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Happy Holidays! Give the gift of YOU this season!

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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 <u>www.stjosephunitedway.org</u> 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. to 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:YWCA St JosephAddress:304 North 8th Street, St. Joseph, MOPhone:816-232-4481Contact name:Danielle BrownContact e-mail:dbrown@ywcasj.org

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Title: Miracle on 8th Street Christmas Store Set-Up

Description: Set up "store" for survivors living in the shelter and other program participants to shop for Christmas.

Date and time of volunteer opportunity: December 5 and 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location or address of opportunity: 304 North 8th Street, St. Joseph, MO

Number of volunteers: 5-10





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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 Set-Up

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.

Date and time of volunteer opportunity: December 6-19 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. excluding Saturdays and Sundays. Volunteers can spend as much time as they want helping with set-up.

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

Number of volunteers:

15+ volunteers are needed to assist in the setup of the Toy Shop.





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Organization:St. Joseph Museums, Inc.Address:3406 Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph, MOPhone:816-232-8471Contact name:Jerrad HardinContact e-mail:sjm@stjosephmuseum.org

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Title: Holiday Homes Tour and Vendor Fair at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion

Description: Volunteers and staff will help welcome guests to our annual Vendor Fair and Holiday Homes Tour at the Wyeth-Tootle Mansion.

Date and time of volunteer opportunity: December 7 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

Number of volunteers: 2 to 5





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Contact name:	Danielle Brown
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HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Title: Miracle on 8th Street Christmas Store Shopping Elf

Description: Assist survivors living in the shelter and other program participants to shop for Christmas and help wrap gifts.

Date and time of volunteer opportunity:

December 9, 10 and 11 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. December 12 from 1 p.m.-6 p.m. December 13 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location or address of opportunity: 304 North 8th Street, St. Joseph, MO

Number of volunteers: 5-10





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HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Title: Miracle on 8th Street Christmas Store Tear Down

Description: Assist in taking down the Christmas store to be put back into the Y-store and ready for other events for survivors and program participants.

Date and time of volunteer opportunity: December 16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location or address of opportunity: 304 North 8th Street, St. Joseph, MO

Number of volunteers: 5-10





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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 and clothing items 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: December 18 and 19 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

Number of volunteers: 15+ volunteers are needed to assist as personal shoppers.





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HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Title: Shelter Christmas Dinner

Description: Help set up, serve Christmas dinner to Shelter residents, and clean up after.

Date and time of volunteer opportunity: December 19 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location or address of opportunity: 304 North 8th Street, St. Joseph, MO

Number of volunteers: 5-6





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HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Title: Christmas Decoration Take-Down

Description: Assist in taking down Christmas decorations around the YWCA.

Date and time of volunteer opportunity: January 8-10, times are flexible.

Location or address of opportunity: 304 North 8th 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. 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.





United Way Volunteer Center: Connecting the community through volunteerism.

Organization:InterServAddress:5400 King Hill Avenue, St. Joseph, MOPhone:816-238-4511 ext. 262Contact name:Mike RitterContact e-mail:rsvp@interservstjoe.org

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Title: Food Pantry Helpers

Description: Organizing donated food, stocking shelves, bagging frozen meat and entrees. While volunteers are needed throughout the year, volunteers are especially needed during the busy holiday season.

Date and time of volunteer opportunity: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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

Number of volunteers: 2-3 per day





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Organization:InterServAddress:5400 King Hill Avenue, St. Joseph, MOPhone:816-238-4511 ext. 262Contact name:Mike RitterContact e-mail:rsvp@interservstjoe.org

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Title: Greeter

Description: Greeting visitors to our cafeteria, making sure they sign-in upon arrival, receiving monetary donations, helping wipe tables. While volunteers are needed throughout the year, volunteers are most needed during the holiday season.

Date and time of volunteer opportunity: Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

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

Number of volunteers: 1 per day.

Youth & Family Appropriate? Volunteers need to be 18 or over.





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HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Title: Meals on Wheels Substitute Delivery Drivers

Description: Delivering Meals on Wheels to homebound community members. While volunteers are needed throughout the year, the holiday season sees an increased need for substitute drivers.

Date and time of volunteer opportunity: Meals are delivered on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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

Number of volunteers: As needed when one of our delivery drivers is absent.

Youth & Family Appropriate? Drivers must have a valid driver's license and automobile insurance.





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Organization:	AFL-CIO Community Services
Address:	1203 North 6 th 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.

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.

Mission: To improve lives through the caring power of community.





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Organization:	AFL-CIO Community Services
Address:	1203 North 6 th 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 - 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:	Andrew County Health Department
Address:	106 North 5 th Street, Savannah, MO 64485
Phone:	816-324-3139
Contact name:	Megan McBane
Contact e-mail:	meganm@andrewcountyhealth.com

HOLIDAY GIFT ITEM REQUEST

Title: Winter Drive for Essentials

Description: To help provide individuals in need with a little extra support this winter, the Andrew County Health Department is collecting items like shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, paper products, laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaners, dish soap, gift cards to grocery stores/Dollar General and bus passes.

Gifts: Unwrapped

Gift drop-off location/address: 106 North 5th Street, Savannah, MO

Gift drop-off days and hours: Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The agency is closed November 28-29 and December 24-25.

Deadline for gift drop-off: December 31 (although items are accepted throughout the year)

How sharing your donation of items helps: These donations will help anyone in the community who needs assistance including WIC clients and individuals affected by HIV.





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Organization:	Children's Mercy Hospital
Address:	802 North Riverside Road, Suite 105, St. Joseph, MO or
	2440 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 <u>brstout@cmh.edu</u>, 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: <u>https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/20X55QU5QYTP4?ref_=wl_dp_view_your_list</u>

Gift drop-off days and hours: Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or by appointment.

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





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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 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. While items are needed throughout the year, there is an even greater need around the holidays.

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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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 GIFT ITEM REQUEST

Title: Gifts for Children = ages infant through 13 years

Description: We are in need of unwrapped, NEW, gifts for the Toy Shop. We are asking for toys, games, baby items, movies, CDs, gift cards, movie passes, clothing, in all sizes, etc. We always struggle with having enough items for infants and teens.

Gifts: Unwrapped

Gift drop-off location/address: 602 Messanie Street, St. Joseph, MO

Gift drop-off days and hours: Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Deadline for gift drop-off: December 11

How sharing your donation of items helps: We rely on generous friends like you to provide this help. Your donations directly support our struggling neighbors this Christmas.





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Address:	304 North 8 th Street, St. Joseph, MO
Phone:	816-232-4481
Contact name:	Danielle Brown
Contact e-mail:	dbrown@ywcasj.org

HOLIDAY GIFT ITEM REQUEST

Title: Miracle on 8th Street

Description: As the holiday season approaches, we're reminded how even the smallest act of kindness can transform lives. Your support means everything to the women and children we serve at YWCA St. Joseph. Last year, with the generosity of our community, our inaugural *Miracle on 8th Street* holiday drive provided gifts for over 50 households. This year, we hope to bring that same joy and warmth to even more families in need. Gifts needed for women, teens, preteens, and all ages of children.

Gifts: Unwrapped

Gift drop-off location/address; drop-off days and hours:

- YWCA St Joseph- 304 North 8th Street, St. Joseph, MO; Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Colton Saunders, Edward Jones- 2610 North Belt Highway, St. Joseph, MO; Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Don Tolly & Associates, American Family- 2606 North Belt Highway, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Little Caesars- 3304 Ashland Avenue, St. Joseph, MO; Sunday-Thursday from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Deadline for gift drop-off: December 9

How sharing your donation of items helps: Each donation, no matter the size, helps brighten the lives of families who might otherwise go without this holiday season. Please consider joining us by donating at one of our designated drop-off points, or feel free to reach out to YWCA to arrange a collection. Together, let's create a season of kindness and joy for everyone we serve. Thank you for helping us make this holiday season unforgettable for our families.

