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## Happy Holidays! *Give the gift of YOU this season!*

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United Way Volunteer Center: Connecting the community through volunteerism.

Are you looking for a way to bring joy to someone else during the holiday season? Make your holiday season brighter by giving your time and resources. United Way Volunteer Center has compiled a guide of holiday-specific volunteering and giving opportunities.

This guide will be updated as additional opportunities become available and others are filled. Please return to [www.stjosephunitedway.org](http://www.stjosephunitedway.org) for the most recent guide available.

Once you find the right opportunity, please contact the organization directly.

Looking for a different opportunity? Please contact Jodi Flurry at 816-364-2381 or [jodi.flurry@stjosephunitedway.org](mailto:jodi.flurry@stjosephunitedway.org) for assistance.

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Organization: The Salvation Army  
Address: 602 Messanie Street, St. Joseph, MO  
Phone: 816-232-5824  
Contact name: Megan Smith  
Contact e-mail: [megan.smith@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:megan.smith@usc.salvationarmy.org)

**HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

**Title:** Salvation Army Bell Ringer

**Description:** The kettles are a major source of revenue for our annual operating budget. Without the help of volunteers we would not be able to accomplish the goals of The Salvation Army.

**Date and time of volunteer opportunity:** November 3-December 23 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. excluding Thanksgiving Day and Sundays. Volunteers sign up for shifts throughout the day. Volunteers can call Megan at 816-232-5824 or log on to [RegisterToRing.com](http://RegisterToRing.com) to schedule time.

**Location or address of opportunity:** We have great locations including Hobby Lobby, Hy-Vee, Price Chopper, Sam's Club and East Hills Mall.

**Number of volunteers:** Lots & lots!

**Youth & Family Appropriate?** Yes! This is a great opportunity for families. Ringers must be 18 and over to ring without an adult.

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Organization: InterServ  
Address: 5400 King Hill Avenue, St. Joseph, MO  
Phone: 816-238-4511 ext. 262  
Contact name: Mike Ritter  
Contact e-mail: [rsvp@interservstjoe.org](mailto:rsvp@interservstjoe.org)

**HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

**Title:** Tax Center Set Up

**Description:** We are looking for a group of 5-10 volunteers who can work a 4-hour shift setting up our seasonal tax center. Volunteers are needed to move office furniture and supplies from 5400 King Hill to the temporary tax site at 401 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Will require bending, lifting and carrying and those with a pickup truck or SUV would be super helpful.

**Date and time of volunteer opportunity:** Monday-Saturday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on a mutually agreeable date during the first two weeks of December.

**Location or address of opportunity:** 5400 King Hill Avenue, St. Joseph, MO

**Number of volunteers:** 5-10

**Youth & Family Appropriate?** Possibly.

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Organization: United Way of Greater St. Joseph, Inc.  
Address: 118 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Joseph, MO  
Phone: 816-364-2381  
Contact name: Kylee Strough  
Contact e-mail: [kylee.strough@stjosephunitedway.org](mailto:kylee.strough@stjosephunitedway.org)

### **HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

**Title:** Caring Connection Crew-Holiday Helpers

**Description:** In an effort to make a positive dent in food insecurity and thanks to support from Mosaic Life Care and Mosaic Life Care Foundation, United Way of Greater St. Joseph will be assembling Meal Kits to help households in our community throughout the month of December.

We are seeking Holiday Helpers to take part in assembling 3,000 meal kits to share with area households. We hope you can join us for one or more of these special Caring Connection Crew volunteer opportunities.

Date and time of volunteer opportunity:

- December 9 from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
- December 10 from 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m.
- December 12 from 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
- December 13 from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
- December 15 from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
- December 16 from 8:30-10 a.m.
- December 17 from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.
- December 18 from 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m.
- December 20 from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
- December 22 from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

**Location or address of opportunity:** 118 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Joseph, MO

**Number of volunteers:** 40 per session. Spaces are limited so please visit [stjosephunitedway.org/caring-connection](http://stjosephunitedway.org/caring-connection) to reserve your spot.

**Youth & Family Appropriate?** YES! All ages are welcome!

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Organization: YWCA  
Address: 304 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Joseph, MO  
Phone: 816-232-4481  
Contact name: Kristina Nicholson  
Contact e-mail: knicholson@ywcasj.org

**HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

**Title:** Christmas Store Set Up

**Description:** Setting the Christmas Store up.

**Date and time of volunteer opportunity:** December 11 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and December 12 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Location or address of opportunity:** 304 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Joseph, MO

**Number of volunteers:** 5

**Youth & Family Appropriate?** No

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United Way Volunteer Center: Connecting the community through volunteerism.

Organization: St. Joseph Museums, Inc.  
Address: 3406 Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph, MO  
Phone: 816-232-8471  
Contact name: Jerrad Hardin  
Contact e-mail: [sjm@stjosephmuseum.org](mailto:sjm@stjosephmuseum.org)

**HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

**Title:** Holiday Homes Tour

**Description:** Help St. Joseph Museums welcome in visitors for the Holiday Homes Tour, a walking tour of seven homes decorated for the Holiday Season. We'll have volunteers on all floors of the Wyeth Tootle Mansion to help guests, greeters at the entrance and volunteers to help with light refreshments.

**Date and time of volunteer opportunity:** December 13 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Location or address of opportunity:** 1100 Charles Street, St. Joseph MO

**Number of volunteers:** 8-10

**Youth & Family Appropriate?** Yes

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Organization: YWCA  
Address: 304 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Joseph, MO  
Phone: 816-232-4481  
Contact name: Kristina Nicholson  
Contact e-mail: knicholson@ywcasj.org

**HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

**Title:** Christmas Gift Wrapper

**Description:** Assist participants in wrapping their Christmas gifts.

**Date and time of volunteer opportunity:** December 15-17. Volunteers are needed for one-hour shifts and can serve multiple shifts:

- December 15 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- December 16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- December 17 from 12 p.m.-6 p.m.

**Location or address of opportunity:** 304 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Joseph, MO

**Number of volunteers:** 2-4

**Youth & Family Appropriate?** Yes

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Address: 602 Messanie Street, St. Joseph, MO  
Phone: 816-232-5824  
Contact name: Emily Bravo  
Contact e-mail: emily.bravo@usc.salvationarmy.org

**HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

**Title:** Toy Shop Volunteer

**Description:** The Salvation Army provides parents with the opportunity to “shop” for toys that have been donated and collected in the community. Volunteers are needed to set up the shop and arrange toys so parents can go shopping, assist with distributing toys and help with tearing down the gym.

**Date and time of volunteer opportunity:** December 15-19, hours to be determined.

**Location or address of opportunity:** 602 Messanie Street, St. Joseph, MO

**Number of volunteers:** 40

**Youth & Family Appropriate?** No children under the age of 16.

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Address: 304 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Joseph, MO  
Phone: 816-232-4481  
Contact name: Kristina Nicholson  
Contact e-mail: knicholson@ywcasj.org

**HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

**Title:** Christmas Store Helper

**Description:** Assist participants with their Christmas Shopping at our YWCA Christmas Store.

**Date and time of volunteer opportunity:** December 15-19. Volunteers are needed for one hour shifts:

- December 15 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- December 16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- December 17 from 12 p.m.-6 p.m.
- December 18 from 12 p.m.-6 p.m.
- December 19 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Location or address of opportunity:** 304 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Joseph, MO

**Number of volunteers:** 10-20

**Youth & Family Appropriate?** No

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Organization: AFL-CIO Community Services  
Address: 1203 N 6<sup>th</sup> St, St. Joseph, MO  
Phone: 816-364-1131  
Contact name: Ashley Luthans  
Contact e-mail: ashley.luthans@helpmenow.org

**HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

**Title:** Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program - Gift Room Assistant

**Description:** A Gift Room is set up for those who do not get adopted by someone in the community. Those individuals are allowed to shop for their families in the Gift Room. We are asking for volunteers to direct, guide and assist individuals in selecting items for their family. Volunteers will also help with a bit of paperwork, keeping things organized and re-stocking the room.

**Date and time of volunteer opportunity:** December 17-December 24 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Location or address of opportunity:** 1203 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Joseph, MO

**Number of volunteers:** Six volunteers will be needed each hour, and we are asking for a commitment to four-hour shifts if possible. However, we will work with anyone interested in helping in this capacity.

**Youth & Family Appropriate?** We ask volunteers to be 19 years old or over please.

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Contact name: Jerrad Hardin  
Contact e-mail: [sjm@stjosephmuseum.org](mailto:sjm@stjosephmuseum.org)

**HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

**Title:** Undeck the Halls

**Description:** Help St. Joseph Museums take down Christmas Decorations at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion.

**Date and time of volunteer opportunity:** January 7 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Location or address of opportunity:** 1100 Charles Street, St. Joseph, MO

**Number of volunteers:** 8-10

**Youth & Family Appropriate?** Yes

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Organization: Community Missions Corporation  
Address: 700 Olive Street, St. Joseph, MO  
Phone: 816-390-8884  
Contact name: Rachael Bittiker  
Contact e-mail: rbittiker@cmcstjoe.org

**HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

**Title:** Cooking Adventure

**Description:** Community Missions utilizes volunteers to provide meals to men living in the Juda and Haven house. These volunteers prepare, cook, serve and enjoy a meal with the residents. While volunteers are needed throughout the year, the holiday season has an increased need for volunteers when other groups may not be able to prepare the meal.

**Date and time of volunteer opportunity:** Several opportunities-please call for open days.

**Location or address of opportunity:** 700 Olive Street, St. Joseph, MO

**Number of volunteers:** It can be a group or just a few people.

**Youth & Family Appropriate?** Yes

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Address: 1203 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, St Joseph, MO  
Phone: 816-364-1131  
Contact name: Ashley Luthans  
Contact e-mail: ashley.luthans@helpmenow.org

### HOLIDAY GIFT ITEM REQUEST

**Title:** Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program - Adopters

**Description:** We are asking for individuals/businesses/organizations to adopt community members who are in need of help with providing Christmas for their families. There are a variety of ways to adopt through this program. You can pick an individual or family, do the shopping yourself and either deliver the gifts directly to the adopted individual/family or you can drop gifts off at our agency and we will make sure the adoptees receive them.

If you'd rather not do the shopping yourself, you can purchase gift cards through our agency, and we will see that the adoptees receive them so they can shop for their family.

Another option to help with our program is to purchase food vouchers for the families in need (\$60 for small & \$80 for large). We will find families in need of food assistance to give the vouchers to.

Lastly, you can help by giving a monetary donation which helps our agency provide Christmas for those families who do not get chosen for adoption by someone in the community. We can provide gifts/gift cards for these individuals/families.

**Gifts:** Wrapped

**Gift drop-off location/address:** 1203 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Joseph, MO; or items can be delivered directly to the adopted household.

**Gift drop-off days and hours:** Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and every Saturday in December from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; or items can be delivered directly to the adopted household.

**Deadline for gift drop-off:** Adopters can adopt through our program from now through Christmas Eve and we accept monetary donations throughout the year.

**How sharing your donation of items helps:** The Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program is designed to help needy families and individuals within the St Joseph area enjoy the Christmas holidays. Christmas is an especially difficult time for many people. Many children might not know the joy of finding a present from Santa Claus on Christmas morning if it wasn't for the volunteers and donors who make the Adopt-A-Family Christmas program possible.

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Phone: 816-364-1131  
Contact name: Ashley Luthans  
Contact e-mail: ashley.luthans@helpmenow.org

**HOLIDAY GIFT ITEM REQUEST**

**Title:** Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program - Gifts for the Gift Room

**Description:** We are in need of UNWRAPPED, NEW, items to be given as Christmas gifts through our Gift Room. Families who do not get adopted by someone in the community will have an opportunity to shop for gifts for their family. We are asking for toys, games, baby items, household items, coats, hats, mittens, cologne, perfume, lotions, bedding, cooking items, movies, DVD's, gift cards, movie passes, restaurant gift cards, etc. We always struggle with having enough items for teens and adults, so items for them are very much appreciated.

**Gifts:** Unwrapped

**Gift drop-off location/address:** 1203 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street, St Joseph, MO

**Gift drop-off days and hours:** Monday - Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and every Saturday in December from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Deadline for gift drop-off:** We will accept gifts now through December 23.

**How sharing your donation of items helps:** The Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program is designed to help needy families and individuals within the St Joseph area enjoy the Christmas holidays. Christmas is an especially difficult time for many people. Many children might not know the joy of finding a present from Santa Claus on Christmas morning if it wasn't for the volunteers and donors who make the Adopt-A-Family Christmas program possible.

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Organization: Children's Mercy Hospital  
Address: 802 North Riverside Road, Suite 105, St. Joseph, MO or  
2440 East Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO  
Phone: 417-793-8174  
Contact name: Bailey Stout  
Contact e-mail: brstout@cmh.edu

### HOLIDAY GIFT ITEM REQUEST

**Title:** Holiday Toy Drive for Children's Mercy

**Description:**

- **Art Supplies** (washable and non-toxic markers, Crayola crayons, child & adult coloring books)
- **Comfort & Distraction Items** (fleece blankets, non-toxic bubbles, journals, poppers, books)
- **Games** (Uno, playing cards, Phase 10, Sudoku, Word Search, Crossword puzzles)
- **Clothing Closet** (cotton underwear; cotton athletic pants, sweatpants, leggings; hats and gloves)
- **Teen items** (sports apparel, headphones, teen board games, teen art kits)

**Gifts:** Unwrapped

**Gift drop-off location/address:** Please contact Bailey Stout, 417-793-8174 or [brstout@cmh.edu](mailto:brstout@cmh.edu), to coordinate a date and time for gift drop-offs at the St. Joseph clinic.

United Way encourages you to shop local but if that is not feasible you may send directly to the hospital from Amazon: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/20X55QU5QYTP4?ref\\_=wl\\_dp\\_view\\_your\\_list](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/20X55QU5QYTP4?ref_=wl_dp_view_your_list)

**Gift drop-off days and hours:** Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or by appointment.

**Deadline for gift drop-off:** December 31 (although items are accepted throughout the year)

**How sharing your donation of items helps:** Your gift of any of our most-needed items will provide play experiences and comfort to patients and siblings throughout the year. Thank you for donating some of our most-used items and bringing hope and healing to children and their families in our community.

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Organization: YWCA  
Address: 304 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Joseph, MO  
Phone: 816-232-4481  
Contact name: Kristina Nicholson  
Contact e-mail: knicholson@ywcasj.org

**HOLIDAY GIFT ITEM REQUEST**

**Title:** Gifts for the Gift Room

**Description:** Gifts for adults both women, men & children of all ages.

**Gifts:** Unwrapped

**Gift drop-off location/address:** 304 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Joseph, MO

**Gift drop-off days and hours:** Monday - Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Deadline for gift drop-off:** December 12 (will accept late gifts)

**How sharing your donation of items helps:** Your donation gives participants in our programs — many of whom don't have the financial means to purchase gifts — the opportunity to give something special to their loved ones. It's more than just a present; it's a way for them to share joy, feel included, and experience the dignity that comes from giving.

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