

OF SERVICE

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The Center for Service Learning

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Have some free time and want to help the Kansas City community? Looking for something to do with a group of friends? Need to find a project for class or to meet a service-hours requirement?

The Center for Service Learning is a clearinghouse for volunteer opportunities. Whether you want to get involved with a specific organizations or event listed or find an opportunity that fits your interests, just contact Davis Parker (816-501-4642 – davis.parker@rockhurst.edu – Van Ackeren #208).

OFF-CAMPUS, ONE-TIME PROJECTS

- **Visitation School Auction:** Help set-up, serve appetizers and dinner the night of the auction, and tear down. Set Up will be in two-hour shifts during the following windows: Thursday, November 13th: 4:00 – 10:00 pm; Friday, November 14th: 8:00am – 5:00pm; 6:00pm – 10:00pm. Servers needed Saturday, November 15th: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. For Tear Down, the times are flexible based on volunteers' availability. Contact Davis Parker at the Center for Service Learning (816-501-4642 – davis.parker@rockhurst.edu – Van Ackeren #208) to get involved!
- **Guadalupe Center:** On November 25, 2008, Thanksgiving Luncheon volunteers are needed to pass out food plates to about 300 people or more in a period of 4 hours and do some clean up after event is over with. Contact Davis Parker at the Center for Service Learning (816-501-4642 – davis.parker@rockhurst.edu – Van Ackeren #208) to get involved!
- **Kansas City Parks and Recreation** is looking for volunteers to help teach the fundamentals of sports to children of all ages. Sports include: basketball, soccer and aquatics. Visit www.kcmo.org/parks for more information. Contact Davis Parker at the Center for Service Learning (816-501-4642 – davis.parker@rockhurst.edu – Van Ackeren #208) to get involved!
- **Associated Youth Services** needs volunteers to help with Hip & Fit Program to assist staff nurses with interactive activities for youth to learn more about nutrition and fitness. Sessions held weekly through December 10th. Contact Davis Parker at the Center for Service Learning (816-501-4642 – davis.parker@rockhurst.edu – Van Ackeren #208) to get involved!
- Heartland Tree Alliance Tree Care Workdays: **October 27 (10:00 AM – Noon)** or **November 8 (2:00 - 4:00 PM):** This volunteer opportunity is for anyone who loves trees! No special training is required. Volunteers will be mulching trees, removing tree wrap,

marking dead trees, and cutting suckers. If possible, volunteers should bring shovels, rakes, and bypass pruners. Contact Davis Parker at the Center for Service Learning (816-501-4642 – davis.parker@rockhurst.edu – Van Ackeren #208) to get involved!

- **Kansas City WildLands Ecological Restoration Workday, Saturday, November 1, 9 AM – 12pm:** To Battle! Our largest workday of the year focuses on removing invasive exotic honeysuckle. Multiple locations to choose from: Blue River Glades in Kansas City, Missouri; Blue River Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri; and Hidden Valley in north Kansas City, Missouri. Training on workday includes an educational talk on the natural community to be restored and tools to be used. This is a GREAT group project! Contact Davis Parker at the Center for Service Learning (816-501-4642 – davis.parker@rockhurst.edu – Van Ackeren #208) to get involved!

COMMUNITY SERVICE, ON-GOING PROJECTS

- **The East Side Unit Boys & Girls Club** needs tutors for their after-school tutoring program for grades 3 – 8. Tutors are needed Mondays through Thursdays. Contact Davis Parker at the Center for Service Learning (816-501-4642 – davis.parker@rockhurst.edu – Van Ackeren #208) to get involved!
- **Cristo Rey Kansas City** is a private, Catholic college prep high school that provides an education to culturally diverse students with economic needs. Volunteers are needed to tutor students and to help with various administrative and technology-related tasks. For more information visit <http://www.cristorey.org>. Contact Davis Parker at the Center for Service Learning (816-501-4642 – davis.parker@rockhurst.edu – Van Ackeren #208) to get involved!
- **Donnelly College** at 608 North 18th Street in Kansas City, KS is looking for anyone interested in tutoring: **Spanish, English, Composition, or Math**. Contact Davis Parker at the Center for Service Learning (816-501-4642 – davis.parker@rockhurst.edu – Van Ackeren #208) to get involved!
- **Operation Breakthrough** strives to help children who are living in poverty. Volunteers are needed to read to preschoolers, tutor school age children, mentor children who would benefit from spending time with a caring adult, and share hobbies with the children. Contact Davis Parker at the Center for Service Learning (816-501-4642 – davis.parker@rockhurst.edu – Van Ackeren #208) to get involved!
- **El Centro** aims to create and sustain educational, social and economic opportunities for families. ¡Si Se Puede! is a victim's assistance program that works primarily with survivors/victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. El Centro works primarily with the Kansas City area's Hispanic immigrant community. Positions include program assistants, office aides, and court advocates. Contact Davis Parker at the Center for Service Learning (816-501-4642 – davis.parker@rockhurst.edu – Van Ackeren #208) to get involved!

- **St. James Place** is a food pantry and soup kitchen that serves the community around Rockhurst University. St. James can always use volunteers to help clean, cook, and serve dinner. Contact Davis Parker at the Center for Service Learning (816-501-4642 – davis.parker@rockhurst.edu – Van Ackeren #208) to get involved!
- **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 the children in the waiting room. Contact Davis Parker at the Center for Service Learning (816-501-4642 – davis.parker@rockhurst.edu – Van Ackeren #208) to get involved!
- **Community Recycling Centers:** The Community Recycling Centers need *you* to help reduce the amount of trash going to the landfill! The centers operate every week and are almost completely staffed by volunteers. Scheduling is flexible – whatever amount of time you have to give is appreciated! This is a great opportunity for individuals, groups, or students needing service hours. Saturdays are best for groups. Kansas City locations: 91st and Hillcrest, Metro North Shopping Center, midtown KC; Overland Park location: 119th and Hardy. Contact Davis Parker at the Center for Service Learning (816-501-4642 – davis.parker@rockhurst.edu – Van Ackeren #208) to get involved!
- **Community Recycling Center Phone Bank:** Volunteers are needed **Mondays, 6:00 - 8:00 PM** at the Bridging The Gap office in Westport. Phone Bank volunteers play a critical role in keeping the Community Recycling Centers staffed. Volunteers can help with whatever frequency fits their schedule. Contact Davis Parker at the Center for Service Learning (816-501-4642 – davis.parker@rockhurst.edu – Van Ackeren #208) to get involved!

INTERNSHIPS

- **American Diabetes Association** has two internships available starting after the first of the year, both with a schedule of 12-18 hours a week. Positions are for the Hoops & Sneakers Gala Internship and for a Special Events Internship. The Gala Internship will be very focused and have specific goals to accomplish. The Special Events Internship will give an opportunity to assist with setting up and coordinating events for fundraising, publicity, public education and more.
- **Jackson County Prosecutor's Office:** The Victim Services Program is now accepting applications for Spring and Summer 2009 internships. You can earn college credit while observing the criminal justice system in action. Flexible shifts available during regular business hours.
- **Institute on Philanthropy and Voluntary Service:** Spend your summer in Washington D.C. making a difference in a dynamic program for college undergraduates who are involved in volunteer activities and interested in exploring professional opportunities in the nonprofit sector.

For further information about these and other internship opportunities, please contact Jenny Rinella, director of Nonprofit Leadership Studies at (816) 501-4299.

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