KANSAS VOLUNTEER COMMISSION LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

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www.kanserve.org

KANSAS VOLUNTEER COMMISSION WELCOMES HALEY MATHERLY
Haley Matherly, CVA, is a community collaborator with over 10 years of experience in volunteer management. Haley helps nonprofit agencies maximize their impact by making intentional, synergistic relationships among corporations, businesses, and individuals. Haley is passionate about helping leaders and teams identify and develop their individual and collective strengths.

She is the Lasagna Love Local Leader of North Central Kansas and is the president of Topeka Managers of Volunteer Engagement. Haley also volunteers with Topeka Habitat for Humanity, Harvesters – The Community Food Network, Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library and is awaiting a mentee match with Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters. During her AmeriCorps term of service, Haley served with Heart of Kentucky United Way, from 2008-2010. She believes that when community members’ basic needs are met, our communities are able to thrive. Haley says, “People can do incredible things when they feel secure, stable, and cared for. My hope is always that my work both professionally and personally will impact someone in our community in this way.”

Haley is overjoyed to get to support nonprofits across the state as a member of the Kansas Volunteer Commission and is hopeful for the impact they can make together. She will serve as the Volunteer Engagement Coordinator.
MENTOR CAPACITY BUILDING MINI-GRANT

GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT KANSERVE.ORG

Application due: 2/6/2023

During January, National #MentoringMonth, reflect on the ways you are helping support the next generation of leaders and change-
makers. Connecting young people with caring adults, #MentoringAmplifies positive youth development - consider becoming a mentor today! [mentoring.org/become-a-mentor](https://mentoring.org/become-a-mentor)

1 in 3 young people is growing up without a mentor, someone outside their family whom they can turn to for support and guidance. This National #MentoringMonth, learn how to help close that mentoring gap at: [mentoring.org](https://mentoring.org) #MentoringAmplifies.

**Days to Celebrate in January:**

I Am a Mentor Day - January 11, 2023

Dr. Martin Luther King Day of Service - January 16, 2023

International Mentoring Day - January 17, 2023

Thank Your Mentor Day - January 26, 2023

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**2023 MINI GRANT SERIES ANNOUNCED**

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Follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on all our mini-grant opportunities

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**GRANT REVIEWERS NEEDED**

The [Kansas Volunteer Commission](https://kanserve.org) seeks individuals to review grant applications for the 2023 - 2024 AmeriCorps Kansas Grant Competition. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the grant-making process, develop your grant-writing skills, and contribute your knowledge and experience to the Commission’s efforts to select high-quality Kansas-based programs for AmeriCorps funding.

Interested volunteers can request additional information by emailing Jessica Dorsey at [jdorsey@ksde.org](mailto:jdorsey@ksde.org) by January 31, 2023.
AMERICORPS PLANNING GRANT
APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 31, 2023

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Bring on the people power to address the needs of your community today and tomorrow.

APPLY TODAY FOR AN
AmeriCorps Planning Grant
Due January 31, 2023
Materials at kanserve.org

This grant is for organizations interested in a 12-month planning period to develop an operational AmeriCorps program in Kansas. This grant DOES require matching funds. Due date: Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

Visit www.kanserve.org to learn more and to access the application materials.
#kansasvolunteercommission #AmeriCorpsWorks

STAFF AND COMMISSIONER SPOTLIGHT

GINGER WILLIAMS NAMED 2022 WE KC HONOREE
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Now, More Than Ever

After decades of progress to establish their place in the work force, American women overall have yielded ground in the pandemic era. Here are 16 who didn’t give an inch.

Over the course of nearly 25 years—a time marked by rapid expansion in the number of women attaining leadership roles in corporate America—the question has been posed to Ingram’s: Isn’t the concept of a feature recognizing women in key business roles, at this point, past its expiration date?

No. No, it isn’t. Not if you can read numbers and see the meanings behind them. Take this set, from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce earlier this year in a report on labor participation: “Both men and women suffered a 3 percent drop in labor force participation at the height of the pandemic,” the report said. “But more than two years later, men have returned to work at a higher rate than women. Today, women’s labor force participation is still a full percentage point lower than it was pre-pandemic, meaning an estimated 1 million women are missing from the labor force.”

True, many of those women displaced from their offices by the pandemic were able to keep things going without missing a beat as companies moved to remote working models. Many others were in lower-wage jobs in the hospitality and travel sectors. Not all of them, though. A good many were women well on their way to leadership roles who, in many cases, left their jobs behind to care for children locked out of schools.

As any working mother can tell you, balancing work and family is like hopping off and back onto a treadmill. The time you spend away from work can’t be made back up; opportunities for advancement that arose during your absence might not return for years, if at all.

Historically, the U.S. Chamber report noted, men are generally unemployed at higher rates than women. But in April 2020 as the pandemic took hold, women’s unemployment surpassed men’s by 4.1 percent, and is only now, 2½ years later, approaching pre-pandemic levels. Women’s labor-force participation is continuing to decline, while women’s unemployment rate has remained steady since December 2021.

That can only reduce the talent pipeline to leadership roles, perhaps for years to come. So, yes, it’s important to recognize these high-achieving women. We hope their stories will provide inspiration to get back on the treadmill. For to follow their example is to know that success is still out there, and still within reach. Go get it.
Congratulations to Commission Vice-chair, Ginger Williams, on being named 2022 We KC Honoree by Ingram's Magazine. With immense amounts of drive and ambition, dreams become a reality. You show us that passion in everything you do! We are proud of you Ginger, and the work you do!

Read the full article at https://digitaledition.pub/wc/ingrams/Ingrams/November-2022/
In 2022, Amanda Noll, Financial Specialist for the Kansas Volunteer Commission, volunteered as a substitute teacher six times. All of her substitute teaching was done at Jefferson County North Elementary and Middle School.

Amanda shared that "A teacher's job is definitely not easy and I have a lot of respect for the hard work our teachers put in every day. I enjoyed being able to interact with the students from my community and seeing first hand what they were learning."

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING: M.O.V.E

Interested in Joining a Virtual Professional Networking Group for Volunteer Managers?

M.O.V.E. Ottawa is a FREE virtual professional association open to Volunteer Managers who support volunteerism in Kansas. M.O.V.E. stands for Managers of Volunteer Engagement.

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. virtually via zoom

To attend the next M.O.V.E. Ottawa meeting, please join the Zoom Meetings during the standard, scheduled times by clicking this link:
The Mission of Managers of Volunteer Engagement (M.O.V.E.) is to build and engage a network of volunteer managers and cultivate a volunteerism culture.

**M.O.V.E. Topeka**  
Meets the Third Wednesday of Each Month  
Wednesday, January 18, 2022  
9:00 to 10:00 AM  
To learn more, please visit [www.moveks.org](http://www.moveks.org).  
Or reach out via [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).

**M.O.V.E. Ottawa**  
Virtual  
Meets the Fourth Thursday of Each Month  
Thursday, January 26, 2022  
9:00 to 10:00 AM  
To learn more, please email united.way.of.franklin.co@gmail.com

**Volunteer Managers Meeting**  
United Way of Douglas County  
Meets the 2nd Tuesday of Odd Numbered Months  
Tuesday, January 10, 2023  
9:00 to 10:00 AM  
To learn more, please email volunteer@unitedwaydgco.org

**Volunteer Managers Network**  
United Way of the Plains  
2022 Dates T.B.D.  
12:00 to 1:00 PM  
To learn more, please email Abel Frederic afrereric@unitedwayplains.org

NOTE: The above dates, times, and locations are subject to change.
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