



Christmas Outreach Serve Opportunities In KC Metro

Ideal for Families, Offices, Teams and Other Groups

If you, your family, neighborhood, office, sports team or other group are looking for ways to give back in the KC metro area this Fall and Winter, check out this list. Each organization operates their own volunteer process and contact info or links are provided below. Dates around Thanksgiving and Christmas tend to fill by early to mid-November, so make contact now to find a spot. Questions? Contact Jade Van Slyke at JadeV@heartlandchurch.org.

Mission Southside:

Host a "drive" for and bring items to Mission Southside.

- Rice and Beans - buy bulk rice and beans (Sams or Costco) and bag them up into quart size zip-lock bags.
- Backsnack Food - juice boxes/fruit cups/Ramen Noodles/Nutrition or Breakfast bars - To fill 250 Backsnacks every week for Middle School students in Olathe and Gardner.

[CLICK HERE](#) to contact Jade Van Slyke for more info, or email her at Jadev@heartlandchurch.org.

Faith Partner Schools:

- Host a coat drive for our faith partner schools Washington Elementary School and Santa Fe Middle School to be donated to their clothing closet. Coats can be gently used and sizes needed are kids through adult sizes.
- Provide teachers and staff with small tokens of appreciation and or letters of thanks. Candy bars, snacks etc are very much appreciated for the staff at Washington Elementary, Santa Fe Middle School, Olathe North or Olathe East.

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Anchor Her

- Host a Bible and journal drive to support our mission partner Anchor Her. These Bibles will be given to women who are in recovery. NIV or Life Recovery translation is preferred.
- Host a clothing drive for Anchor Her. Women are in need of professional clothes as they transition to work.
- Provide craft kits or supplies for kids of women that have been incarcerated. Craft kits/ supplies are very helpful in counseling for kids to have something to do while they receive therapy.
- Create bookmarks for women that are involved in Anchor Her. Three hundred women go through this program a year and a bookmark that is homemade and created with love is such a blessing to them.

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Mission Adelante/Adelante Thrift:

Serve together as a group at the thrift store.

[CLICK HERE](#) or visit <http://www.adelantethrift.com/> volunteer to sign up.

City Union Mission:

Share-a-Meal or Bring & Serve a meal to our community. Both include the opportunity to do the actual serving, follow link for details on the options and how many people can serve.

[CLICK HERE](#) for info and to sign up, or go to cityunionmission.org, click on Volunteer, and click on Provide-a-Meal.

Serve at the Christmas Store at City Union Mission. Through our Mission Christmas event you can give a family the joy of a Christmas gift bought just for them. Families across Kansas City stock the Christmas Store so that parent(s) and/or guardian(s) of income qualified families can pick between 2-3 gifts per family member. Not only does this provide the gifts, but it also blesses the parent(s) and/or guardian(s) as they can pick gifts for their loved ones in City Union Mission's Christmas Store.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information and to sign up, or go to cityunionmission.org, click on Volunteer, and click on Mission Christmas.

Harvesters:

Serve at our monthly third Saturday (AM) Harvesters mobile food distribution in the Heartland parking lot.

[CLICK HERE](#) to contact Amy Wright for more info or to sign up, or email her at amywright7578@gmail.com.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see other opportunities to serve the food insecure through Harvesters many outreach events, or go to harvesters.org, hover over Take Action and click on Give Time. Scroll down and click on Kansas City Volunteer Opportunities.