

OF SERVICE

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The Center for Service Learning

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The Center for Service Learning is your resource for connecting with community service opportunities. Every other week 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!

FOOD DRIVE

[Seton Center](#), a Catholic sponsored human service agency in Kansas City helping people to break cycle of poverty, is holding its annual holiday food drive in partnership with the Rockhurst Community Center and the Center for Service Learning from October 22 to November 2. This year Rockhurst is collecting corn bread mix. You can place the mix in bins around campus or you can donate money which will be used to buy corn bread mix. If you would like to help with the planning or more information, please contact Paige Harrison at 501.4642 or via [email at harrisonp@rockhurst.edu](mailto:harrisonp@rockhurst.edu).

COMMUNITY SERVICE, ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES:

PASS! --Partners for Achieving Student Success--A Project of Wayne Miner Caring Communities
The [Wayne Miner Caring Communities](#) is currently looking for volunteer tutors for our [PASS \(Partners for Achieving Student Success\) program](#). Tutors are needed for reading, math and science. Volunteers are also needed to lead small group activities and to work with individual students as mentors. Skills A tutor should be able to motivate students to finish their homework, help the student organize their work, and teach the student strategies that lead to self-sufficiency. Knowledge of the subject area is helpful but not required. Orientation training provided. For more information -- hours, job description, contact information -- [please open the flyer](#). This is a great opportunity for a creative person who likes working with youth.

Tutoring GED Students in the Hickman Mills School District. They are looking for tutors in all subjects, especially language skills and math. The tutoring will take place at Santa Fe Elementary School (next to Hickman-Mills High School) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00pm to 7:00 pm. You do not have to be available for the entire time period and your help would be much appreciated. For more information contact Victor Wavada by calling 816-765-5958 (home) or 816-550-0345 (cell). Or via email at vircotnavaja@yahoo.com.

Border Star Montessori a "non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of Montessori education in the United States and abroad" is looking to find students to help with their extended day program. Varying shifts are available. For more information contact April Flowers at 816-418-5150. StandUP for Kids and the National Council of Alcohol and Drug Dependence are looking for help with their "Don't Run Away" project. This program gives presentations to local elementary and middle school children focusing on the dangers of domestic violence, drugs and alcohol. [For more information please contact Phillip at stevensonp@rockhurst.edu](#).

[Redemptorist Social Services Center](#) is looking for numerous volunteers in varying areas that include: food sorters, drivers, bingo callers, cooks and clerical volunteers. [For more information contact Diana at 816-931-9942 or Diana@kcsocialservices.org](#)

Project Socrates, in connection with the Kansas City Bar Leadership Academy and Crittenton Children's Center, is looking for mentors and tutors. This project would involve volunteering for as little as 1-2 hours a week. "There are a variety of educational needs for the kids at Crittenton, and through Crittenton's Supplemental Education Program." For more information, please contact TJ Preuss at tjpreuss@wcllp.com.

[Gillis](#) a non-profit whose mission is "to help at-risk children and their families become contributing members of the community through education, counseling and social services." Is looking for volunteers to help out with their Visiting Resource program in which, volunteers are asked to provide a supportive and enriching one-on-one relationship with a Gillis boy. For more information please contact Tiffani Kintchen at 816-508-3533 or tiffani.kintchen@gillis.org.

[Special Olympics](#) will have lots of service opportunities in April. They are in need of scorekeepers, timers, awards presenters, and officials in variety of sports events. The sports events include: bowling, volleyball, and clinics for younger athletes. More information will follow concerning the individual events. Please contact Jeremie Ballinger at 913.789.0332 or ballinger@somo.org

[Gillis](#) Homework Zone is where Gillis students come together to get support for their homework after school. Homework Zone is looking for mentors who can provide academic assisting and tutoring, be a positive role model, assist youth to develop a positive attitude towards learning, and have the ability to relate and communicate with school-aged youth. Beginning September 4 the Homework Zone is open Monday-Thursday 3:00-5:00pm. No experience in teaching or tutoring is necessary; if you are interested in becoming a positive role model please contact Tiffani Kintchen at 816-508-3533.

[Girl Scouts](#) are currently seeking Troop Leaders, Assistant Troop Leaders and mentors for Girl Scouts in the KC area. For more information contact Martha Gonzalez at 816-358-8755 ext. 3113 or marthagonzalea@girlscoutsksmo.org.

ON-CAMPUS SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Were you a Girl Scout and are you interested in working with girls who do not have a troop on Girl Scout programming? Girl Scout Juliette is coming to Rockhurst, Wednesdays from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Please contact Martha Gonzalez for more information, 816-358-8775 ext. 3113 or marthagonzalea@girlscoutsksmo.org .

OFF-CAMPUS, ONE-TIME PROJECTS:

[Tulips on Troost](#) planting season is here! Get a group together to plant tulips, other flowers and shrubs along Troost Avenue. Kudos to those who helped plant 70,000 tulips last year. Group planting dates are tomorrow, Oct. 27, Saturdays, Nov. 3 and 10, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For details how your group can participate, please contact Alicia Douglas at 501-4306 or alicia.douglas@rockhurst.edu .

Safe Trick-or-Treat is slowly creup on us. Student groups are encouraged to sign up for decorating, leading kids through activities, handing out candy and other activities. If you would participate in making Safe Trick-or-Treat a success this year, please contact Alicia Douglas at 501-4306 or alicia.douglas@rockhurst.edu.

[Gillis](#) is "a family-focused system of care that empowers families to learn to live together in a loving, secure and supportive environment." Gillis is looking for volunteers throughout the holiday season to help with their Holiday Giving Program. They are looking to volunteers and/ or groups to help in the following areas donating toys or holiday gifts, organizing a drive, combining a toy collection with your

holiday party, adopting a family or child for gift giving, infant care caring for a residential child or cottage and more. For more information on how you or your organization can help please contact Tiffani Kintchen at (816)-508-3533 or by email at tiffani.kintchen@gillis.org.

Waddell & Reed Kansas City Marathon, needs volunteers for various jobs throughout the day of the marathon, October 20 for a detailed list of job descriptions visit <http://www.waddellandreedkcmarathon.org/volunteer/Volunteer2.htm> or attend the Volunteer Informational Meeting on Thursday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Crown Center Exhibit Hall A (connected to the Hyatt Regency). Volunteers can register online until October 15th. If you volunteer you will receive a long sleeve Race t-shirt and more. If you have questions contact Karlie Speicher, Volunteer Coordinator, by calling 816-444-5787, or by emailing clayspike@aol.com.

[Kansas City Public Television](#), is hosting their annual holiday auction and looking for auction volunteers. The event starts on Wednesday, October 24th and runs through Saturday, October 27th. There are a variety of times and duties available. For more information, contact Mandy Knight at (816)-756-3580, ext. 4286 or at mandy_knight@kcpt.org. Or visit their website at <http://www.kcpt.org/auction>.

[Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America](#) is looking for volunteers to help with their annual fundraiser auction "A Night in Monte Carlo" on Friday, October 26 from 6:30pm to 11pm. Volunteers are needed to serve as doorpersons, direct traffic, and help with auction tables. For more information contact Geri Padley at info@aafakc.org.

Maggi's Walk, is a benefit walk aimed at helping Maggi Pivovar raise funds to pay for her prosthetics. Maggi "unexpectedly contracted bacterial meningococcal meningitis. Forty nine days and four surgeries later Maggi became double below-the-knee amputee and as a result needs your help to raise necessary funds o get prosthetics." The benefit walk will take place on October 28 at 8:30 a.m. at Loose Park and the entry fee is \$20. For more information, please contact Diane Kovich at dianekovich@yahoo.com.

[Redemptorist Social Services Center](#) is looking for help with their annual Sock it to Poverty campaign to collect new socks and underwear for people in need. They need drivers to help drop-off or pick-up collection barrels at businesses and schools around Kansas City. Drivers who have their own pick-up trucks or vans are especially needed. The shifts are 2-3 hours and can be scheduled to fit your availability. For more information call Diana at 816-931-9942 or Diana@kcsocialservices.org.

[DeLaSalle Education Center](#) is hosting their 17th Annual DeLaSalle Movie Benefit on Thursday November 8th at the AMC Theatres in Town Center Plaza. Shifts available are 1:00-6:00pm and 8:30-10:30pm. Poster hangers, bar set up, coat check, and clean-up is needed for this event. Shifts available are 1:00-:00pm and 8:30-10:30pm. The event is cocktail attire so volunteers are invited to bring a change of clothes and stay and enjoy the event. Minimum age to volunteer is 21 years old. For more information contact Julie Zanone 913-722-5382.

Pumpkin Palooza 2007 sponsored by Haake Companies are seeking artists to help turn 300 pumpkins into masterpieces with paint, crafts, imagination and no carving at the [Sunflower House](#) in Shawnee , KS on Saturday, October 20th 8am-4:00pm. For more information contact Allison at Allison@sunflowerhouse.org, or call 913-631-5800.

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[Spofford](#)'s 8th Annual Butterfly Gala and Auction needs volunteers to help with set-up (unpacking and displaying the auction items) as well as closing out the auction (gathering purchased items and readying them for check-out). The event takes place Friday October 19, 6:00-10:00pm. For additional information and to sign up to volunteer please contact Julie Zanone 913-722-5382 or zanone@kc.rr.com

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