Outreach Opportunities in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area

We look forward to hosting your group at our church facility. There are many outreach opportunities in the Kansas City area. We have compiled this list for our visiting groups as a beginning to finding meaningful work during your stay.

AFTER THE HARVEST (GLEANING)
(816) 921-1903
www.aftertheharvestkc.org
“After the Harvest” offers gleaning opportunities to volunteers from June through October. They work with farmers and Kansas and Missouri to glean their fields and orchards after the harvest, to gather up produce left behind by mechanical equipment and pickers. This fresh, locally grown food is delivered to food pantries and feeding agencies in close proximity to the farm where it is gleaned.

CENTER OF GRACE
520 South Harrison
Olathe, Kansas 66061
Center of Grace serves meals on Wednesday and Thursday nights for about 300 persons. The work shift runs from 3:30 to about 8 pm, or so. They also have needs for painting and other projects. Their MAIN FOCUS is feeding the people. Contact Monica Gutierrez at (913) 764-1353.

CITY UNION MISSION
1100 East 11th Street in Kansas City, Missouri
http://gkcceh.org/index.html
Since 1924, City Union Mission has provided warm beds, nutritious food and a place of safety for thousands of poverty-stricken and homeless men, women, and children. Founded by Rev. and Mrs. David Bulkley, the Mission’s staff has been uncompromising in our commitment to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the hurting and the lost. City Union Mission receives no government support and is not a United Way agency. The Mission depends completely on the gifts of God’s people - individuals, churches, groups, foundations, and businesses who have a heart for the poor and homeless in Kansas City. The "how you can help" link is listed just below the address above.

CROSS-LINES COOPERATIVE COUNCIL
736 Shawnee Ave, Kansas City, KS 66105
(913) 281-3388.
Crosslines serves the surrounding neighborhoods in many ways. They also serve a hot lunch daily and need volunteers to assist with it. They also have a large community garden that volunteers can assist with. Other projects include home repair, yard work, computer tutors, and a thrift store.

DELLA LAMB COMMUNITY SERVICES
500 Woodland Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64106
www.delalamb.org
(816) 842-8040
Contact: Johnathan Hyde, Development Director
Della Lamb offers hope and assistance to low-income Kansas City people of all ages. Programs are designed to create self-sufficiency through education and support services. Service Opportunities: Wash day-care cots, wash walls, inventory donated goods, thrift store: clean/sort/sack. They also do “Santa Claus” for 3000 kids in 1,700 families who are in constant need of many, many items.
500 Woodland Avenue

GREATER KANSAS CITY COALITION to END HOMELESSNESS
GKCCEH’s website lists many emergency shelters in place who may have needs when your group is visiting KC. You will also find a list of “Free Hot Meals in KC”. Each of these hot meal locations are in need of groups to cook and serve. (http://gkcceh.org/index.html) Please contact these facilities directly.

LAZARUS MINISTRIES
3151 Olive, Kansas City, Missouri
www.lazminkc.org
(816) 842-3484
The mission of Lazarus Ministries at Linwood United is to offer unlimited compassion while providing for the unmet needs of Kansas City’s urban core. They exist to provide emergency services including food, clothing, medical care and shelter. Contact Jessica Brooks-Bryon at jessicabb@lazminkc.org

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Heartland HFH
155 South 18th Street, Suite 120
Volunteers drive Heartland Habitat for Humanity. Heartland Habitat welcomes people from all walks of life to join in to build simple, decent, affordable houses in partnership with God and families in need. Don’t have construction experience of building skills? You’re not alone. The vast majority of Heartland Habitat’s volunteers are inexperienced in construction and home repair, but by working side-by-side with the family who will live in the house, volunteers experience for themselves the joy created when a family is able to realize their dream of homeownership.

Volunteers must be 16 years and older. Jobs include painting, siding, construction, dry wall & mudding, based on expertise of volunteers.

**HARVESTERS Community Food Network**

[www.harvesters.org/Give-Time](http://www.harvesters.org/Give-Time)

Harvesters is so grateful for the work of volunteers, who bring their hearts and hands to the job of feeding hungry people! They could not feed 141,500 people every month without the dedication and service of volunteers.

Hours spent sorting food, assisting at special events or providing professional service equate to the work of an additional 96 full-time employees! They look forward to hearing from you and having you be a part of the effort to help solve hunger. Just two hours of your time can make a difference! Groups must call to schedule. Check for specific details and phone number on line.

**HEALING HOUSE**

4400 St. John Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64123
(816) 920-7181
contctus@healinghousekc.org
[www.healinghousekc.org](http://www.healinghousekc.org)

Healing House, Inc. is a faith-based substance abuse recovery organization working in the Kansas City metropolitan area. They provide safe and stable homes, with opportunities for spiritual and personal growth. They also provide purposeful guidance and support, for men and women who are committed to overcoming their addiction and becoming a responsible, productive, drug and alcohol free member of our community.

**HILLCREST TRANSITIONAL HOUSING**

Chuck Arney, COO/Interim Director, carney@hillcrestkc.org
Kansas City, KS - Family/Adult Housing Site
738 N. 31st Street, Kansas City, KS 66102
(913) 400-2573
Cindy Brown, Community Liaison
cbrown@hillcrestkc.org

Hillcrest Transitional Housing offers homeless families, singles & youth a disciplined educational program within a caring, supportive environment. Unlike many organizations whose focus is one-time or emergency care, Hillcrest’s primary objective is to move clients from homelessness to self-sufficiency within 90 days by addressing the total life situation of the homeless families they serve; longer term transitional housing options may be available to clients with excessive barriers to housing. Hillcrest also provides a transitional housing program for homeless teens and young adults, ages 16-20, who have an educational goal. This unique program offers housing & supportive services for up to 24 months.

**HOPE FAITH Ministries**

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

Hope Faith Ministries provides essential services that are available 6 days a week from 6:30 am to 2:00 pm Monday thru Friday, and 6:30 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday. Hot meals, clothing, telephone and mail access, housing and employment referrals, case management, a computer lab, private showers, medical, vision, and dental are just some of the many services available.

Hope Faith Ministries is Kansas City’s only collaborative day center with on-site partners that provide a wide array of services including medical, vision, and dental as well as mental health, counseling, and case management. Hope Faith continually strives to work with area agencies and community partners to provide a wide array of services and programs to meet the changing needs of our guests and community.

Visit their website prior to your visit to line up working with them.

**JOHNSON COUNTY CHRISTMAS BUREAU**

Seasonal assistance needed.
[www.jccb.org/volunteer-current-needs.html](http://www.jccb.org/volunteer-current-needs.html)

**L’Arche Heartland**

[www.larcheks.org](http://www.larcheks.org)
L’Arche Heartland
P.O. Box 40493
Overland Park, KS 66204
Email: heartland@larcheks.org
Phone: 913-341-2265
Fax: 913-648-4143

L’Arche Heartland was founded in 1987 when we welcomed our first persons with intellectual/disabilities into the community. The community is comprised of five separate homes and two day services where core member (persons with disabilities) and assistants (persons who serve as care providers) live and share their lives. “Join us in our homes—we are always happy to welcome volunteers, not only because they help us out, but because they almost inevitably become part of our community—people with whom we have fun and pray and celebrate and share the charism of L’Arche.”

If groups are simply interested in coming to volunteer we can always use help in yard maintenance. If they want to interact with our Core Members “those with disabilities, we can schedule a time to share a meal or have them come and see what life is like in our homes.

**MATTI RHODES CULTURE CENTER**

Counseling Center & Administrative Offices
1740 Jefferson, Kansas City, MO 64108, (816) 471-2536
Mattie Rhodes Art Center
915 W. 17th Street, Kansas City, MO 64108
(816) 221-2349
The Mattie Rhodes Center provides a holistic approach to individual and family well-being through social services, behavioral health counseling and the arts. Their staff provides culturally competent programming in the following four areas:
- Family Services (behavioral health, family violence, substance abuse)
- Youth Services (in-school intervention, youth development, supportive living)
- Community Support (health and wellness, community engagement)
- Cultural Arts (arts education, exhibits and collections)

Mannie Rhodes is the only fully bilingual/bicultural, nationally accredited, and state-certified behavioral health care provider in the Greater Kansas City region.

MICAH MINISTRY
http://lcckc.org/micah/

The Micah Ministry has become the largest urban mission of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in the largest Christian Church Region of the US.

We strive to keep guests from standing on lines to receive ministries, as they often do with other services. We offer a radical welcome to all, including those suffering from substance abuse who are non-violent. We follow the non-violence ethics of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and offer a safe space made gracious by God’s abundant love and the warm welcome of thousands of generous volunteers.

Typically, we hand out about 1,500 items of children’s and adult clothing. Micah also includes an open-adoption referral program, AA, and pastoral counseling.

Call Pastor Lee, Micah Director at 816-231-0016 for a date to serve. Be a dessert diva; make homemade cakes: Darrell Cantrell-913-909-2125

Collect hygiene items – made into portable kits or call for clothing needs: Elke Flaharty, Ministry Assistant; 816-231-0016 or lbccKC@gmail.com. Consider paying for ($600) cooking a meal with our cooking team.

NEIGHBOR 2 NEIGHBOR

Hosted by REVOLUTION United Methodist Church in Westport
500 W. 40th St., Kansas City, MO 64111
www.n2ninc.org
(816) 931-1858
KCrevolutionoffice@gmail.com

It is the mission of Neighbor2Neighbor to provide meals and meet other daily needs in the context of a supportive community among homeless and near-homeless persons in the Westport area of Kansas City.

OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH

St. Vincent’s Family Service Center
3039 Troost, Kansas City MO 64109
www.operationbreakthrough.org
(816) 756-3511

Operation Breakthrough is the largest single-site early education child care and social services facility in the state of Missouri serving over 400 children daily from the urban core.

The mission of Operation Breakthrough is to help children who are living in poverty develop to their fullest potential by providing them a safe, loving and educational environment.

Operation Breakthrough also strives to support and empower the children's families through advocacy, referral services and emergency aid.

RAINBOW MENNONITE CHURCH
1444 Southwest Boulevard
Kansas City, Kansas
(913) 236-8820
outreach@rainbowmennonite.org

Rainbow Mennonite serves the as the hub of outreach for the surrounding neighborhoods which are very low income. They also host the “Freedom School” in the summertime. Volunteers are needed for the “Freedom School” as well as assisting with maintenance on home in the area.

ReStart
918 East 9th Street in Kansas City, Missouri
(816) 472-5664

ReStart a local nonprofit committed to providing housing and supportive services to homeless children, youth, families, men and women in Kansas City.

RONALD McDonald HOUSE
www.rmhkcc.org

There are 3 Ronald McDonald houses in Kansas City. Check out their web site for volunteer opportunities. Our church serves meals to the families on a regular basis.

SALVATION ARMY

Jane Sander
(816) 968-0396

The Salvation Army of Kansas and Western Missouri has volunteer opportunities in many areas. Contact Jane Sander for specific information and opportunities.

SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW

GLEANING FARMER’S FIELDS FOR THE HUNGRY
Midwest Headquarters
(816) 921-0856

The Society of St. Andrew, West (SoSA) works with farmers, growers, packers and other produce handlers to package and transport their unmarketable produce from their fields to food banks and agencies that feed the hungry. Just last year, they transported over 2.6 million lbs. of produce despite the challenges many farmers in our region had with wind storms, weather and flooding. This year they hope to reach 3 million.

To participate anywhere in the Midwest, contact the western headquarters at (816) 921-0856. Sign up early (springtime) to schedule summer and fall gleaning opportunities.

STREET MEDICINE KC

https://www.streetmedicinetcg.org/

Street Medicine KC (SMKC) works to ensure access to quality health care and social services for Kansas City’s unreached, underinsured, uninsured, and service resistant homeless and at-risk populations. SMKC seeks to provide “street medicine”, a systematic outreach and approach to provide medical care directly to those living and sleeping on the streets through mobile services such as walking teams,
medical vans, and outreach clinics. Street Medicine is the first essential step in achieving higher levels of care through assertive, coordinated, and collaborative medical management and social services. Visit their website prior to your trip to Kansas City to see where you can offer your time and talents.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER
11888 West 91st Street
Overland Park, KS 66214
(913) 871-8107
kansascity@riseagainsthunger.org

These folks package and ship meals to feed people in need. We have engaged over 500,000 corporate, student, civic and faith-based volunteers to package meals. Each year, they will package 45 million meals, and ship over $9 million in donated aid, mainly vitamins and medical supplies. The above address is their local warehouse where they have packaging events. Contact them about their volunteer calendar.

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Please help us add to our list of outreach opportunities in our area. Write down what you know, and any contact name. Thank you!