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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 are excited to get involved with a specific organizations or event listed or want to find an opportunity that fits your interests, just contact Davis Parker (816-501-4642 – davis.parker@rockhurst.edu – Van Ackeren #210).

ON-CAMPUS, ON-GOING PROJECTS

Leftovers with Love—Ever wonder what the cafeteria does with all those leftovers? Well, some of it goes to feed individuals at local soup kitchens. Volunteers are needed to help re-prepare Sodexo leftovers and deliver them to Holy Family House and St. James Place. Sign up at Campus Ministry to help ensure that otherwise wasted food gets to people who appreciate and need it. Shifts are available from 4-6pm on Mondays and Thursdays.

OFF CAMPUS, ONE-TIME PROJECTS

Big Brothers Big Sisters hosts a fundraiser, *Summer Bowl for Kid's Sake*. Over 3,000 people raise money for the organization's biggest donor event by coming out to a huge party where they can enjoy free bowling, pizza, beer, soda and prizes. BBBS is looking for individuals who would like to put together a team and be a part of the *Summer Bowl for Kid's Sake*. This is a great project for a CLC, dorm hall, greek organization, or other student group!

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Glory House/First Haitian Baptist Church—This community of Haitian immigrants is seeking a few students who enjoy teaching English, Spanish, or computer skills to adults in their community education programs. Bring your language teaching skills and you may even come back learning some Creole yourself! Glory House welcomes volunteers into its community and shares its members' love of cooking, dancing, music, and more. The community education program runs on Saturdays from 10am-noon.

Aim4Peace Neighborhood Action Teams—Come join a Public Health Strategy designed to reduce violence by supporting people active in their neighborhoods and by connecting residents to basic services. They are looking for volunteers to participate in rallies and responses, call neighbors to invite them to various events, attend community meetings, distribute literature, and with the Neighborhood Action Team.

YMCA of Greater Kansas City is looking for volunteers to help make a difference in the community. Jobs range from Water Fitness Instructor, to running the front desk and giving tours. Volunteers are also needed to coach a youth sport, work in the Child Watch area, be a buddy for

an athlete with special needs in the Challenger Program, help with special holiday, family events, fundraisers, or help in a tutoring program: S.T.A.R.S. (Strive to Achieve Real Success).

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 caring for infants babies or providing 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, Community 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: 91st and Hillcrest, Metro North Shopping Center, and midtown KC. Overland Park locations include: 119th 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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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 Tuesdays, February 10 – May 5, 2:30 – 5:30 pm and 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. Visit www.be1kc.org for more information.

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 1st grade students. Volunteers help one-on-one or in small groups to build reading skills and other basic tutoring.

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