

# OF SERVICE

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The Center for Service Learning is your resource for connecting with community service opportunities. Every month 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!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE, ONE-DAY ONLY OPPORTUNITIES

- **MATTIE RHODES CENTER** is hosting the Dia de Los Muertos Exhibit and needs volunteers October 2-3 (three hour shifts, on Friday 4pm-11pm and Saturday 10am-10pm). Help needed as a food table attendant, gift shop cashier, greeters, event set-up, carnival games, festival ticket sales, art activities, festival runners, and other options. For more information, contact **Consuelo Cruz** at [ccruz@mattierhodes.org](mailto:ccruz@mattierhodes.org), or **816-0581-5622**.
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES** is sponsoring a Crop Walk on October 11<sup>th</sup> at Loose Park, from 11:30am to 1pm and needs volunteers for set-up and to register participants. Contact **Teresa Sosinski** at **816-756-1858** or [tsosinski@ccharities.com](mailto:tsosinski@ccharities.com).
- **CITY UNION MISSION** needs help with its annual Stuff A Truck event. Volunteers are needed Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> (4pm-7pm), Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> (10am-6pm) and on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> (noon to 6pm). Shifts are three hours long, whenever volunteers are available to serve. Contact Parks at **816-329-1487** or by email at [parks.sims@cumission.org](mailto:parks.sims@cumission.org).
- **KANSAS CITY METRO WALK** is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association in Overland Park, KS and needs volunteers for the planning committee, distribution of flyers and other advertisements, monitoring the course, serving food during the event and working in the Kid's Corner on the day of the event, **Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**. Contact **Trisha McClanahan** at **913-831-3888** or at [trisha.mcclanahan@alz.org](mailto:trisha.mcclanahan@alz.org).

## COMMUNITY SERVICE, ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES:

- **RU College Bound** is Rockhurst University's on campus tutoring/ college prep program. The program will begin in late September. For more information, please contact Marisa Hamm (816) 501-4642 or [Marisa.hamm@rockhurst.edu](mailto:Marisa.hamm@rockhurst.edu)
- **St. Matthew's Church** offers English as a Second Language classes Monday and Wednesday's from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Classes start September 14<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for volunteers to help teach English and to help with child care. For more information please contact Brenda Laney (816) 217-7823 or by email at [brenda.laney@rockhurst.edu](mailto:brenda.laney@rockhurst.edu)

- **Associated Youth Services** exists to advance the social, educational, health and overall success of youth and their families. AYS is seeking volunteer tutors to commit to weekly sessions through out the school year. For more information, please contact **Lauren Eckhard, 913-831-2820 ext. 218.**
- **Cristo Rey Kansas City High School** is a private, Catholic college prep high school that provides an education to culturally diverse students with economic need. 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@cristoreykc.org](mailto:dcharity@cristoreykc.org) and visit their website at <http://www.cristoreykc.org/>.
- **Donnelly College** is an independent, Catholic college that was established to meet the educational needs of immigrants and working class. They are seeking volunteers to help tutor in writing and accounting. For more information, please contact Julia Vargas at [julia.vargas@rockhurst.edu](mailto:julia.vargas@rockhurst.edu) or 816-501-4545.
- **Operation Breakthrough** strives to help children who are living in poverty develop to their fullest potential by providing them a safe, loving, and educational environment. They provide before and after school programs for school age children, and childcare and preschool programs for younger children. Volunteers are needed to read to preschoolers, tutor school-age children, mentor children who would benefit from spending time with a caring adult. To find out how you can help contact **Debbie Skaggs** ([Debbie@operationbreakthrough.org](mailto:Debbie@operationbreakthrough.org)) or **David Jaeger** ([David@operationbreakthrough.org](mailto:David@operationbreakthrough.org)) at **(816) 329-5233.**
- **The Ronald McDonald House Charities** provides a home away from home for families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at nearby hospitals. RMHC needs volunteers to adopt a shift in one of two houses, twice a month or once a week throughout the year. If you would like more information about these opportunities please contact **Megan Harding** at **(816) 842-8321. Ext. 101** or via email at [mharding@rmhckc.org](mailto:mharding@rmhckc.org).
- **The Kansas City Urban Youth Center** empowers youth with resources to develop faith, character, knowledge, and skills. The Center could use volunteers/mentors to help with the following activities daily programming, basketball coaching, IT, health programming, and grading. For more information, contact **Jared Willemin** at **(816) 221-1002** or via email at [jared@kcurbanyouthcenter.org](mailto:jared@kcurbanyouthcenter.org).
- **St. James Place** is a food pantry and soup kitchen that services the community around Rockhurst University. St. James can always use volunteers to help clean, cook, and serve diner. For more information, please contact **Mike Mathews** at **(816) 561-8515** or via email at [mmathews@bishopsullivan.org](mailto:mmathews@bishopsullivan.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 children in the waiting room. For more information, call **(816) 777-2761.**
- **KC Wildlands/Bridging the Gap** promotes conservation, protections and restoration of the natural communities of the Kansas City region. Currently, Bridging the Gap is looking for people to help plant trees across the metro. Everyone is invited to help plant 25-50 trees on

public property. Training is provided prior to planting. For more information, contact **Angel Schreffler** at (816) 561-1061, ext. 110 or via email at [angela.schreffler@bridgingthegap.org](mailto:angela.schreffler@bridgingthegap.org).

- **Tulips on Troost** is a community organization dedicated to renewing a sense of hope and renewed interest to Kansas City's Historic Troost Avenue one tulip at a time. The organization holds weekend planting sessions in the fall and spring. If you would like more information on how you can help contact **Durwin Rice** at (816) 812- 8530.
- **Hip Hop for Health Fairs** needs volunteers (age 18+) to help youth completely evaluation forms and assist staff nurses by conducting basic health screenings. All training is on site, and group scheduling is available. The fairs are on Fridays (7:30am-3:00pm) at various Wyadotte County schools. For more information, contact **Teri Kriege**, (913) 831-2820 ex. 231, or [tkriege@aysusa.org](mailto:tkriege@aysusa.org).
- **Community Recycling Centers** help reduce landfill trash and conserve resources. The centers are open each week and are almost completely staffed by volunteers. Scheduling is flexible and groups can be scheduled for Saturdays. To learn more, contact **Amy Smith** at (816) 561-1090 or by email at [amy.smith@bridgingthegap.org](mailto:amy.smith@bridgingthegap.org).
- **Genesis Middle School** needs volunteers to help tutor sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students in reading as schedules allow, between 9am and 2pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and on Tuesdays from 2pm-3pm. Go to [www.genesschool.org](http://www.genesschool.org) to learn more about this school, and email Keith Brown at [kbrown@genesschool.org](mailto:kbrown@genesschool.org).
- **Reach Out And Read, Kansas City** needs volunteers to help encourage reading to youth, by reading to children in the waiting rooms of pediatric offices, helping prepare book-bags to kindergarteners, collection and processing book donations, as well as designing posters to advertise special events. Most activities only require about an hour per week, with flexible scheduling. Call 913-588-2793 or email [reachoutandread@kumc.edu](mailto:reachoutandread@kumc.edu) to learn more.
- **Catholic Community Hospice** is looking for compassionate young people to assist with 11<sup>th</sup> Hour needs, to help provide a calm and peaceful environment for the elderly or terminally sick. This is an on-call assignment and serves private residences and well as nursing homes in the Johnson, Wyandotte, and Jackson Counties. Training provided, and prior experience with sick and elderly is preferred. To become involved, call or email Carla Golden, 913-433-2020 or [cgolden@ccsks.org](mailto:cgolden@ccsks.org).
- **Newhouse Women's Shelter** needs volunteers for several positions such as receptionist, assistant, skills trainer, and others such as special events volunteers. All training provided. Please call 816-474-6446 to learn more.
- **Gordon Parks Elementary School** would like volunteers to mentor children and assist teachers in the classroom. Must be consistent. Call 816-753-6700 for more information about available positions.
- **Kansas City Rescue Mission** needs individual or group volunteers for an array of jobs in the dining facilities, food pantry, laundry room and sorting, in the medical clinic, and in the ministry services, as well as in the educational facilities as tutors. To become involved, call Carey Sheldon at 816-421-7643.

- **The Kansas City Symphony** is looking for volunteers to help with several activities such as the Petting Zoo project which exposes young people to the world of music by explaining the different instruments of the orchestra, as well as ushers for various shows throughout the year to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere for the patrons that support the Symphony. Call 816-471-1100 to learn more.
- **The Salvation Army**, one of the most recognized charitable organizations in the nation, needs reading tutors to help promote literacy in the Kansas City youth. Call Betsy Baird at 816-756-1455.

**There are many opportunities to serve. Please visit the Center for Service Learning to find out more information about these or other local organizations.**

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