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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: Megan Smith
Contact e-mail: 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 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

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 12th 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 5th Street, St. Joseph, MO
Phone: 816-364-2381
Contact name: Kylee Strough
Contact e-mail: kylee.strough@stjosephunitedway.org

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Title: Caring Connection Crew

Description: Volunteers are needed to help assemble Fresh Start Kits to be shared with area households.

Date and time of volunteer opportunity: December 6 from 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Location or address of opportunity: 118 South 5th Street, St. Joseph, MO

Number of volunteers: 40. Space is limited so please visit stjosephunitedway.org/caring-connection to reserve your spot.

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

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Organization: United Way of Greater St. Joseph, Inc.
Address: 118 South 5th Street, St. Joseph, MO
Phone: 816-364-2381
Contact name: Kylee Strough
Contact e-mail: 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 5th Street, St. Joseph, MO

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

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Organization: YWCA
Address: 304 North 8th 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 8th Street, St. Joseph, MO

Number of volunteers: 5

Youth & Family Appropriate? No

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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: 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 8th 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 8th 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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Organization: YWCA
Address: 304 North 8th 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 8th Street, St. Joseph, MO

Number of volunteers: 10-20

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Organization: AFL-CIO Community Services
Address: 1203 N 6th 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 6th 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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Phone: 816-232-8471
Contact name: Jerrad Hardin
Contact e-mail: 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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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 6th 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 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.

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Organization: YWCA
Address: 304 North 8th 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 8th 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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