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One volunteer still making a huge difference

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One college student who volunteered during her time in Bloomington was Lindsey O'Brien Kesling, who was a big sister to Passiont Davis-Cardwell, a member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington. Her commitment to her little sister and other young people lives on after her death in a tragic accident when she was just 22 years old.

As noted this week in a story by H-T reporter Dann Denny, Lindsey's mother founded the Lindsey O'Brien Kesling Wishing Tree Foundation, which supports children through performing arts programs. That organization has led to the Lindsey O'Brien Kesling Performing Arts Program at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington. The program just received national recognition for its high quality.

[Arts program, scholarships honor memory of IU grad Lindsey O'Brien Kesling](#)

Had she lived, Lindsey no doubt would have continued to have a major positive impact on those she touched. But even in death, more than 200 young people have benefited because this one IU student volunteered while in Bloomington.

Though Lindsey's story is bittersweet, it is one more example of how volunteers make a huge difference.



Indiana University graduate Lindsey O'Brien Kesling and her dog, Chillbe, died from carbon monoxide poisoning Nov. 9, 2010. Courtesy photo

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