The Kansas Volunteer Commission needs YOU! Your talents and skills could complete our team! We are a fun-loving, hard-working group driven by our purpose and desire to serve others. We put our hearts into our work and hope you do too. If so, apply for one of our open positions.

NOW HIRING!

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Apply at jobs.ks.gov

Job ID #206134

Application deadline 10/12/22
Now Hiring!

Mentor Kansas Coordinator

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SEPTEMBER IS BACK TO SCHOOL SEASON and NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

This back to school season, Amplify Student Support

Strong relationships with caring adults are key to keeping students and families engaged in school and reducing chronic absenteeism.

Learn how #MentoringAmplifies high school graduation and college attendance rates at: mentoring.org/back-to-school
It is also National Hispanic Heritage Month! (Sept 15 - Oct 15.) Happy #HispanicHeritageMonth! Now is a great time to learn about and celebrate the many ways the Hispanic and Latin American community has, and continues to, positively impact this country. For virtual performances, lectures, and activities, visit: Smithsonian Institute: Heritage and History Month Events #MentoringAmplifies
In September 2022, the Kansas Volunteer Commission notified the United Way of Greater Topeka that it was the fifth nonprofit in the state to become Service Enterprise Certified! The prestigious award was approved by Points of Light, the world’s largest organization dedicated to volunteer service.

This certification recognizes the United Way of Greater Topeka as a leading organization in volunteer engagement. To earn the certification, they completed an extensive organizational assessment, 19 hours of training, 18 hours of coaching, intensive planning, and implementation of change management practices.

United Way of Greater Topeka joined the top performing 11 percent of nonprofits nationwide by achieving this level of excellence. Meeting the certification criteria means that they are fully equipped to utilize
Jessica Lehnherr, President/CEO of United Way of Greater Topeka says, “This process has positioned United Way of Greater Topeka to be a premier volunteer organization in our community. This allows our organization to support partners across the community in increasing their capacity and continue to serve those in need.”

Research conducted by the TCC Group, a national program and evaluation firm, found that organizations operating as Service Enterprises outperform peer organizations on all aspects of organizational effectiveness, and are more adaptable, sustainable, and capable of scaling their work. In fact, 80% of Service Enterprise organizations report an increase in both volunteer and skill-based volunteers.

The Service Enterprise Initiative is a national change management program that helps organizations gain a greater return on volunteer investment to better achieve their mission. For more information regarding Service Enterprise, please contact volunteer@ksde.org.
The Kansas State Department of Education has awarded 13 Civic Advocacy Network Awards and 3 Promising Practices in 2022. The Civic Advocacy Network Award recognizes exemplary schools that actively involve students in civic engagement opportunities.

Congratulations to the staff, students and communities for earning this prestigious award!

Promising Practices
Stone Creek Elementary – USD 260
Quinter Jr/Sr High School – USD 293
Northern Hills Elementary – USD 345

Civic Advocacy Network Award Winners
Cimarron Jr./Sr. High – USD 102
Tanglewood Elementary – USD 260
Southeast of Saline High – USD 306
Mission Valley Jr/Sr High School – USD 330
Concordia Junior-Senior High School – USD 333
Circle High School – USD 375
Edith Scheuerman Elementary School – USD 457
Basehor-Linwood High School – USD 458
Basehor Intermediate School – USD 458
Junction City Middle School – USD 475
Milford Elementary – USD 475
Fort Riley Middle School – USD 475
Ware Elementary – USD 475
Thank you to all who joined us @AmeriCorps, and @911Day to serve this #9/11Day and honor the sacrifices of those lost and those whose lives were forever changed.

Find more ways to serve others every day. ➡️
AmeriCorps.gov/serve/volunteer

#UnitedWeServe #September11 #9/11Day #911DayOfService  
#NationalService

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING: M.O.V.E

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT SERIES
Promoting effective practices through recruitment, retention, and recognition

Interested in Joining a Virtual Professional Networking Group for Volunteer Managers?
M.O.V.E. Ottawa is a FREE professional association open to
Volunteer Managers who support volunteerism in Kansas. M.O.V.E. stands for Managers of Volunteer Engagement.

Modeled after M.O.V.E Topeka, M.O.V.E Ottawa began meeting monthly, in person, in 2017 to support Volunteer Managers in Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, Linn, Lyon, Miami, Morris, and Osage Counties. Established as a peer networking and learning association to promote volunteerism in these communities and provide space for Volunteer Managers to share ideas and learn best practices. However, in 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the group moved to a virtual format. In this virtual format, the group has grown and is now supporting many more Volunteer Managers around the state. The group is excited by this growth and would like to formally invite other Volunteer Managers to learn and share their expertise and professional experiences.

To receive a meeting agenda in advance please email volunteer@ksde.org. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

To attend the next M.O.V.E. Ottawa meeting, please join the Zoom Meetings during the standard, scheduled times by clicking this link:

https://ksde.zoom.us/j/88065761415
Meeting ID: 880 6576 1415

UPCOMING EVENTS

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, October 19, 2022
9:00 to 10:00 AM
To learn more, please visit www.moveks.org.
Or reach out via Facebook

**M.O.V.E. Ottawa**
Serving Anderson and Franklin Counties
Meets the Fourth Thursday of Each Month
Thursday, October 27, 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, November 8, 2022
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
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NOTE: The above dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

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