

# 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, ONE-DAY ONLY OPPORTUNITIES

- **Rockhurst Day/ Family Weekend Service Project.** Everyone is welcome to volunteer with Tulips on Troost Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 12pm. For more information contact Julia Vargas, (816) 501-4545 or at [julia.vargas@rockhurst.edu](mailto:julia.vargas@rockhurst.edu)
- **BIKE MS** is a bike ride to raise awareness and charity about Multiple Sclerosis. There are several positions needed, including loading the truck, set-up, check-in, cheering, wrap-up, unloading the truck and data entry. Volunteers are especially needed to help with the Safety crew. The race is September 26-27, but help is needed before and afterwards also. Contact Rachel at (913) 432-3927 or at [rammerman@nmsskc.org](mailto:rammerman@nmsskc.org).
- **Hispanic Heritage Celebration** is looking for volunteers to help run this celebration on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am – 2 pm. For more information, call **Pauline Rios** at (816)358-8755 ext. 3113.
- **Kansas City Chiefs Red Friday event** needs volunteers to help sell Red Friday Magazines to raise funds for local charities on Friday, September 18 from 6 am – 9 am. For more information, contact **Audrey Bartlett** at [ABartlett@chiefs.nfl.com](mailto:ABartlett@chiefs.nfl.com) or 816.920.4722
- **Kansas City Marathon** needs volunteers to help at aid stations and water stations throughout the course on October 17<sup>th</sup>. This marathon benefits The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. For more information, please visit the web site [www.kcmarathon.org](http://www.kcmarathon.org)

## 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](mailto:Alicia.douglas@rockhurst.edu)
- **St. Matthew's Church** offers English as a Second Language classes Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Classes start September 14<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 throughout 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. For more information, contact **Diane Charity** at **(816) 457-6044** or via email at [dcharity@crstoreykc.org](mailto: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. Volunteers are needed to read to preschoolers, tutor school-age children, and 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](mailto:Debbie@operationbreakthrough.org)) or **David Jaeger** ([David@operationbreakthrough.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jared@kcurbanyouthcenter.org).
- **St. James Place** is a food pantry and soup kitchen that services the community around Rockhurst University. St. James can always use volunteers to help clean, cook, and serve dinner. For more information, please contact **Mike Mathews** at **(816) 561-8515** or via email at [mmathews@bishopsullivan.org](mailto: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**.
- **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**.
- **Hip Hop for Health Fairs** needs volunteers (age 18+) to help youth complete evaluation forms and assist staff nurses by conducting basic health screenings. All training is on site, and group scheduling is available. The fairs are on Fridays (7:30am-3:00pm) at various Wyandotte County schools. For more information, contact **Teri Kriege**, **(913) 831-2820 ex. 231**, or [tkriege@aysusa.org](mailto:tkriege@aysusa.org).

- **Community Recycling Centers** help reduce landfill trash and conserve resources. The centers are open each week and are almost completely staffed by volunteers. Scheduling is flexible and groups can be scheduled for Saturdays. To learn more, contact **Amy Smith** at **(816) 561-1090** or by email at [amy.smith@bridgingthegap.org](mailto:amy.smith@bridgingthegap.org).

**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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