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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 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 for assistance.

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Organization: The Salvation Army
Address: 602 Messanie Street, St. Joseph, MO
Phone: 816-232-5824
Contact name: LeeAnn Hobson
Contact e-mail: leeann.hobson@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. to 8 p.m. excluding Thanksgiving Day and Sundays. Volunteers sign up for shifts throughout the day. Volunteers can call LeeAnn at 816-232-5824 ext. 200 or log on to 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: AFL-CIO Community Services
Address: 1203 North 6th Street, St Joseph, MO
Phone: 816-364-1131
Contact name: Becky Gach
Contact e-mail: becky.gach@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.

Date and time of volunteer opportunity: Adopters can adopt through our program from now through Christmas Eve and we accept monetary donations throughout the year.

Location or address of opportunity: 1203 N 6th St, St Joseph, MO

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Organization: The Salvation Army
Address: 602 Messanie Street, St. Joseph, MO
Phone: 816-232-5824
Contact name: Major Laura Key
Contact e-mail: laura.key@usc.salvationarmy.org

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Title: Salvation Army Toy Shop Personal Shopper

Description: The Salvation Army provides parents with the opportunity to “shop” for toys that have been donated and collected in the community. Parents make selections based on the age and gender of their children. Volunteers will help “shop” to fill the desires as closely as possible. There will be a great need for volunteers to sort toys and assist shoppers filling the Christmas bags.

Date and time of volunteer opportunity:

Distribution: December 21-22 starting at 9 a.m.

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

Number of volunteers:

15+ volunteers are needed to assist as personal shoppers.

Youth & Family Appropriate? No

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Address: 1203 North 6th Street, St Joseph, MO
Phone: 816-364-1131
Contact name: Becky Gach
Contact e-mail: becky.gach@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:

Monday, December 18 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tuesday, December 19 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Thursday, December 21 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Friday, December 22 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Location or address of opportunity: 1203 North 6th Street, St Joseph, MO

Number of volunteers: Four 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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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

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Title: Undeck the Halls

Description: We'll be putting away the Christmas decorations to prepare for the new year!

Date and time of volunteer opportunity: January 10 and 12

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

Number of volunteers: 5-10

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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.

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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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

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Title: Food Pantry Assistant

Description: Unboxing donated food items, stocking shelves and filling food orders.

Date and time of volunteer opportunity: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

Number of volunteers: 4

Youth & Family Appropriate? Yes

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Contact name: Becky Gach
Contact e-mail: becky.gach@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 North 6th 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
2420 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 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

Gift drop-off days and hours: See above

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 their siblings throughout the year. Thank you for donating some of our most-used items and bringing hope and healing to children and families in our community.

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Phone: 816-390-8884
Contact name: Rachael Bittiker
Contact e-mail: rbittiker@cmcstjoe.org

HOLIDAY GIFT ITEM REQUEST

Title: Men's Apparel

Description: We are in need of men's apparel items in all sizes from small to 3X (sweatshirts, sweatpants, underwear, socks, gloves). We also need ear buds that can be connected to phones. With men sharing rooms at the Haven, sometimes the noise can be very distracting to other men.

Gifts: Unwrapped

Gift drop-off location/address: 700 Olive Street, St. Joseph, MO

Gift drop-off days and hours: Any

Deadline for gift drop-off: December 22

How sharing your donation of items helps: These help men who are working toward a better life gain necessary items to be successful.

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