JOY in Serving Partners Local Ongoing Opportunities

**Avenue of Life:** Avenue of Life's mission is to mobilize our community to equip and empower low-income individuals and families to be self-sustained and independent. They assist their urban core community by offering various programs and services covering emotional, mental, physical and spiritual needs of the families.

- [http://www.avenueoflife.org/](http://www.avenueoflife.org/)
- Some volunteer opportunities at Avenue of Life include sorting donations, teaching a class, tutoring a child, furniture delivery, cleaning, cooking, preparing food bags for families, administrative support, etc. Call Kim at (816) 787-6101 to schedule a volunteer group!

**Central UMC:** Central United Methodist Church strives to make new disciples for Christ through the use of outreach programs that demonstrates Jesus' unconditional love for all people. Central serves low income families.

- Some volunteer opportunities at Central UMC include helping in the food pantry, clothing pantry and misc maintenance projects. Please contact Pastor Gary at roellcheng@aol.com for how to serve.

**Community LINC:** Community LINC strives to end homelessness, impact poverty and remove barriers to self-sufficiency for the families they serve.

- [http://www.communitylinc.org](http://www.communitylinc.org)
- Some volunteer include life skills training, tutoring, office help, building/maintenance repairs etc. For more information about any volunteer opportunities, contact Daniel at 816.561.5862 or volunteer@communitylinc.org.

**Cross-Lines:** Provide people in the Kansas City area affected by poverty with services and opportunities that encourage self-confidence, meet the needs of today, and provide the tools for future self-sufficiency.

- www.cross-lines.org
- Some volunteer opportunities at Cross Lines include serving breakfast or lunch at the community kitchen, assist in food pantry, work the garden, assist with senior commodities, volunteer at the thrift store and more. Contact Sara Kelly at 913-281-3388 to get plugged in.
Della Lamb: Della Lamb provides low-income families with early education, child care, youth services, adult services, adult education, transportation, emergency social services, international refugee services, Elementary Charter School education, back-to-school supplies.

- www.dellalamb.org
- Some volunteer opportunities include lunches, tutoring, ESL, administrative and more. Contact http://www.dellalamb.org/Volunteer for details about how you can help.

Gentlemen of the Round Table: GRT is made up of men, many with criminal backgrounds, who demonstrate a sincere desire to change their lives. The mission of GRT is to provide recovery assistance to participants by focusing on goals, positive behavior, positive attitudes and principles of success while learning job skills and contributing to the transformation of inner-city neighborhoods.

- Contact jmtgrt7555@yahoo.com to find out more about how you can help.

Grace United: The mission of Grace United Community Ministries is to work with families and individuals in our Northeast Kansas City, MO community to address their physical, educational, and spiritual needs to empower them to break the cycle of poverty and live a purposeful life.

- www.graceunitedkc.org
- The three core programs are After School Tutoring; Adult & Family Literacy; and Emergency Assistance. Ongoing serve opportunities include food pantry, clothing closet, community meals, tutoring, adult literacy & computer skills, construction projects and much more. Contact mmayberry@graceunitedkc.org.

Happy Bottoms: With the help of over 40 volunteers Happy Bottoms distributes over 130,000 diapers a month through social service agency partners for children under the age of four in Jackson Clay, Platte or Cast Counties Missouri, or Wyandotte or Johnson Counties in Kansas

- Volunteer opportunities include sorting at warehouse, delivering diapers or hosting a diaper drive!
- Contact 855.479.2867 or volunteer@happybottoms.org for more information.

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

- Volunteer opportunities include administrative, property maintenance, marketing, fundraising, tutoring and more.
- http://healinghousekc.org/volunteer-form/ to get more information about how you can help.

Hope Faith: Hope Faith Ministries is a Christian ministry whose purpose is to alleviate homelessness in Kansas City by providing basic necessities and assistance to empower the homeless to move from dependence to independence.

- www.hopefaithministries.org
- Volunteer opportunities include serving in the kitchen, clothing pantry, driving, garden and much more. https://www.hopefaithministries.org/volunteer/ for details.
**KC Students in Transition:** The Office of Students In Transition exists to meet the immediate needs of students and families that would otherwise prevent a child from attending and fully participating in school. Barriers include but are not limited to experiencing homelessness, living in a shelter, car, or anywhere that is not suited for people or lacking working utilities. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Children & Youth Act gives school districts to permission to go out and ensure that those students who do not meet traditional enrollment requirements can still have access to an education.

The Students In Transition staff understand that people come with many other issues outside school enrollment, therefore it is our responsible to provide additional services and referrals to both students and families. We try to meet as many needs that our families may face by providing school uniforms, coats and cold weather items, blankets, food, and school supplies just to name a few. We know that we can’t do it all by ourselves therefore community partnerships are the life line to our work. Partnerships help fill in the gaps. Thank you so much for being our partner and serving alongside of us.

- [https://www.kcpublicschools.org/StudentsInTransition](https://www.kcpublicschools.org/StudentsInTransition)

**Lazarus Ministries:** The mission of Lazarus Ministries is to offer unlimited compassion while providing for the unmet needs of Kansas City’s urban core.

- [www.lazminkc.org](http://www.lazminkc.org)
- Volunteer opportunities include serving at Lazarus Table or in the clothing boutique. Contact [jesso@lazminkc.org](mailto:jesso@lazminkc.org) to learn more.

**Partner School Events:** COR partners with 6 urban schools to assist with tutoring, mentoring, teacher assistance etc. Schools are Troost, Welborn, Quindaro, Phillips, Wheatley and Ridgeview.

- [www.cor.org/education](http://www.cor.org/education)
- Some volunteer opportunities include sorting donations, tutoring a child, classroom help, bookmobile volunteer, special events, and many more. Contact [angncarter@gmail.com](mailto:angncarter@gmail.com)

**SafeHome:** SAFEHOME provides shelter and safety for women and children fleeing violent homes. Every year more than 350 women and children seek shelter at SAFEHOME and about 7,500 individuals receive the support they need to lead healthy, independent lives.

- Safehome-ks.org
- Volunteer opportunities include working the hotline, hospitality, being an advocate, serving in clothing closet and much more. For more information about volunteering at SAFEHOME, please contact Susan Lebovitz via [slebovitz@safehome-ks.org](mailto:slebovitz@safehome-ks.org) or by phone at [913.378.1518](tel:913.378.1518)