



Champaign County Humane Society

GIANT Garage Sale Call for Volunteers 2018

Sale May 25 & 26; Giveaway May 27 • Former County Market, 312 W. Kirby, Champaign

The CCHS GIANT Garage sale returns to the former County Market at 312 W. Kirby Ave., Champaign, thanks to the generosity of Niemann Foods. Our record-breaking 2017 sale brought our total sales to over **a million dollars** in support of the homeless animals at CCHS. Can our 2018 sale — our 35th — break another record? We are successful because we have the best group of volunteers around. We need your continued help, and that of your friends and neighbors. Please encourage anyone you know to join us — as volunteers (and as shoppers!) Our current volunteers make the best recruiters. Volunteers who work a minimum of 10 hours **and** commit to working at least four hours on sale days **or** at cleanup may purchase items before the sale **after** they've completed 10 hours of work. New volunteers are encouraged to attend orientation May 16 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the former County Market, 312 W. Kirby, Champaign. Below are the details of the schedule and the link to sign up.

Please read the Volunteer Handbook, which explains the guidelines for making this enormous undertaking a fun and profitable venture. On behalf of the CCHS Board of Directors, I thank you for your support! If you have questions, please contact me at 217-763-6999 H or 217-871-1927 C or mlpayne@illinois.edu. I look forward to seeing you soon.

 Mare Payne, chair

Sunday, May 13: Moving Day – 3-4 hours; 9 a.m. to completion

We move equipment from CCHS to 312 W. Kirby, Champaign. We need strong people and vehicles such as trucks and vans to transport sawhorses, clothing racks and supplies. Meet at the shelter at 9 a.m.; we expect to be finished by 1 p.m. Bring work gloves.

Wednesday, May 16: Orientation for new volunteers – 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the former County Market, 312 W. Kirby, Champaign

Brand-new volunteers — or volunteers who worked their first year last year — are especially encouraged to attend a short overview of the opportunities the sale offers for your time and efforts. Any volunteers welcome. How can your interests match our needs?

Thursday, May 17, through Sunday, May 20 – Donations accepted at the former County Market, 312 W. Kirby, Champaign

Help unload cars; distribute, sort and price items. On the weekend, all hands will be asked to help unload cars (those with able backs) and greet donors (those with less-able backs) during the weekend to better manage the overflowing driveway and control the drops.

Monday, May 21, through Thursday, May 24 – Organize and sale preparation

Organize, organize, organize; check pricing; set up check out, and learn to run the registers. We sell more when we're organized.

Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26 – Sale Days!

Help keep the sale organized; move merchandise from floor to tables (“No bare plywood!” is our mantra); run registers; help the public. A pizza and salad lunch will be provided for volunteers around 11 a.m. each sale day. We will take turns. **Sale is Friday from 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.-6 p.m., with bag sale at 3 p.m. Giveaway on Sunday is 10 a.m.-noon. Saturday cleanup.** We'll start consolidating merchandise and tearing down tables as the bag sale begins to thin (bag sale starts at 3 p.m.), but the two long sale days mean we'll leave as soon as we can after 6 p.m. on sale days, leaving most of the cleanup for Sunday.

Sunday, May 27 – Building clean up and recycling and Giveaway!

Charities are given first crack at the leftovers at 8 a.m.; the public comes from 10 a.m. to noon. \$1 admission will be charged to enter. The consolidating of merchandise and dismantling of tables occurs simultaneously to the giveaway. Anything left after the giveaway is sorted into recyclables. Cardboard will need to be flattened. Equipment will be returned to the shelter, so we need trucks again and more bodies.

Monday, May 28 – Building clean up and recycling

Tuesday, May 29 – Building clean up and recycling; load plywood back on trucks

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER through SignUp! Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/login/entry/29698362129335404>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spots you like.
- 3) Sign up! You will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com, which does not share your email address with anyone. If you have any trouble, send me an email — mlpayne@illinois.edu.