

# Youth & Family Volunteer Guide (11 & Under)

## **Bridging The Gap**

www.bridgingthegap.org

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

*Conserves, protects and restores natural communities of the Kansas City region by involving people in the stewardship of the land (Kansas City WildLands is an affiliate of Bridging The Gap, a local environmental education and action organization).*

**Contact:** Linda Lehrbaum

**Email:** linda@bridgingthegap.org

**Phone:** 816-561-1061 x116

**Volunteer to...**become a Kansas City WildLands volunteer and do hands-on ecological restoration of Kansas City's remnant natural areas. WildLands workdays take place outside at specific sites throughout the metro area. Workdays take place four times a year; see [www.bridgingthegap.org](http://www.bridgingthegap.org) for scheduled dates. Special workdays can sometimes be arranged on a certain date for groups of a minimum size. Depending on location and time of year, volunteers may assist with cutting, pulling or spraying exotic plants; thinning woody growth; clearing of maintaining trails; or reseeding or planting in restoration site.

**Minimum Age:** 11 w/parent

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**Contact:** Noelle Morris

**Email:** noelle.morris@bridgingthegap.org

**Phone:** 816-561-1061 x115

**Volunteer to...**assist with tree maintenance tasks, including mulching and sucker-cutting. Note: The maximum number of participants from any one group for these workdays is seven in order to ensure a wide variety of volunteers can participate.

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**Contact:** Angela Schreffler  
**Phone:** 816-561-1061 x110

**Email:** [angela.schreffler@bridgingthegap.org](mailto:angela.schreffler@bridgingthegap.org)

**Volunteer to...** plant trees! Training is provided prior to planting. Note: The maximum number of participants from any one group for these workdays is seven in order to ensure a wide variety of volunteers can participate.

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**Volunteer to...** pull garlic mustard, an invasive plant, from a public land site in the metro area. Workday will last about three hours. **Open to groups only!** We can arrange a mutually convenient date in late April/early May.

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**Volunteer to...** remove invasive exotic honeysuckle from a public land site in the metro area.

**Groups only!** A guaranteed minimum of 15 volunteers is required to arrange this workday. We can arrange a mutually convenient workday anytime September through March.

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## Johnson County Christmas Bureau

**Address:** P.O. Box 14786, Shawnee Mission, KS 66085-4786

*To provide non-denominational holiday assistance to qualified low-income residents of Johnson County, Kansas at an annual Holiday Shop.*

**Contact:** Janell Engelhardt  
**Phone:** 913-341-4342

**Email:** [jococb@aol.com](mailto:jococb@aol.com)

**Volunteer to...** During the year – collect children’s books, plastic bags, peanut butter, gnetly used coats, etc. At the shop – move in goods from storage to shop location. During the holiday season – sort groceries, hang coats, remove price stags, move merchandise.

**Minimum Age:** 11

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## Johnson County K-State Research and Extension

**Address:** 13480 South Arapaho Drive, Olathe, KS 66062

*Provides educational strategies and opportunities for youth and adults to work in partnership as they develop life skills to become healthy, self-directing, contributing members of society.*

**Contact:** Al Davis  
**Phone:** 913-764-6300

**Email:** [al.davis@jocogov.org](mailto:al.davis@jocogov.org)

**Volunteer to...** provide assistance to seniors who have enrolled in the senior computer class. Volunteers would provide assistance with internet usage and e-mail.

**Minimum Age:** 11

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## Youth Volunteer Corps of Greater KC

www.yvckc.org

**Address:** 4600 West 51st Street, Suite 300, Roeland Park, KS 66205

*To create and increase volunteer opportunities to enrich America's youth, address community needs and develop a lifetime commitment of service.*

**Contact:** Team Leader

**Email:** yvc\_kc@yvca.org

**Phone:** 913-432-9822 x305

**Volunteer to...** YVCKC offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for youth to serve on weekends, after school, and during the summer. Youth are welcome to sign up for just one project or as many as they would like. Find information on current projects at [www.yvckc.org](http://www.yvckc.org). Please note that you **MUST** sign up for projects in advance.

**Minimum Age:** 11

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## American Red Cross - Greater Kansas City Chapter

www.arckc.org

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

*Provides relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.*

**Contact:** Susie Perkins

**Email:** perkins@arckc.org

**Phone:** 816-841-5254

**Volunteer to...** assist with Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries project. Hold a battery drive and then distribute batteries & fire prevention brochures (from American Red Cross) to seniors in your neighborhood.

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**Volunteer to...**assist with School Chests "Classroom in a Box" project. Collect school supplies for children in disaster and other emergency areas both in the United States and abroad.

**Minimum Age:** 10

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## Cedar Lake Village

**Address:** 15325 South Lone Elm Road, Olathe, KS 66061

*Shares God's Love in word and deed by providing shelter and supportive services to older persons and others in need, believing that "In Christ's Love, Everyone Is Someone".*

**Contact:** Jamie Ellis

**Email:** jellis@good-sam.com

**Phone:** 913-780-9916

**Volunteer to...**scoop ice cream & serve during the snack shop time (weekdays from 3 to 4 PM).

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**Volunteer to...**be a song leader for Sing-A-Longs or Bell Choir (Mondays or Wednesdays).

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**Volunteer to...**assist with reading to residents (flexible).

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**Volunteer to...**be a companion to a resident (flexible).

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**Volunteer to...**be a bingo caller (substitute on Thursdays or Sundays).

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**Volunteer to...**play dominoes or bridge with residents (flexible).

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**Volunteer to...**play organ for devotions.

**Minimum Age:** 10

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## Community Assistance Council

[www.cackc.org](http://www.cackc.org)

**Address:** 10901 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64134

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

**Contact:** Pam Meek  
**Phone:** 816-763-5785

**Email:** pamm@cackc.org

**Volunteer to...**maintain community garden on site. This involves tilling, weeding, planting, watering and other gardening tasks, including harvesting crops and packaging harvest for pantry.

**Minimum Age:** 10 w/adult supervision

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## Cross-Lines Cooperative Council

www.cross-lines.org

**Address:** 736 Shawnee Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66105

*Alleviates the suffering of persons in poverty in ways which offer hope and allow them to preserve their dignity and educate the broader community about poverty by offering opportunities to serve.*

**Contact:** Amber Glasgow  
**Phone:** 913-281-3388

**Email:** amber@cross-lines.org

**Volunteer to...**assist with minor home repair, food drives, sacking groceries, serving breakfast & lunch for elderly, sorting clothes in thrift store, etc.

**Minimum Age:** 10 w/adult supervision

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## The Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City

www.kcdsg.org

**Address:** 10200 West 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 281, Shawnee Mission, KS 66204

*To provide support and resources for individuals with Down syndrome and their families. DSG seeks to provide the entire community with information and education to broaded awareness and foster positive attitudes regarding people with Down syndrome.*

**Contact:** Laura Cline  
**Phone:** 913-384-4848

**Email:** info@kcdsg.org

**Volunteer to...**provide childcare, help prepare for events, assist with office projects, etc.

**Minimum Age:** 10 w/adult supervision

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## Hillcrest Thrift Shop

www.hillcresttransitionalhousing.org

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

**Contact:** Cindy Hoffercker  
**Phone:** 816-505-0200

**Email:** choffercker@hillcrestkc.org

**Volunteer to...**help with sacking items at the registers, help sort donations, keep the store tidy, etc.

**Minimum Age:** 10 w/an adult

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## Hillcrest Thrift Shop

www.hillcresttransitionalhousing.org

**Address:** 7 West Mill Street, Liberty, MO 64068

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

**Contact:** Jed Britt

**Email:** jbritt@hillcrestkc.org

**Phone:** 816-792-0075

**Volunteer to...** sort and stock clothing, assist with online sales, help with cashiering duties, other tasks

**Minimum Age:** 10 w/adult supervision

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## Kansas City Hospice House

www.kansascityhospice.org

**Address:** 12000 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64145

*To bring expert care, peace of mind, comfort, guidance, and hope to people affected by life-threatening and life-limiting illness.*

**Contact:** Allison Netson

**Email:** anetson@kchospice.org

**Phone:** 816-941-1058

**Volunteer to...** bake and cook meals - you can provide food or baked goods on a one-time basis or commit to a set time weekly, monthly or quarterly. Meals can be prepared in the dining room and then serve the families. You can also create fabric hanging hearts to hang on patients' doors, create guest books, kid activity and/or welcome bags, or create ceramic mugs for patients' families.

**Minimum Age:** 10 w/parent

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## KidsAndCars.org

www.KidsAndCars.org

**Address:** 2913 West 113<sup>th</sup> Street, Leawood, KS 66211

*Alleviates the suffering of persons in poverty in ways which offer hope and allow them to preserve their dignity and educate the broader community about poverty by offering opportunities to serve.*

**Contact:** Amber Rollins

**Email:** amber@KidsandCars.org

**Phone:** 913-327-0013

**Volunteer to...** 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!

**Minimum Age:** 10 w/adult supervision

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## Reach Out and Read Kansas City

www.reachoutandreadkc.org

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

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

**Contact:** Laura Long

**Email:** llong2@kumc.edu

**Phone:** 913-588-0038

**Volunteer to...** share books and read to children in one of 46 pediatric and family clinics in underserved communities in the Kansas City area. Readers participate in a 90-minute training and must be willing to commit at least 20 hours of reading a year in a pediatric clinic. Most shifts are on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**Minimum Age:** 10 w/adult supervision

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## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

**Address:** 1300 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, KS 66102

*St. Paul's is a Christian Community that enjoys sharing Christ's love through service, worship, and the bold proclamation of the Gospel!*

**Contact:** Deacon Gail Reynolds  
**Phone:** 913-321-3535

**Email:** morningstar66204@everestkc.net

**Volunteer to...**serve as neighbor pantry assistants on Wednesdays and Saturdays to help with transporting food from their offering boxes

**Minimum Age:** 10

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## Shawnee Town

[www.shawneetown.org](http://www.shawneetown.org)

**Address:** 11501 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street, Shawnee, KS 66203

*Shawnee Town, 1929 is an active, fun place where visitors of all ages learn what it was like to live in Shawnee, KS in 1929. Engaging and thoughtful tours, exhibits and programs will allow visitors to experience a typical day in and around the farm town.*

**Contact:** Susan Tolleson  
**Phone:** 913-248-2360

**Email:** volunteer@cityofshawnee.org

**Volunteer to...**help with the costume contest, games and activities during the annual Historical Hauntings event in October. Other activities include face painting and wagon rides.

**Minimum Age:** 10 w/adult supervision

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## Shepherd's Center of Raytown

[www.shepherdscenterraytown.org](http://www.shepherdscenterraytown.org)

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

*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.*

**Contact:** Patty Stock  
**Phone:** 816-356-9000

**Email:** [shepherdscenterr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shepherdscenterr@sbcglobal.net)

**Volunteer to...**help with the Spring and Fall yard clean-up for older adult homeowners residing within the boundaries of the Raytown School District.

**Minimum Age:** 10 w/adult supervision

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## Spofford

[www.spoffordhome.org](http://www.spoffordhome.org)

**Address:** 9700 Grandview Road, Kansas City, MO 64137

*Provides preventative and therapeutic services by connecting children, family and community to achieve their potential.*

**Contact:** Crystal Bahr  
**Phone:** 816-508-3408

**Email:** [crystal.bahr@spoffordhome.org](mailto:crystal.bahr@spoffordhome.org)

**Volunteer to...**decorate monthly bulletin board with current volunteer pictures and facility events.

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**Volunteer to...**organize news clippings and photographs into scrapbooks and albums for display purposes.

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**Email:** crystal.bahr@spoffordhome.org

**Volunteer to...**help organize our children's library. Responsible for putting books back on their assigned shelves in order.

**Minimum Age:** 10

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**Uplift Organization, Inc.**

**Address:** 1516 Prospect Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64127

*Delivers to the homeless those basic human needs, care and compassion that is not usually received from other organizations. Agency delivers food, clothing, hygiene items, etc. three times a week.*

**Contact:** Margo Bustamante  
**Phone:** 816-516-1304

**Email:** margo@primary.net

**Volunteer to...**sort donations at Uplift warehouse. Shifts are available the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9 AM to 11 AM.

**Minimum Age:** 10

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## Mission Thrift Store

**Address:** 334 East US 69 Highway, Claycomo, MO 64119

*Exists in order to serve God by caring for the poor and needy both in our area and to adopted missions worldwide.*

**Contact:** Sister Lilliane Normand

**Email:** n/a

**Phone:** 816-413-0731

**Volunteer to...** go through donations, sorting items, hanging clothes on racks, pricing items, displaying on racks & tables, etc.

**Minimum Age:** 9 w/adult supervision

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## Shoal Creek Association/Shoal Creek Living History Museum

[www.kcmo.org/parksandrecreation/museums](http://www.kcmo.org/parksandrecreation/museums)

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

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

**Contact:** Sharon Sumner

**Email:** sasumner@sbcglobal.net

**Phone:** 816-807-2414

**Volunteer to...** gardening, moving mulch, weeding, painting picket fences and/or sweeping buildings.

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**Contact:** Amy Smith

**Email:** asmith@bridgingthegap.org

**Phone:** 816-561-1061 x122

**Volunteer to...** assist patrons with their recyclables, help site manager with site maintenance and other duties as assigned. There are two locations; 91<sup>st</sup> Street and Hillcrest Road and the Metro North Shopping Center.

**Minimum Age:** 8 w/ parent

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## Oak Grove Neighborhood Association

**Address:** 503 Quindaro Boulevard, Kansas City, KS 66101

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

**Contact:** Elnora Jefferson

**Email:** [ejefferson@kc.rr.com](mailto:ejefferson@kc.rr.com)

**Phone:** 913-371-2858

**Volunteer to...** help clear weeds and brush from vacant lots, assist the elderly and disabled with outdoor clean up and beautification activities, and work in the urban farm and community garden.

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**Phone:** 913-248-2360

**Volunteer to...** help visitors during Old Shawnee Days on June 4 and 5. Activities include finding a needle in a haystack, taking old-time photos or hands on activities like shucking corn, making crafts, doing the wash or using a vintage typewriter.

**Minimum Age:** 8 w/family or chaperone

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## Harvesters - The Community Food Network

www.harvesters.org

**Address:** 3801 Topping Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64129

*Collects and distributes food and household supplies from community and industry sources and distributes those products through a network of non-profit agencies. In addition, offers leadership and education programs to increase community awareness of hunger, and works to generate solutions to end hunger.*

**Contact:** Laura Marshall

**Email:** lmarshall@harvesters.org

**Phone:** 816-929-3090

**Volunteer to...**help sort and repackage donated product in Volunteer Outreach Center (VOC). Great youth group, summer camp, school, neighborhood, family, etc., project. We're generally open Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., along with Tuesday and Thursday evenings until 8 p.m.

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**Contact:** Laura Marshall

**Email:** lmarshall@harvesters.org

**Phone:** 816-929-3090

**Volunteer to...**celebrate your birthday at Harvesters. If you're looking for a unique and meaningful way to celebrate your birthday, why not consider having your party at Harvesters? It's easy and fun! First, schedule your birthday party with us. Next, invite your party guests to join you at Harvesters to spend a few hours sorting and repackaging food items destined for area food pantries and soup kitchens. Instead of gifts, ask your friends to bring canned goods or money donations for Harvesters. When you're finished volunteering, relax and enjoy the birthday cake that we'll provide and leave with the knowledge that you've made a difference for others in Kansas City!

**Minimum Age:** 6 w/adult supervision

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## Olathe Head Start

**Address:** 1700 West Sheridan, Olathe, KS 66061

*Federally funded program for 3- and 4-year-olds from income-eligible families.*

**Contact:** Fran O'Brien

**Email:** fobrienhlc@olatheschools.com

**Phone:** 913-780-7410

**Volunteer to...**assist during parent meetings and family activities.

**Minimum Age:** 5 w/adult supervision

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## Olathe Parks and Recreation Department

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

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

**Contact:** Liz Newman

**Email:** lnewman@olatheks.org

**Phone:** 913-780-7410

**Volunteer to...**assist with trash patrol on various parks and/or along trails.

**Minimum Age:** 5 w/adult supervision

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