

OF SERVICE

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The Center for Service Learning is your resource for connecting with community service opportunities. Every month we compile and distribute *Of Service* for the Rockhurst community to discover opportunities for service. When calling to inquire about projects off campus, be sure to mention that you're from Rockhurst University. Also, don't forget to complete and submit your service transcript forms after completing projects. Thanks!

COMMUNITY SERVICE, ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES:

- **RU College Bound** is Rockhurst University's on campus tutoring/ college prep program. The program will begin in late September. For more information, please contact Alicia Douglas (816) 501- 4603 or Alicia.douglas@rockhurst.edu
- **St. Matthew's Church** offers English as a Second Language classes Monday and Wednesday's from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Classes start September 14th. They are looking for volunteers to help teach English and to help with child care. For more information please contact Brenda Laney (816) 217-7823 or by email at brenda.laney@rockhurst.edu
- **Associated Youth Services** exists to advance the social, educational, health and overall success of youth and their families. AYS is seeking volunteer tutors to commit to weekly sessions through out the school year. For more information, please contact Lauren Eckhard, **913-831-2820 ext. 218**.
- **Cristo Rey Kansas City High School** is a private, Catholic college prep high school that provides an education to culturally diverse students with economic need. Volunteers are needed to tutor students and to help with various administrative tasks. For more information, contact **Diane Charity** at **(816) 457-6044** or via email at dcharity@crstoreykc.org and visit their website at <http://www.cristoreykc.org/>.
- **Operation Breakthrough** strives to help children who are living in poverty develop to their fullest potential by providing them a safe, loving, and educational environment. They provide before and after school programs for school age children, and childcare and preschool programs for younger children. Volunteers are needed to read to preschoolers, tutor school-age children, mentor children who would benefit from spending time with a caring adult. To find out how you can help contact **Debbie Skaggs** (Debbie@operationbreakthrough.org) or **David Jaeger** (David@operationbreakthrough.org) at **(816) 329-5233**.
- **The Ronald McDonald House Charities** provides a home away from home for families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at nearby hospitals. RMHC needs volunteers to adopt a shift in one of two houses, twice a month or once a week throughout the year. If you would like more information about these opportunities please contact **Megan Harding** at **(816) 842-8321. Ext. 101** or via email at mharding@rmhckc.org.

- **The Kansas City Urban Youth Center** empowers youth with resources to develop faith, character, knowledge, and skills. The Center could use volunteers/mentors to help with the following activities daily programming, basketball coaching, IT, health programming, and grading. For more information, contact **Jared Willemin** at **(816) 221-1002** or via email at jared@kcurbanyouthcenter.org.
- **St. James Place** is a food pantry and soup kitchen that services the community a round Rockhurst University. St. James can always use volunteers to help clean, cook, and serve diner. For more information, please contact **Mike Mathews** at **(816) 561-8515** or via email at mmathews@bishopsullivan.org.
- **Kansas City Free Health Clinic** promotes health and wellness by providing quality services, at no charge, to people without access to basic care. In the past, students have helped the clinic by filing, completing administrative tasks, helping with special projects, and reading to children in the waiting room. For more information, call **(816) 777-2761**.
- **KC Wildlands/Bridging the Gap** promotes conservation, protections and restoration of the natural communities of the Kansas City region. Currently, Bridging the Gap is looking for people to help plant trees across the metro. Everyone is invited to help plant 25-50 trees on public property. Training is provided prior to planting. For more information, contact **Angel Schreffler** at **(816) 561-1061, ext. 110** or via email at angela.schreffler@bridgingthegap.org.
- **Tulips on Troost** is a community organization dedicated to renewing a sense of hope and renewed interest to Kansas City's Historic Troost Avenue one tulip at a time. The organization holds weekend planting sessions in the fall and spring. If you would like more information on how you can help contact **Durwin Rice** at **(816) 812- 8530**.

There are many opportunities to serve. Please visit the Center for Service Learning to find out more information about these or other local organizations.

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