

# Youth & Family Volunteer Guide (Any Age)

## Alterra Clare Bridge of Leawood

**Address:** 12724 State Line Road, Leawood, KS 66209

*Committed to setting the standard for maximizing the quality of life and dignity of older adults.*

**Contact:** Rachel Waddell

**Email:** [rwaddell@assisted.com](mailto:rwaddell@assisted.com)

**Phone:** 913-345-8808

**Volunteer to...**entertain and enrich the lives of elderly residents with memory issues. Volunteer may sing, play music, play an instrument, etc.

**Minimum Age:** Open

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## American Red Cross - Greater Kansas City Chapter

[www.arckc.org](http://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:** [perkinss@arckc.org](mailto:perkinss@arckc.org)

**Phone:** 816-841-5254

**Volunteer to...**start a Red Cross Club at your school.

**Minimum Age:** Open

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## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Kansas City

www.bbbskc.org

**Address:** 3908 Washington Street, Kansas City, MO 64111

*Helps at-risk youth succeed in life through improvement of self-esteem. Accomplished via one-to-one mentoring.*

**Contact:** Erica Ostroski

**Email:** erica@bbbskc.org

**Phone:** 816-777-2878

**Volunteer to...**create friendship starter kits. Friendship starter kits help new "littles" and "bigs" begin their relationships. The starter kit can contain your choice of items. Possible ideas include disposable cameras, fast food gift certificates, movie passes, games, or anything a kid and adult might like to do together. Your group can include items with your name to let matches know you support them. Create any number of Starter Kits - approximately 30 new matches are made every month. Volunteers could host a bake sale or other fundraiser and use the proceeds to create friendship starter kits.

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**Volunteer to...**hold a clothing drive. The BBBS Donation Center collects gently used clothing & bedding and sells it to our retail partner, Savers. The money earned goes directly to matching children with dependable, caring adult friends. Call to have donations picked up - receipts provided.

**Minimum Age:** Open

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## Blessings Abound Thrift Store

**Address:** 9620 Nall Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66207

*Called to serve the metro Kansas City community by selling quality, second-hand merchandise in order to provide aid to disadvantaged people and minority ministries.*

**Contact:** Deborah Napoli  
**Phone:** 913-648-0700

**Email:** blessingsabound@yahoo.com

**Volunteer to...**create displays and signs, clean and maintain building, collect donations, assist customers, serve as cashiers and sorting room managers.

**Minimum Age:** Any age w/parent

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## Bridging the Gap

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

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

*Works to make the Kansas City region sustainable by connecting environment, economy, and community.*

**Contact:** Amy Smith  
**Phone:** 816-561-1090 x122

**Email:** volunteer@bridgingthegap.org

**Volunteer to...**participate in the Earth Walk at Theis Park to raise funds for Bridging the Gap's regional environmental education and action programs.

**Minimum Age:** Open

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*Involves citizens, businesses and government in creating a cleaner and more beautiful Kansas City (Keep Kansas City Beautiful is an affiliate of Bridging The Gap, a local environmental education and action organization).*

**Contact:** Amy Smith

**Email:** volunteer@bridgingthegap.org

**Phone:** 816-561-1090 x122

**Volunteer to...** become a Great American Clean-up Volunteer. Duties include creating and coordinating a team or be part of a team to engage in litter prevention, beautification and waste reduction efforts in your community. Volunteers for the Great American Clean-up work to improve the quality of life in their local communities through projects such as neighborhood cleanups, litter cleanups, tree/flower planting, road cleanup, painting projects, and more. We can provide supplies. Multiple projects to choose from, March through May. **Please note -- Bridging The Gap does not manage the volunteers for these clean-up projects.**

**Minimum Age:** Varies by project

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*To engage people of the greater Kansas City region to take action and advocate for a healthy community forest. (Heartland Tree Alliance is an affiliate of Bridging The Gap, a local environmental education and action organization).*

**Contact:** Angela Schreffler

**Email:** angela.schreffler@bridgingthegap.org

**Phone:** 816-561-1061 x110

**Volunteer to...** to advocate for a healthy community forest through hands-on tree care and planting events.

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**Volunteer to...**create an environmentally sustainable world. We have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals, groups, families and students. Flexible hours!

**Minimum Age:** Varies by project

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## City Union Mission

www.cumission.org

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

*An evangelical Christian ministry committed to sharing the gospel and meeting the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of men, women, and children who are poor or homeless.*

**Contact:** Tammy Sharp

**Email:** tammy.sharp@cumission.org

**Phone:** 816-329-1487

**Volunteer to...**assist with various drives (i.e. Welcome Bags, Rise & Shine, Undie Sunday, etc.). For a complete listing of drives & more information, please visit website at [www.cityunionmission.org](http://www.cityunionmission.org).

**Minimum Age:** Any age w/parent

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## Community Disability Network

**Address:** 8001 Conser, Suite 100, Overland Park, KS 66204

*Provides support to individuals with disabilities.*

**Contact:** Sali Helvey

**Email:** shelvey@aol.com

**Phone:** 913-648-2317

**Volunteer to...**organize a drive for new or used toys for CDN's toy lending library - a library with therapeutic toys for children with disabilities.

**Minimum Age:** Open

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## Episcopal Community Services

www.episcopalcommunity.org

**Address:** 11 East 40th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111

*Extends Christ's mission through compassion and healing.*

**Contact:** Volunteer Department  
**Phone:** 816-561-8920

**Email:**

**Volunteer to...**interact with seniors in a residential nursing home setting, serve meals at the Kansas City Community Kitchen, deliver meals to seniors and other opportunities.

**Minimum Age:** Open

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## Garden Terrace at Overland Park

**Address:** 7541 Switzer Road, Overland Park, KS 66214

*Long-term care facility/Alzheimer's units that provide social opportunities for all residents by working with activity staff.*

**Contact:** Amy Caputo  
**Phone:** 913-631-2273

**Email:** n/a

**Volunteer to...**provide entertainment for residents.

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## Gillis

www.gillis.org

**Address:** 8150 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64114

*Helps at-risk children and their families become contributing members of the community through education, counseling and social services.*

**Contact:** Sandra Johnson  
**Phone:** 816-508-3533

**Email:** saundra.johnson@gillis.org

**Volunteer to...**get a group of friends together and hold a Back to School fundraiser for the children of Gillis. Seasonal (July and August)--volunteers plan one-time activities to fill the backpacks of our kids.

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**Volunteer to...**get a group of friends together and hold a Holiday Drive for the children and families of Gillis. Seasonal (November and December)--volunteers purchase gifts, toys and food baskets. Groups can also plan one time fundraising activities to help make the holidays brighter for those families and children served through Gillis.

**Minimum Age:** Any age w/parent

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**Gracious Promise Foundation**

**Address:** 1021 Pacific, Kansas City, KS 66102

*Provides tangible assistance in the form of resources, counseling, advocacy, evangelism and discipleship training to anyone facing, enduring or recovering from a prison experience.*

**Contact:** Shirley Miller  
**Phone:** 913-342-1707

**Email:** shirley@graciouspromise.org

**Volunteer to...**assist with bulk mailings - collate, stuff & label envelopes.

**Minimum Age:** Open

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## Head Start of Shawnee Mission, Inc.

www.smks-headstart.org

**Address:** 8155 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park, KS 66204

*Empowers low-income children and families to step up to success by providing early childhood educational experiences and comprehensive child and family services.*

**Contact:** Renee Miller  
**Phone:** 913-649-9714

**Email:** [rmiller@smks-headstart.org](mailto:rmiller@smks-headstart.org)

**Volunteer to...**become a wish list volunteer and sponsor a drive for needed items at Head Start of Shawnee Mission, Inc., Items may include things such as a food drive for breakfast and snack items. Organize a book drive or a drive for classroom supplies, paper goods, or children's toothpaste and toothbrushes. Please check with us on what else is on our wish list this year and for specifics on suggested items!

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**Volunteer to...**be a financial resources advocate and work with your youth group to organize a collection to sponsor a field trip for preschoolers, have your youth group participate in the Adopt-A-Family program during the holidays, or arrange a fundraising event, such as organizing with a local pizza restaurant, a specific night where profit percentage is designated to Head Start of Shawnee Mission, Inc. These are just a few examples of how you can become an involved partner with us!

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## Heart to Heart International

www.hearttoheart.org

**Address:** 401 South Clairborne, Suite 302, Olathe, KS 66062

*Inspires, empowers and mobilizes the individual to serve the needs of the poor in their community and around the world.*

**Contact:** Jason Slattery  
**Phone:** 913-764-5200

**Email:** info@hearttoheart.org

**Volunteer to...**assist with bulk mailings - collate, stuff & label envelopes.

**Minimum Age:** Open

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## Heartland Habitat for Humanity

www.heartlandhabitat.org

**Address:** 1401 Fairfax Trafficway, Suite 323D, Kansas City, KS 66115

*Builds simple, decent homes and communities in Wyandotte, Johnson and Leavenworth counties in Kansas and Clay and Platte counties in Missouri, in partnership with God's people in need while following biblical principles.*

**Contact:** Vanessa Little  
**Phone:** 913-342-3047 x233

**Email:** vanessa@heartlandhabitat.org

**Volunteer to...**be on the lunch bunch. Get some friends or group from school together and prepare, deliver, and serve lunch on-site to construction volunteers. Contact the office for details.

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**Volunteer to...**assist with landscaping, generally a three-hour morning project. Needs to be done in a group of 3 to 8 youth plus 2 adults.

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**Volunteer to...** be a presenter - assist with volunteer orientations, volunteer fairs, church presentations and other speaking engagements. Volunteers must be willing to learn about Kaw Valley and feel comfortable speaking in front of groups.

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**Volunteer to...** be a special events volunteer. Assist with various special events throughout the year - runs, golf tournaments, appreciation days, etc.

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## Hillsdale Water Quality Project

**Address:** One New Century Parkway, Suite 115, New Century, KS 66031

*Established for the long-term protection of the Hillsdale Lake and its watershed.*

**Contact:** Jennie Rone  
**Phone:** 913-829-9414

**Email:** jrone@hwqp.org

**Volunteer to...**assist with various special events.

**Minimum Age:** Any age w/parent

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## Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care

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

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

*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.*

**Contact:** Allison Netson  
**Phone:** 816-941-1058

**Email:** anetson@kchospice.org

**Volunteer to...** 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. 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.

**Minimum Age:** Any age w/parent

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## Lenexa Parks & Recreation Department

**Address:** 13425 Walnut, Lenexa, KS 66215

*Enhances Lenexa's unique heritage, character, beauty and quality of life by effectively providing our community and visitors with diverse leisure-time opportunities, parks and facilities.*

**Contact:** Susan Blattner  
**Phone:** 913-541-0135

**Email:** sblattner@ci.lenexa.ks.us

**Volunteer to...**provide entertainment for community members. Entertainment can include singing, dancing, or a band performance.

**Minimum Age:** Open

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## National Kidney Foundation of Kansas & Western Missouri

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

**Address:** 1900 West 47th Place, Suite 310, Westwood, KS 66205

*Prevents kidney and urinary tract diseases, improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by these disease, and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation.*

**Contact:** Jennifer Shanks  
**Phone:** 913-262-1551 x34

**Email:** jennifer.shanks@kidney.org

**Volunteer to...**provide in-office assistance including mailings, filing, and stuffing packets for special events.

**Minimum Age:** Any age w/parent

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## Operation Breakthrough

www.operationbreakthrough.org

**Address:** 3039 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64109

*Helps children who are living in poverty develop to their fullest potential by providing them a safe, loving and educational environment. Also strives to support and empower the children's families through advocacy, referral services and emergency aid.*

**Contact:** Tara Lindahl

**Email:** tara@operationbreakthrough.org

**Phone:** 816-329-5233

**Volunteer to...**be a classroom volunteer. Assist the teacher with activities, meal times, outside time, and individual time with the children.

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**Phone:** 816-329-5233

**Volunteer to...**be a reader friend. Volunteer to read with preschool children and our after-school children in the library. Preschoolers nap from 12-3, so any other time between 6 AM - 6 PM.

**Minimum Age:** Any age w/parent

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## Operation International Children

www.operationinternationalchildren.org

**Address:** 1529 Atlantic, North Kansas City, MO 64116

*Helping soldiers help children. OIC provides much needed supplies to U.S. troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and other points where they are working on winning the hearts and minds of the local population in their area of operation.*

**Contact:** Kelly Meyer  
**Phone:** 816-241-7321

**Email:** oicinfo@ptpi.org

**Volunteer to...**assemble 10 school supply items into a two-gallon Ziplock bag. The kits are then boxed and palletized. Groups up to 25 people usually volunteer for about two hours.

**Minimum Age:** Any age w/parent

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## Rose Estates

**Address:** 12700 South Antioch, Overland Park, KS 66213

*Provides a quality assisted living facility.*

**Contact:** Volunteer Coordinator  
**Phone:** 913-825-9600

**Email:** n/a

**Volunteer to...**assist residents with arts & crafts.

**Minimum Age:** Open

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**Volunteer to...**provide entertainment for residents.

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**Email:** n/a

**Volunteer to...**play games, call bingo, read or visit with residents, etc.

**Minimum Age:** Open

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## Special Olympics KC Metro

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

**Address:** 9001 West 67th Street, Merriam, KS 66202

*Provides sports and competition programs for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.*

**Contact:** Jeremie Ballinger  
**Phone:** 913-789-0332

**Email:** ballinger@somo.org

**Volunteer to...**assist at a Special Olympics event.

**Minimum Age:** Open

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## Watkins Woolen Mill State Park & State Historic Site

**Address:** 26600 Park Road North, Lawson, MO 64062

*Preserves and interprets the structures and artifacts relating to the Watkins textile mill, family house, commercial farming operations, and family and provides recreational opportunities consistent with the facility's historic character and carrying capacity of the property.*

**Contact:** Matt Carletti  
**Phone:** 816-580-3387

**Email:** matt.carletti@dnr.mo.gov

**Volunteer to...**provide assist with garden maintenance. The park maintains a heirloom garden with historic varieties of vegetables and fruits. Duties include assisting with the planting, maintenance, harvesting, and seed saving.

**Minimum Age:** Any age w/parent

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# Youth Volunteer Corps of Greater KC

www.yvckc.org

**Address:** 4600 West 51st Street, Suite 300, Shawnee Mission, 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](mailto:yvc_kc@yvca.org)

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

**Volunteer to...**choose from a variety of projects every year. YVC plans and supervises service projects for 11-18 year olds all year long from after school to Saturdays to intensive week-long summer projects. Visit [yvckc.org](http://yvckc.org) for current opportunities.

**Minimum Age:** Any age between 11 and 18

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