America,” and the INSPIRE Living-Learning Center in the IU School of Education.

Healthy Hoosiers
Continuing with our partnership with IU Health and particularly, Bloomington Hospital, Healthy Hoosiers participates in programs to encourage children to take part in physical activity and make healthy nutrition choices. Healthy Hoosiers also participates in drug and alcohol education and sexual misconduct prevention programs.

Hoosiers Giving Hope
There are two main priorities of the Hoosiers Giving Hope program. First, we provide “special experiences”, through our partnerships with the Enis Furley Foundation and Riley Children’s Hospital, to bring joy to those Hoosier families who are in difficult times. Secondly, we support the specific causes of breast cancer awareness and the Riley Children’s Hospital through IU Dance Marathon, Camp Riley, and other programs.

Community Engagement as a Department
As 24 Sports: One Team, it is important for our athletics department as a whole to participate in community engagement. Hoosiers Helping Hoosiers regularly provides staff volunteer opportunities, including those in conjunction with our student-athletes.