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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).

ON CAMPUS PROJECT

“Just a Box of Muffin Mix”

Rockhurst University has again been asked to participate in the Seton Center’s *Pre-Holiday Food Drive*. The Seton Center drive is truly a community effort with several organizations contributing one item to the larger basket; this year Rockhurst was asked to donate **8.5 oz box of Corn Muffin Mix**. Please bring your donations to the Greenlease Library or to the Center for Service Learning (VA 208/210) starting Nov. 17-Dec. 5. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

OFF-CAMPUS, ONE-TIME PROJECTS

Mattie Rhoades Center’s Thanksgiving Food Drive takes place on **Thursday, November 20**. Volunteers are needed to fill bags at the **Northeast Center** from **4 to 8pm**.

Thanksgiving Luncheon: On **Tuesday, November 25**, volunteers are needed to pass out food plates in a period of 4 hours, and to do some clean up after the event is over with.

Associated Youth Services is sponsoring a **Hip & Fit Program** that is designed to teach healthy habits to middle school youth. Volunteers are needed to assist staff nurses in running health screening stations that measures flexibility, strength, endurance, blood pressure, and body mass index. Training will be provided. The event takes place on **December 3, from 1 to 3pm**, at the **Northwest Middle School Gym** in Kansas City, KS.

Eighth Annual Red Cedar Christmas Tree Event: Saturday, December 6: Kansas City WildLands and Johnson County Park and Recreation District are offering the public an opportunity to remove invasive red cedars and take them home to decorate for the holidays. Volunteers are needed for help with this event.

Operation Breakthrough Moving Day, Saturday, Dec. 6: Want to do some heavy lifting for great cause? Help load and unload a truck at Operation Breakthrough as they move supplies

between their main location on Troost and a warehouse. Volunteers should meet at **9am** Saturday morning to get trucking.

OFF CAMPUS, ON-GOING PROJECTS

Community LINC 's infant and toddler programs are in need of dedicated volunteers on **Tuesday** and especially **Thursday** nights from **5:30 pm to 8 pm**. The volunteers will be feeding the infants, changing their diapers and nurturing them. The programs also need people to provide feeding, structured activities and supervision for the toddler program. Specialty volunteers that could provide activities for the toddlers such as puppets, music, dancing, etc would also be beneficial. In addition, LINC is always in need of people to answer their phones during the day, at any hour.

Community Recycling Centers: The centers are almost completely staffed by volunteers, and need help. They operate every week and scheduling is very flexible. There is a critical need for extra volunteer support on the Saturdays right after the holidays. Kansas City locations include: 91st and Hillcrest, Metro North Shopping Center, and midtown KC. Overland Park locations include: 119th and Hardy.

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