

# 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](mailto:davis.parker@rockhurst.edu) – Van Ackeren #208).

## ON-CAMPUS, ON-GOING PROJECTS

- **RU College Bound**—Join Rockhurst’s own homework help and college preparation program for local high school students. Students are needed Thursdays from 4:00 to 6:00 pm to work one-on-one and in small groups with participants at the Rockhurst Community Center. This is a meaningful and convenient way to make a difference in a student’s life!

## OFF CAMPUS, ONE-TIME PROJECTS

- **Horizon Academy’s Bayou Bash**—Horizon Academy serves children with learning disabilities in Roeland Park, Kansas. The Bayou Bash is an annual fundraiser to support their programming. Volunteers are needed on **February 7<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30 pm until 11:30 pm to greet participants, run games and activities, and facilitate a silent auction. Volunteers are trained on-site. The event is held nearby at the Starlight Theater. Volunteers receive complimentary valet parking and a free dinner.

## 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. Kansas City locations include: 91<sup>st</sup> and Hillcrest, Metro North Shopping Center, and midtown KC. Overland Park locations include: 119<sup>th</sup> and Hardy.

- **Mattie Rhodes Center’s After School Creative Arts Program**—Volunteers are needed to work with elementary school students in creative arts, math, reading and communications skills. The program runs Tuesday through Friday afternoons at Mattie Rhodes’ North East Center.
- **One-To-One Challenge**—Volunteers are needed one hour, one day a week, to work one-on-one with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students on an Accelerated Reading curriculum. The program is run by the Upper Room and Swope Corridor Renaissance at eleven Kansas City locations.
- **Associated Youth Services**—Hip and Fit Program. Volunteers needed to assist in this nutrition and wellness program. Classes held on Wednesdays, February 11 – May 6, from 12:30 – 3:30 pm.
- **Be 1 Campaign**—A new drive to provide supportive relationships for students in the Kansas City, Missouri, public schools seeks motivated students to mentor and tutor students through a number of partner organizations. Volunteer commitments vary from a few hours a month to several days per week and work with students in elementary, middle, or high schools.
- **Blue Hills Neighborhood Association**--Help protect Blue Hills family homes. An effort to re-zone residential properties from double- to single-family occupancy needs volunteers to distribute flyers and canvass community members. Zoning houses as single-family helps preserve property values and neighborhood stability. Be a part of the community effort!
- **Derrick Thomas Academy**—Ms. Nicole Christensen is seeking college student volunteers to work in a classroom with 1<sup>st</sup> grade students. Volunteers help one-on-one or in small groups to build reading skills and other basic tutoring.

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