

OF SERVICE

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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!

OFF-CAMPUS, ONE-TIME PROJECTS

- **Dia de Los Muertos/Day of the Day Festival** is taking place **Saturday, October 4th**, and the Mattie Rhodes Center is looking for volunteers. The Festival is located in front of the Art Gallery at 915 West 17th Street, Kansas City, MO. Volunteers are needed for the following shifts:
 - Shift # 1: 11 am – 2 pm, Shift # 2: 2pm – 5 pm, Shift #3: 5 pm – 8 pm, Shift # 4: 8 pm – 11 pm
- For more information, contact **Maria Belsito** at mbelsito@mattierhodes.org or **(913) 488-2856**.
- **Bi-National Health Week** will be holding a "Your Health, It's Your Life" health screenings and workshops on **Saturday, October 11** from **9 am to 1 pm** at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences (**KCUMB**). For more information, contact **Leonor Solis** at **(816) 531-6911** or **(816) 531-7025**.
- **Children's TLC Pumpkin Patch** needs volunteers! The event takes place on **Saturday, October 11** from **10 am to 4 pm**. It is located at the **Crown Center Square and Ice Rink Pavilion**. Jobs range from stuffing bean bags, to face painting, to monitoring the safety of the participants. For more information, contact **Jennifer Stocks** at **(816) 377-9971** or at Jennifer@stocksfoundation.com.
- **Christmas in October** is an organization that brings volunteers together to build and repair houses for the less fortunate on a Saturday, October 11th. For more information, contact Christmas in October via **Brian Mooberry** at **(816) 531-6443**, or info@christmasinoctober.org.
- **Painting Projects with the KC Urban Youth Center**. The Center is looking for volunteers to help with painting projects on **Saturday mornings in October (October 4, 11, and 18)**. Slots may also be available **for Monday and Thursday afternoons in October, from 4 pm to 7 pm**.

- **Accessible Arts; 99 Drums** is a great opportunity to experience the rich history, customs, and foods of different cultures through music and dance. The program takes place **October 11 and 12**. Volunteers are needed in 3 different areas:
 - **Meals:** Volunteers set tables, serve meals, and clean-up/re-set the dining room for the next meal.
 - **Workshops:** Volunteers assist the participants in moving between and participating in exciting music and dance workshops. Specific duties will be clarified at a later date.
 - **Overnight Shifts:** Camp participants stay overnight on Saturday, October 11, and the volunteers are the adult supervisors; they ensure that the children have a safe overnight experience.
 - *****All volunteers must be over 18(over 21 to work with the children) and attend one of three training sessions in the week before the event. Training sessions occur **October 4 at 1:00 pm** and **October 7 at 5:30 pm**. Overnight volunteers will be asked for information for a background check. Meals will be offered with each shift worked. Please contact **Andi Meyer** if interested at **(913) 281-1133** or at arts@accessiblearts.org.**

- **Missouri River Clean-up** is a project put on by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to clean the shores of the Missouri River by picking up trash along the river bank. It takes place on **Saturday, October 4 from 9 am to 3 pm at La Benite Park**. If interested in participating, be sure to wear sturdy mud boots or tennis shoes (no flip flops!), work and weather-appropriate clothes, and to bring a refillable water bottle. Lunch, tools, trash bags, gloves and other supplies will be provided. For more information, call **Missouri River Relief (816) 812-5166** or sign up online at www.riverrelief.org
 - **Directions to La Benite Park:** From East or West, take I-70 to 291 Highway North to La Benite Park, just south of the Missouri River Bridge on the east side. Follow the signs!

- **Rotary Youth Camp** needs your help! Volunteers are needed to help with the KC Marathon on **Saturday, October 18**. Volunteers will help direct traffic along the marathon path. Sign up at www.kcmarathon.org. Please choose Rotary Youth Campus under the groups/organization tab. Fraternities, sororities, and other groups are encouraged to participate. For more information, please contact **John Wullschleger** at jwullschleger@yahoo.com or at **(816) 392-5166**.

- **Heartland Tree Alliance Planting Day** takes place on **Saturday October 11, from 9 am to noon**. Everyone is invited to help plant 25-50 trees on public property for everyone to enjoy. Training is provided prior to the planting. Call **Angela Schreffler** at

(816) 561-1060 ext 110, or email her at angela.schreffler@bridgingthegrapp.org for more information or to sign up.

COMMUNITY SERVICE, ON-GOING PROJECTS

- **Cristo Rey Kansas City High School** 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 tasks. For more information, contact **Diane Charity** at (816) 457-6044 or via email at dcharity@chrisoreh.org and visit their website at <http://www.cristorey.org>.
- **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 with a caring adult, and share hobbies with the children. To find out how you can help contact Debbie Skaggs at Debbie@operationbreakthrough.org or David Jaeger at David@operationbreakthrough.org or call (816)329-5233.
- **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. For more information, please contact **Mike Matthews** at (816) 561-8515 or via email at mmatthews@bishoplivan.org.
- **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. For more information, call (816) 777-2761.
- **Donnelly College** at 608 North 18th Street in Kansas City, KS is looking for anyone interested in tutoring: **Spanish, English, Composition, or Math**. Contact **Robert Dobbertin** for more information at rdobbertin@donnelly.edu or call (913) 621-8708.
- **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. We work primarily with our Hispanic immigrant community. Positions include program assistants, office aides, and court advocate. For more information on how you can help, contact **Elena Bellatin Morales** (913) 281-1186 ext. 127.

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