

Available Group Projects

Alzheimer's Association

www.alz.org/kansascity

To eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Address: 3846 West 75th Street, Prairie Village, KS 66208

Contact person: Jan Horn

E-mail address: jan.horn@alz.org

Project description: Set up staging area for Walk to End Alzheimer's.

Project location: Kansas City Metro Area – location to be announced

Skills needed: Need to be able to lift boxes and other items.

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 13

Minimum number: 6

American Red Cross

www.kcredcross.org

The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

Address: 211 West Armour Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64111

Contact person: Becky Nafzinger

E-mail address: nafzinger@arckc.org

Project description: Cause for Alarm! Canvassing a designated neighborhood in the Kansas City Metro handing out smoke alarms and/or batteries.

Project location: Neighborhoods throughout the Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Skills needed: Need to be able to walk long distances and up and down stairs. You will also be knocking on doors and talking with people from different socioeconomic backgrounds.

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 15

Minimum number: 1

Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City

www.biaks.org

To improve the quality of life for people with brain injuries and their families, and to create a better future through prevention, research, education and advocacy.

Address: 6701 West 64th Street, Suite 120, Overland Park, KS 66202

Contact person: Community Outreach Coordinator **E-mail address:** admin@biaks.org

Project description: Serve as a safety/health fair volunteer. Assist BIA staff with fitting youth bicycle helmets at bike rodeos, school assemblies and health fairs. Training is provided.

Project location: KC Metro area

Skills needed: Enjoy working with youth, ability to work under pressure.

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 16

Minimum number: 2

Bridging The Gap

www.bridgingthegap.org

Bridging The Gap works to make the Kansas City region sustainable by connecting environment, economy and community.

Address: 435 Westport Road, Suite 23, Kansas City, MO 64111

Contact person: Amy Smith **E-mail address:** volunteer@bridgingthegap.org

Project description: Assist patrons with their recyclables, help site manager with site maintenance and other duties as needed.

Project location: Two locations: 91st Street and Hillcrest Road or Metro North Shopping Center, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: Must be able to stand/walk outside for at least three hours and carry recyclables weighing up to 10 pounds. Customer service and a friendly attitude are also appreciated.

Materials needed: Gloves are provided; feel free to bring your own

Minimum age: 10 (w/a parent, max. three children per adult) **Minimum number:** 1

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Project description: Help promote the annual Earth Walk fundraiser by distributing flyers to local businesses beginning in late January or early February.

Project location: Kansas City metro area.

Skills needed: Distribute flyers to local businesses.

Materials needed: Car and a valid driver's license.

Minimum age: 18 to drive

Minimum number: 12

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Project description: Kansas City WildLands Winter Ecological Restoration Workday, Saturday, February 25, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Project location: Hidden Valley Park Natural Area, north Kansas City, Missouri, managed by Kansas City Missouri Parks and Recreation; Jerry Smith Park prairie, south Kansas City, Missouri, managed by Kansas City Missouri Parks and Recreation; Lakeside Nature Center trail, Swope Park, Kansas City, Missouri, managed by Kansas City Missouri Parks and Recreation, and Kill Creek prairie, DeSoto, Kansas, managed by Johnson County Park and Recreation District.

Skills needed: Working outdoors, cutting and removing woody plants.

Materials needed: Dress for the weather; layers are best. Also bring a refillable water bottle. KC WildLands will supply work gloves, training and water; will tools on-site.

Minimum age: 11 (w/a parent)

Minimum number: 1

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Project description: Keep Kansas City Beautiful 12th Annual Litter Index

Project location: Kansas City metro area. The Litter Index is an opportunity to view the impact that litter has on our beloved city. Volunteers attend a short training, then work in car-based teams to assess litter as they drive through specific neighborhoods in Kansas City, Missouri. The teams give each area a score from the comfort of their car; these are used to produce an annual report of litter trends. We can arrange a special training for groups with a minimum of 10 people on a mutually convenient date.

Training will take place on the following dates:

Saturday, March 17 - Trailside Center at 99th & Holmes Streets, 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21 - Bridging the Gap in Westport, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 24 - Northland Neighborhoods Inc Center, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Skills needed: Observe neighborhoods and evaluate litter.

Materials needed: A car and a valid driver's license.

Minimum age: 18 to drive

Minimum number: 10

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Project description: Shredding Event, **Saturday, March 31, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** Help combat identity theft and increase paper recycling! Bridging The Gap is partnering with PROSHREDÂ® to offer two Community Shredding Events.

Project location: Three Trails Recycling Center, 91st Street & Hillcrest Road and Metro North Recycling Center, U.S. Highway 169 & Barry Road.

Skills needed: Direct traffic, unload cars, educate patrons and assist with recycling boxes and other containers. Maximum group size is five per site.

Materials needed: Dress for the weather; layers are best.

Minimum age: 12 (w/a parent)

Minimum number: 1

City Union Mission

www.cityunionmission.org

City Union Mission is an evangelical Christian ministry committee to sharing the gospel and meeting the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of men, women and children who are poor or homeless.

Address: 1100 East 11th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106

Contact person: Tammy Sharp

E-mail address: tammy.sharp@cityunionmission.org

Project description: Volunteering in the thrift store – sorting and/or pricing clothes, household items, helping with displays and various projects within the store.

Project location: TBD

Skills needed: Organization skills preferred, but not required.

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 14 w/adult

Minimum number: 3

Community Assistance Council

www.cackc.org

Community Assistance Council empowers individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency through the delivery of direct emergency assistance, education and advocacy.

Address: 10901 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri 64134

Contact person: Pam Meek

E-mail address: pamm@cackc.org

Project description: “Carol’s Garden” – preparing soil for planting, fertilizing, weeding and harvesting throughout the summer months.

Project location: 10901 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: Gardening skills preferred, but not required.

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 14

Minimum number: 5

Community Blood Center

www.savealifenow.org

To provide blood and support services that meet the needs of patients, donors, physicians and hospitals. Enhancing lives through leadership in transfusion medicine.

Address: 4040 Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64111

Contact person: Pam Keenan

E-mail address: pkeenan@sbcglobal.net

Project description: Blood Donor Scheduling-Phone Bank Volunteers will call potential blood donors from an established list of previous blood donors to schedule a blood donation appointment. Record appointments scheduled. Record any change of names, addresses, phone numbers, and donor eligibility on calling list. Flexible schedules and locations. Groups may meet at Community Blood Center or other facility as arranged. Groups meet one evening or other designated time to make the calls. Materials and training provided.

Project location: At Community Blood Center or other designated location with phone lines. Calls can also be made from individual's home.

Skills needed: Ability to use telephone and follow directions.

Materials needed: All material and training provided.

Minimum age: 15

Minimum number: Individual or groups, no minimum

Community LINC

www.communitylinc.org

To end homelessness, impact poverty and remove barriers to self-sufficiency for the families we serve.

Address: 4012-14 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64110

Contact person: Kimberly Pettway

E-mail address: volunteer@communitylinc.org

Project description: Provide assistance to Community LINC families and staff by accepting a project such as apartment preparation (group or team prepares apartment for new family's arrival), seasonal grounds clean up, organizing furniture storage, loading exercise equipment and tables in new exercise indoor activity area, organizing and purging the household storage closet, landscaping and design of an outdoor break area, clean board room closets and cabinets and reorganize, work on an empty unit if available.

Project location: Community LINC campus, 4012-14 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: Some experience is helpful (not all skills necessary) - general cleaning, plumbing, electricity, painting, drywall hanging/repair, HVAC, carpentry/framing; woodworking, extermination, carpet and tile laying, tuck pointing/brick masonry, landscaping, heavy lifting

Materials needed: Any materials for project completion, protective shoes and clothing, sunscreen (for outdoor jobs).

Minimum age: 18

Minimum number: Varies

Crittenton Children's Center

<https://www.saintlukeshealthsystem.org/location/crittenton-childrens-center>

Crittenton Children's Center is a faith-based, not for profit organization dedicated to providing the highest quality innovative behavioral health services to children and families as part of the Saint Luke's Health System.

Address: 10918 Elm Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64134

Contact person: Erin York

E-mail address: eyork@saint-lukes.org

Project description: Various projects available including, but are not limited to: Clothing closet organization and Cleanup, facility improvement projects, Caring at Carrier House, Horticultural Therapy Greenhouse/Garden Project, Health Fair Day, Career and Education fair, and an Activity Day. One-time and group volunteer projects are subject to change at any time to meet the needs of the facility.

Project location: 10918 Elm Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64134

Skills needed: Sincere interest in children and adolescents; ability to handle physical tasks; maintain confidentiality at all times.

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 21

Minimum number: Flexible

Della Lamb Community Services (English Language Learner Adult School)

www.dellalamb.org

DLCS exists to empower its clients to meet the challenges of education, employment and self-sufficiency in an ever-changing world.

Address: 3608 St. John Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64123

Contact person: Nancy Kincaid

E-mail address: nkincaid@dellalamb.org

Project description: Tutoring for morning English Language Learner Classes, 9:00 a.m. – Noon Mondays – Thursdays, and evening classes 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Tuesdays – Thursdays, year-round. Adult students at this site only.

Project location: 3608 St. John Avenue, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: Normal command of the English language, patience and a sense of humor.

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 21

Minimum number: 2

Friends of Lakeside Nature Center

www.lakesidenaturecenter.org

Provide the expertise and execution of projects for the purpose of restoring our native wildlife habitat, especially in Swope Park, Kansas City, MO, and the native habitat surrounding Lakeside Nature Center.

Address: 4701 East Gregory Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64132

Contact person: Vicki Richmond **E-mail address:** folnc@crn.org

Project description: The Friends of Lakeside Nature Center's Blue River Stream Team #175 invites you to join us in our annual Project Blue River Rescue (PBR) Clean-up, the largest one-day stream clean-up in Missouri. PBR gives anyone and everyone a chance to make a huge difference to the quality of the Blue River. Dress for the weather and mud, join 700 of your closest friends and Lakeside Nature Center to clean up the Blue!

Project location: 4701 East Gregory Boulevard, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: No special skills required.

Materials needed: Dress for the weather and mud.

Minimum age: 10

Minimum number: None

Gillis

www.gillis.org

To help at-risk children and their families in reaching their potential through education, counseling and social services.

Address: 8150 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64114

Contact person: Sandra Johnson **E-mail address:** sandra.johnson@gillis.org

Project description: Make no-sew tied together blankets for cottage and shelter youth out of soft flannel or like materials. This will be a blanket making party for two hours during the day/night/or weekend once a month.

Project location: 8150 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: Be able to cut material according to pattern and put pieces together.

Materials needed: Scissors, material, and measuring tape.

Minimum age: 14

Minimum number: 5

Girls Leading Our World, Inc. (GLOW)

www.glow-inc.org

To educate and equip girls and young women with strategies for life and leadership development to promote personal and professional growth.

Address: 5155 Raytown Road, Suite 103, Kansas City, MO 64133

Contact person: Cynthia Saddler **E-mail address:** casaddler@glow-inc.org

Project description: Input information into a database, edit and finalize several agency manuals.

Project location: 5155 Raytown Road, Suite 103, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: Have excellent computer and data entry skills, great command of written English including spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 18

Minimum number: 2

Goodwill of Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas

www.mokangoodwill.org

To help people with disabilities or disadvantages achieve their potential through work.

Address: Kansas City Metro Area

Contact person: Jacalyn French **E-mail address:** jfrench@mokangoodwill.org

Project description: Short-term group projects for up to 10 people.

Project location: All Goodwill locations in the Kansas City Metro Area

Skills needed: Be able to cut material according to pattern and put pieces together.

Materials needed: Scissors, material, and measuring tape.

Minimum age: 16

Minimum number: 1

Habitat ReStore

www.restorekc.org

The mission of Habitat ReStore is to support the construction of homes by Kansas City Habitat for Humanity through the collection and sale of new and used building materials diverted from the waste stream, keeping them out of our landfills and in circulation where they can benefit Kansas City communities.

Address: 4701 Deramus, Kansas City, MO 64120

Contact person: Hayley Rees

E-mail address: hayeley@restorekc.org

Project description: Assist in the unloading, preparation stocking and displaying of donated building materials. Must be scheduled for at least three hours during business hours (M-F 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.).

Project location: 4701 Deramus, Kansas City, MO or 303 West 79th Street, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: Be able to lift at least 25 pounds. Construction or merchandise display experience is helpful, but not necessary.

Materials needed: Covered-toe shoes and clothes that may get dirty.

Minimum age: 16

Minimum number: 2

Heart of America Shakespeare Festival

www.kcshakes.org

The mission of the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival is to make Shakespeare’s works accessible to a diverse audience through free professional theater and educational programs.

Address: 3619 Broadway, Suite 2, Kansas City, MO 64111

Contact person: Elizabeth Cooper

E-mail address: ecooper@kcshakes.org

Project description: We need a group to volunteer at Southmoreland Park during our summer season. Groups can sign up for as many nights as they want. There are jobs that require standing but some are seated jobs. You must be comfortable being outside. All but two jobs end at 7:00 p.m. when the show starts. The other two jobs end at intermission, usually around 9:00 -9:30 p.m.

Project location: Southmoreland Park, Oak Street and Cleaver Boulevard, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: Able to count back small amounts of change to customers, be responsible for small cash box, be comfortable talking with the public.

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 16

Minimum number: 10

Helping Hands Therapeutic Riding Center

www.hhtrc.org

Helping Hands Therapeutic Riding Center is dedicated to helping children and adults with disabilities, utilizing equine assisted activities and therapies to improve their everyday quality of life.

Address: 32808 East Stringtown Road, Greenwood, MO 64034

Contact person: Cheryl Connelly **E-mail address:** cheryl@hhtrc.org

Project description: Reorganize storage area.

Project location: 32808 East Stringtown Road, Greenwood, MO

Skills needed: Slightly labor-intensive.

Materials needed: Work gloves and sturdy work shoes

Minimum age: 15

Minimum number: 5

Hillcrest Transitional Housing - Thrift Shop

www.hillcresttransitionalhousing.org

To be a transitional housing program providing a Christian environment that helps homeless families become self-supportive, self reliant contributors to society.

Address: 6520 Northwest Prairie View Road, Kansas City, MO 64151

Contact person: Cindy Hoffecker **E-mail address:** choffecker@hillcrestkc.org

Project description: Help sort, tag, and hang clothing and other donations. Other group projects may be available, depending upon donations.

Project location: 6520 Northwest Prairie View Road, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: Willingness to be helpful.

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 10 w/an adult

Minimum number: 1

Johnson County Library

www.jocolibrary.org

Johnson County Library provides access to ideas, information, experiences and materials that support and enrich people's lives.

Address: 8700 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Merriam, KS 66201

Contact person: Susan Mong

E-mail address: mongs@jocolibrary.org

Project description: Oversee genres, keep the books straight, restock when needed. You will also assist patrons in locating books. The summer book sale takes place **Monday, June 11 – Saturday, June 16**. The shifts are four hours and can be served during the morning, afternoon, and evening. For every four hour shift worked, each volunteer earns eight book bucks good for items at the sale.

Project location: Metcalf South Shopping Center, 95th Street and Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS

Skills needed: Able to stand for 3-4 hours, able to lift at least 20 pounds, and enjoy working with other people.

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 14

Minimum number: 2

Johnson County Meals on Wheels

hsa.jocogov.org

To provide community-based nutritional support services to assist older persons in maintaining health and independence.

Address: 11811 South Sunset, Olathe, KS 66061

Contact person: Elvina Kroemer

E-mail address: Elvina,Kroemer@jocogov.org

Project description: Deliver noonday meals Monday-Friday to older adults and disabled residents in Johnson County in their homes.

Project location: There are nine Centers throughout the County where the volunteers pick up the food.

Skills needed: Able to work independently, be punctual and honest, have good and open communication, able to adapt to change and to relate to people, and have a supportive and compassionate attitude.

Materials needed: You must provide your own vehicle, be capable of lifting 15 pounds, and attend a volunteer orientation.

Minimum age: 18

Minimum number: 1

Kansas City Hospice

www.kansascityhospice.org

Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care is a nonprofit organization offering a range of services for people of all ages and at any stage of serious illness. We've been providing comfort and care to the seriously ill and their families in the greater Kansas City area since 1980.

Address: 12000 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64145

Contact person: Allison Netson

E-mail address: anetson@kchospice.org

Project description: Support the Kansas City Hospice House by painting and decorating a coffee mug at the Ceramic Cafe (at a discounted price of \$12 per mug). Your mug will then be delivered to the Hospice House for use by our families and guests.

Project location: Ceramic Cafe located at 3830 West 95th Street in Mission, KS (Ranch Mart Shopping Center). Call 913-383-0222 for store hours. Reservations required for groups over six people.

Skills needed: Like to paint and/or create.

Materials needed: \$12 for cost to paint mug.

Minimum age: All ages welcome

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Project description: Provide a meal (breakfast, lunch or dinner) for families and guests at the Kansas City Hospice House. Prepare enough food to serve 30-40 people.

Project location: 12000 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: None

Materials needed: Provide all ingredients required for the meal, enough to serve 30-40 people.

Minimum age: All ages welcome; children supervised by adult

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Project description: Provide healthy snacks for our families and guests at the Kansas City Hospice House. Our guests love healthy choices to fuel their journey such as fresh fruit, veggies, cheese and crackers, trail mix, granola, etc.

Project location: 12000 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: None

Materials needed: Provide healthy food items.

Minimum age: All ages welcome; children supervised by adult **Minimum number:** 1

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Contact person: Allison Netson **E-mail address:** anetson@kchospice.org

Project description: Provide baked goods at the Kansas City Hospice House. You can bake at home and drop off goodies, or bake at our facility. Homemade cookies, bars, muffins, brownies and more are accepted with a suggested minimum of two dozen.

Project location: 12000 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: Love to bake.

Materials needed: All food ingredients provided by volunteer.

Minimum age: All ages welcome; children supervised by adult **Minimum number:** 1

KidsAndCars.org

www.KidsAndCars.org

KidsAndCars.org is a national nonprofit child safety organization dedicated to preventing injuries and death to children in or around motor vehicles. KidsAndCars.org has been pioneering a national prevention movement since 1996 by promoting the highest level of awareness among parents, caregivers, legislators and the public at-large. KidsAndCars.org works to reduce or eliminate these preventable tragedies through data collection, education and public awareness, policy change, product redesign, and survivor advocacy.

Address: 2913 West 113th Street, Leawood, KS 66211

Contact person: Amber Rollins

E-mail address: Amber@KidsAndCars.org

Project description: At least 115,000 children are injured and over 275 are killed in nontraffic incidents every year. KidsAndCars.org is looking for creative, talented graphic designers and illustrators. Join our team to help develop professional education materials, graphics, and illustrations to educate parents, caregivers, legislators, and the public at-large on the many dangers children face in and around motor vehicles.

Project location: Volunteers can work from the comfort of their own home, office, or come in to our office in Leawood.

Skills needed: Graphic design/illustration experience.

Materials needed: Must have Photoshop or Illustrator software.

Minimum age: 21

Minimum number: 1

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Address: 2913 West 113th Street, Leawood, KS 66211

Contact person: Amber Rollins

E-mail address: Amber@KidsAndCars.org

Project description: Organize a fundraiser of your choice. Ideas include bake sales, car washes, dog washes, concert benefits, big screen movie night in your neighborhood, etc. Recycle for Charity drive (recycle old or broken phones/ipods/cameras/PDAs & KidsAndCars.org will receive \$1 per item donated)....the opportunities are endless!

Project location: Determined by volunteers.

Skills needed: Good communication skills.

Materials needed: Materials will be provided by KidsAndCars.org.

Minimum age: 10

Minimum number: 3

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Contact person: Amber Rollins

E-mail address: Amber@KidsAndCars.org

Project description: KidsAndCars.org has a unique opportunity to protect the environment and keep kids safe. We will send "Recycle for Charities" boxes for you to collect old or broken cell phones, cameras, iPods, PDAs, etc. The electronics will be recycled and \$1 will be given to KAC for every device collected! This is a perfect opportunity to allow your friends, family, and colleagues to 'go green' AND join KAC in our passionate pursuit to keep kids safe. Church groups, schools, sports teams, neighbors, friends, family, employees...any group can get involved. There is no deadline, so items can be collected in one day or collection can be left open for as long as needed.

Project location: Virtual opportunity: can be done anywhere.

Skills needed: Ability to inform your others about the opportunity to recycle their old electronics.

Materials needed: All needed materials will be provided by KidsAndCars.org and Recycling for Charities.

Minimum age: 6

Minimum number: 1

Marillac

www.marillac.org

Our mission is to provided troubled children and families hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Address: 8000 West 127th Street, Overland Park, KS 66213

Contact person: Robyn Inzerillo

E-mail address: robyn.inzerillo@marillac.org

Project description: Marillac offers various volunteer opportunities for corporate or other community groups. Popular activities include landscaping, organizing parties for the children, working in the clothing closet or assisting with special events. Group volunteers assist in creating a better environment for the children, while also enhancing the group's visibility in the community and allowing participants to hone teamwork and leadership skills.

Project location: 8000 West 127th Street, Overland Park, KS

Skills needed: None

Materials needed: If hosting a party or carnival, volunteers are asked to supply their own materials.

Minimum age: 15

Minimum number: Depends on the project

Oak Grove Neighborhood Association

To raise the quality of life of residents of the Oak Grove and surrounding neighborhoods.

Address: 530 Quindaro Boulevard, Kansas City, KS 66101

Contact person: Elnora Jefferson **E-mail address:** ejefferson@kc.rr.com

Project description: Activities vary, mostly center around gardening and clean up.

Project locations: Meet at main office - 530 Quindaro Boulevard, Kansas City, KS

Skills needed: Willingness to get dirty

Materials needed: Please feel free to bring your own work gloves and yard tools.

Minimum age: 8

Minimum number: None

Olathe Head Start

www.olatheheadstart.com

The mission of Olathe Head Start is to enhance the quality of life for families through education and support services in a safe, caring environment.

Address: 1700 West Sheridan, Olathe, KS 66061

Contact person: Fran O'Brien **E-mail address:** fobrienhlc@olatheschools.com

Project description: Groups to volunteer on special days such as spring fling, field day, reading is fundamental day.

Project locations: 1700 West Sheridan, Olathe, KS; 14030 South Black Bob, Olathe, KS; 218 East Shawnee, Gardner, KS

Skills needed: Working with children ages 3 - 5.

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 16

Minimum number: Depends on the project

Olathe Parks and Recreation Department

www.olatheks.org

To provide safe and aesthetic recreational facilities to the citizens of Olathe and surrounding communities.

Address: P.O Box 768, Olathe, KS 66051

Contact person: Liz Newman

E-mail address: lnewman@olatheks.org

Project description: Trash patrol in various park and/or along trails

Project location: Various Olathe area parks

Skills needed: Ability to bend, stoop or reach.

Materials needed: All materials supplied.

Minimum age: 5 w/adult supervision

Minimum number: 1

Operation Breakthrough

www.operationbreakthrough.org

The mission of Operation Breakthrough is to help children who are living in poverty develop to their fullest potential by providing a safe, loving and educational environment. Operation Breakthrough also strives to support and empower the children's families through advocacy, education, referral services and emergency aid.

Address: 3039 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64109

Contact person: Tara Lindahl

E-mail address: taral@operationbreakthrough.org

Project description: There are always group projects that need to be completed. Everything from painting, gardening in the outdoor classroom, organizing, assisting at the warehouse or other department projects.

Project location: 3039 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: Various depending on the project.

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 16

Minimum number: 10

Operation International Children

www.operationinternationalchildren.org

Helping Soldiers help children.

Address: 1529 Atlantic, North Kansas City, MO 64116

Contact person: Kelly Meyer

E-mail address: oicinfo@ptpi.org

Project description: Volunteers will help pack 10 school supply items into a two gallon zip lock bag.

Project location: 1529 Atlantic, North Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: No skills required.

Materials needed: No materials needed. All supplies will be at the OIC warehouse.

Minimum age: None

Minimum number: 1

Phoenix Family Housing Corporation

www.phoenixfamily.org

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Address: 2838 Warwick Trafficway, Kansas City, MO 64108

Contact person: Tanesha Goshon

E-mail address: tgoshon@phoenixfamily.org

Project description: We have various one-time projects ranging from helping set up, serve, and clean up special community meals, cleaning and organizing food and clothing pantries, special events such as Back to School Events, Pitch Hit & Run, etc.

Project location: Various properties in the Kansas City Metro.

Skills needed: Ability to take direction and complete tasks.

Materials needed: Usually none, but will gladly accept in-kind donations for the program/event.

Minimum age: Flexible if supervised

Minimum number: Flexible

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Project description: Mobile Pantry.

Project location: Various properties in the Kansas City Metro.

Skills needed: Be able to lift 20 pounds.

Materials needed: None.

Minimum age: Any Age

Minimum number: 5

Powell Gardens

www.powellgardens.org

To be an experience that embraces the Midwest's spirit of place and inspire an appreciation for the importance of plants in our lives.

Address: 1609 Northwest US Highway 50, Kingsville, MO 64061

Contact person: Connie Harclerode **E-mail address:** charclerode@powellgardens.org

Project description: Gardening in the Fun Foods farm, Powell Gardens' youth garden.

Project location: 1609 Northwest US Highway 50, Kingsville, MO

Skills needed: Ability to bend, stoop and lift at least 10 pounds.

Materials needed: Gardening gloves

Minimum age: 13 w/adult supervision

Minimum number: 3

Reach Out and Read Kansas City

www.reachoutandreadkc.org

Reach Out and Read® prepares America's youngest children to succeed in school by partnering with doctors to prescribe books and to work with volunteer readers to encourage families to read together.

Address: 3901 Rainbow Boulevard, MS 4004, Kansas City, KS 66160

Contact person: Laura Long

E-mail address: llong2@kumc.edu

Project description: GROUP READING: Read one time or on an on-going basis to pre-school classrooms across the Kansas City metro area. Reading shifts take place on weekday mornings. A reader training and orientation is provided before the first reading project.

Project location: Pre-school classrooms in organization serving at-risk children in the Kansas City metro area

Skills needed: Enjoy reading and spending time with children.

Materials needed: Volunteers will need to complete an application.

Minimum age: 12

Minimum number: 4

Rose Brooks Center

www.rosebrooks.org

To break the cycle of violence so that individuals and families can live free from abuse.

Address: P.O. Box 320599, Kansas City, MO 64132

Contact person: Joan Dougherty

E-mail address: joan@rosebrooks.org

Project description: Yard work.

Project location: Directions will be given

Skills needed: Ability to operate riding mowers, weed wacker and hedge trimmers.

Materials needed: Weed wackers and hedge trimmers if available.

Minimum age: 16

Minimum number: 12

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Project description: Prepare a meal for the women and children living in the emergency shelter.

Project location: Directions will be given

Skills needed: Flexibility, patience, multi-tasking and able to cook for large groups.

Materials needed: Food for the meal.

Minimum age: 16

Minimum number: 6

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Project description: Fashion Police – sorting donations in the clothing bank.

Project location: Directions will be given

Skills needed: Ability to sort donations to determine what can be kept for the closet, bending and moving.

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 16

Minimum number: 8

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Project description: Staff a donation drop-point for gift items during the annual Holiday Store. Volunteers will accept, sort and sometimes transport donations. The store will be open **Monday, December 3 – Tuesday, December 18.**

Project location: Ward Parkway Shopping Center, 8600 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: Ability to operate riding mowers, weed wacker and hedge trimmers.

Materials needed: Weed wackers and hedge trimmers if available.

Minimum age: 10 w/an adult

Minimum number: 3-4 per two hour shift

SAFEHOME, Inc.

www.safehome-ks.org

To break the cycle of domestic violence and partner abuse for victims and their children by providing shelter, advocacy, counseling, and prevention education in our community

Address: P.O. Box 44563, Overland Park, KS 66204

Contact person: Susan Lebovitz **E-mail address:** slebovitz@safehome-ks.org

Project description: Soring clothes and donations

Project location: Near downtown Overland Park

Skills needed: Ability to lift 10-20 pounds, have organizational skills.

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 16

Minimum number: 5

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Project description: Spring clothes and donations

Project location: Near downtown Overland Park

Skills needed: Ability to lift 10-20 pounds, have organizational skills.

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 16

Minimum number: 5

SAVE, Inc.

www.saveinckc.org

Through comprehensive housing solutions, SAVE, Inc. empowers those living with or at risk for HIV/AIDS to lead healthy, stable lives with personal dignity.

Address: P.O. Box 45301, Kansas City, MO 64171

Contact person: Amy Povich **E-mail address:** apovich@saveinckc.org

Project description: Landscaping - With nine properties to manage, we don't quite have enough green thumbs to go around. SAVE, Inc. is always looking for extra hands and supplies to help turn our plain yards into curbside beauties. We welcome all types of landscaping supplies and skill levels, from basic weeding and pruning to more extravagant landscaping.

Project location: Midtown Kansas City

Skills needed: Ability to work outside for up to two hours.

Materials needed: We can supply the tools.

Minimum age: 18

Minimum number: 3

The Shadow Buddies Foundation

www.shadowbuddies.org

To provide emotional support through education regarding illness, disability or medical treatments.

Address: 14700 West 107th Street, Suite 100, Lenexa, KS 66215

Contact person: Rojanae Williams **E-mail address:** rojanae@shadowbuddies.org

Project description: Create hospital gowns, pants, blankets and t-shirts for shadow buddies. Experienced seamsters/seamstresses are especially encouraged to volunteer.

Project location: At the Shadow Buddies office or in your own home

Skills needed: Must be able to operate a sewing machine.

Materials needed: Materials are provided if volunteers choose to sew at the Shadow Buddies office; otherwise, volunteers must provide materials.

Minimum age: 14

Minimum number: 1

Shepherd's Center of Raytown

www.shepherdscenterraytown.org

The Shepherd's Center of Raytown is a private, non-profit, interfaith, non-discriminatory organization whose purpose is to utilize the gifts of our community to promote continued personal and spiritual growth and help maintain the dignity and independence of all persons, focusing on adults 55 and older.

Address: 7900 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64138

Contact person: Patty Stock **E-mail address:** shepherdscenterr@sbscglobal.net

Project description: Spring and Fall yard clean-up for senior homeowners. These persons are no longer able to perform seasonal outdoor maintenance projects like leaf raking, bagging and trimming of small shrubbery.

Project location: Senior households within the boundaries of the Raytown School District

Skills needed: Able to rake leaves, do light lifting and enjoy working with a group.

Materials needed: Rakes, gloves and other general outdoor tools.

Minimum age: 16 (w/adult)

Minimum number: 35

Shoal Creek Association/Shoal Creek Living History Museum

<http://www.kcmo.org/CKCMO/Depts/ParksandRecreation/ShoalCreekLivingHistoryMuseum/index.htm>

To support the Shoal Creek 19th Century Living History Museum and its educational programs with hands on activities and day to day operation including the integrity and maintenance of the 19th Century buildings.

Address: 7000 Northeast Barry Road, Kansas City, MO 64156

Contact person: Sharon Sumner **E-mail address:** sasumner@sbcglobal.net

Project description: Painting of the church, school, and trim on the farmhouse and the Arnold house.

Project location: 7000 Northeast Barry Road, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: None

Materials needed: Gloves, paintbrushes, rollers, etc.

Minimum age: 12

Minimum number: 10

Swope Ridge Geriatric Center

Swope Ridge Geriatric Center is a not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to provide a continuum of long term care services to our community. We are committed to delivering quality health care with compassion and caring for adult residents experiencing challenges associated with aging and disability.

Address: 5900 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64130

Contact person: Rita Young **E-mail address:** YoungR@srgc.org

Project description: Taking on special projects such as decorating resident rooms, adopting the facility for a monthly birthday party, providing a group to help with special events.

Project location: 5900 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: No special skills required.

Materials needed: Depends on the project - decorating would requires scissors, tape, stapler, etc. Birthday parties would be decorations such as balloons, birthday cake for 40 people.

Minimum age: 18

Minimum number: 4

Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity

www.trumanheritagehabitat.org

Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity partners with the community and God's people in need to empower families through simple, affordable home ownership.

Address: 800 West Maple Avenue, Independence, Missouri 64050

Contact person: Rennie Cole

E-mail address: rcole@trumanheritagehabitat.org

Project description: Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity has the opportunity for groups to partner with us in the building of new homes or rehabbing homes to provide affordable housing for low income families.

Project location: Eastern Jackson County Missouri

Skills needed: None

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 16

Minimum number: 10

Tulips on Troost

www.troostavenue.com

Tulips on Troost, a project of the Southtown Foundation, aims to change the face of Troost Avenue by planting one million tulips along the Avenue. Through this mission, we hope to inspire and motivate the citizens of Kansas City to recognize the value of neighborhood revitalization and beautification in some of the city's most historic districts. Tulips are just on the surface—our deep-rooted goal is to use a beautiful, accessible thing like a tulip to represent positive change on Troost and to let the city know that Troost is worth our time, efforts, and resources.

Address: 6814 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64131

Contact person: Abby Weydert

E-mail address: abigaleweydert@hotmail.com

Project description: We will have opportunities to plant bulbs in October and November of 2012. We are always looking for large groups to help with this project. What this usually entails is digging up the ground, unless it has already been dug, and then actually planting the tulip bulbs.

Project location: Various locations around the Troost Avenue corridor

Skills needed: Be able to dig into the ground a bit and be able to be on your knees for planting.

Materials needed: Gloves, shovels or trowels if you have them, otherwise we usually have enough.

Minimum age: 6

Minimum number: 10

Variety Children's Charity

www.varietykc.org

Assisting children in Kansas City with physical or mental disabilities.

Address: P.O. Box 3446, Shawnee, KS 66216

Contact person: Deborah Wiebrecht **E-mail address:** varietykc@gmail.com

Project description: Assist with event set-up for their fundraising event on **Saturday, February 25.**

Project location: The Midland at AMC, 1228 Main Street, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: Be able to help with running errands and set up.

Materials needed: None

Minimum age: 18

Minimum number: 1

Villages of Jackson Creek Memory Care

www.vofjc.com

To honor those with dementia while providing compassionate care, security and support as we journey hand in hand with them and those who love them.

Address: 19400 East 40th Court Street, Independence, MO 64057

Contact person: Wellness Department **E-mail address:** vjcmclec@lifetimewell.us

Project description: Looking for a group to restart a raised bed garden this spring. Old plants will need to be removed, and new vegetable and flower plants will need to be planted.

Project location: 19400 East 40th Court Street, Independence, MO

Skills needed: Basic gardening skills.

Materials needed: Plants and seeds, gloves and trash bags.

Minimum age: 16 w/an adult

Minimum number: 4

Whatsoever Community Center

www.whatsoevercc.org

Whatsoever Community Center supports the growth and development of families by providing a variety of programs for children, youth and adults to build a solid foundation for life.

Address: 1201 Ewing Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64126

Contact person: Crystal Rice

E-mail address: wcrystal@whatsoevercc.org

Project description: Community garden development projects spring to fall.

Project location: 1201 Ewing Avenue, Kansas City, MO

Skills needed: Enthusiasm!

Materials needed: Gardening and work gloves.

Minimum age: 6

Minimum number: 5

Whiskers and Tails

<http://www.orgsites.com/mo/whiskersandtails2/>

Whiskers and Tails primary goals include all of the following: the active rescue, aid and assistance along with aggressively implementing and promoting spay/neuter activities to decrease the overpopulation problem and therefore decrease the amount of abandoned, abused, dumped, feral, forgotten, unwanted and on death row dogs, cats, puppies and kittens. We also provide resources and assistance to companion animals and their families to increase owner retention.

Address: 185 West Broadway, Peculiar, MO 64078

Contact person: ReGina Edmondson

E-mail address: whiskersandtails2@gmail.com

Project description: We are truly in great need of a new and exciting web site. Many great opportunities have come and gone for us and once people get to our web site the interest seems to end. We need it updated and linked to the many social networking sites that are popping up all over the internet. This would involve adding widgets, videos, photos, info and links. Many other items such as blogs, calendars and other interactive forms and points of interest that would keep people wanting to come back and wanting to get involved.

Project location: This project can be done off site. Initial visit should be made on site so that the volunteers can see what needs to be done and hear all of the details.

Skills needed: Web site design, video creation, linking sites, html and other education related to the creation of a new interactive web site.

Materials needed: Computers and software to create the site.

Minimum age: 19

Minimum number: 10
