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Sept. 12, 2012

BLOOMINGTON, III.— This year, Illinois Wesleyan University students will have the opportunity to participate in a new program called Alternative Fall Break. Students will work with University Chaplain Elyse Nelson Winger and Deborah Halperin, the coordinator for the Action Research Center. The program was created by the Student Volunteer and Resource Center, the West Bloomington Revitalization Project and the Action Research Center.

On Thursday, Oct. 18 at 5:30 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 21, 2 p.m., students and staff will have meals and stay at the Western Avenue Community Center (600 N. Western Ave., Bloomington) while assisting the West Bloomington Revitalization Project during the day.

Applications are due by Sept. 15, along with a \$25 fee, and can be found online at www.iwu.edu/volunteers.

The West Bloomington Revitalization Project is dedicated to raising the standard of living in the west Bloomington area. Its goals include: increasing employment opportunities, bringing in additional stores — particularly grocery stores, adding more streetlights, updating sidewalks, fixing roads, enhancing the curb appeal of homes, reducing the number of vacant houses, creating a larger system of bike paths and keeping a community garden.

For additional information, email University Chaplain Elyse Nelson Winger at **enelsonw@iwu.edu** or call her at (309) 556-3179.

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