

# Monthly Volunteer Connection

April 2010

A monthly listing of volunteer opportunities in Sedgwick County

## Special Athletic Event

Volunteer on Saturday, April 24, to help Special Olympics Kansas with a track meet at Maize High School from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Duties include assisting with registration, athlete escort, judging the competition, handing out ribbons and many more activities. Minimum age is 12, unless accompanied by an adult. Contact Mitch Guthrie at 263-1181.



## Screening for a Good Cause



Volunteers are needed to help at a free cancer screening sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The event will take place on Saturday, May 1, from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at GraceMed Health Clinic, 1122 N. Topeka. Volunteers are needed to help with providing paperwork to clients, direct patient flow and other tasks. Bilingual in Spanish is a plus. Minimum age is 18. Contact Jennifer Kelley at 616-6512.



**Find more  
volunteer  
opportunities  
or get more  
information:**

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**Dial 2-1-1**

**VOLUNTEER ON-  
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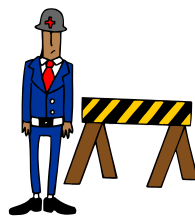
Click on “Volunteer Center” and then “Volunteer Online” to search by areas of interest, times available, length of commitment and more.

## National Food Drive

Assist with a national food drive on Saturday, May 8, 3:00–5:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to place collected food in bins and load trucks at post office sites all over the city. Youth ages 12 and over are welcome along with a parent. Contact Mario Cervantes at 267-1321.



## River Me Timbers! Wichita River Festival 2010



Help throw a party for Wichita Festivals, Inc. May 7 – 15. Hundreds of people are needed for event button sales, Sundown parade barricade patrol, River Run course direction, food court clean-team, food court ticket seller, information tent, merchandise seller, and more. Grab some friends or coworkers and have a great time volunteering! Minimum age varies for each activity. Contact Kim Wickliffe at 267-2817.

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Are You A Good Listener?



The Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center (WASAC) is in need of volunteers to be victim advocates. Victim advocates provide support to victims of sexual assault and their significant others by responding to crisis calls and calls to the hospital for medical attention and evidence collection. Volunteers must be able to provide their own transportation. Minimum age is 21. Contact Elaine Mitchell at 263-0185.

  
**Please tell agencies that United Way referred you!**

Help In The Community

Episcopal Social Services is an agency that offers many services to Wichitans. Volunteers are needed as Representative Payees, in the Teen Intervention Program, Family Group Conferencing, Employment Center and in the Food Outreach program. If you are able to help in any of these areas, please contact Lillian Gattis at 269-4160.



YOUited Teens



Get involved, make a difference and have fun, by joining YOUited Teens. Would you like to find volunteer opportunities, track your volunteer hours and activities, obtain scholarship information based on service, get together with other youth and have a fun and rewarding time! This group is open to all high school youth! For more information on joining and benefiting from the YOUited Teens program contact Becky Springer: 267-0202 or bspringer@unitedwayplains.org.

**Tips for volunteers**

- Wear appropriate clothing for outdoor activities.
- If you would like to bring young children, please check with the organization to make sure supervision is available.
- Check with the organization prior to the activity about what you need to bring (tools, lunch, safety gear, etc.)
- Give the organization enough advance notice if for some reason you cannot participate.
- Please let the contact person know United Way Volunteer Center referred you.
- Give the organization and United Way Volunteer Center feedback on the project.
- **Most importantly, have lots of fun!**



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