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**Free Seminar for Local Organizations, Businesses**

**Lafayette, IN** --- Local nonprofit organizations and small business owners are invited to attend a seminar profiling the best ways to obtain and benefit from Purdue University interns and volunteers.

The Mental Health America of Tippecanoe County will host the free seminar, “Bridging the Gap; How to tap into Purdue for Interns and Volunteers.” noon-1 p.m. Nov. 30 in its community building, 914 South St. The speakers are Harry Brown, director of the Boiler Volunteer Network, and Marne Helgesen, director of the Center for Instructional Excellence and coordinator of the Purdue service-learning program.

In 2009, Indiana ranked 19th in volunteering with 29.5 percent of the state participating in volunteer work. Last year 6,600 Purdue students were placed in volunteer positions in the community.

 To register, e-mail: bondgroup.event@gmail.com or call: (756) 404-0501. Lunch will be provided at no cost.

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Caption: The Mental Health America’s Community Building is located at the corner of South St. and 9th Ave.