

Community Engagement/Service-Learning Opportunities
Examples of Organizations/Programs
January 2025

Regional

- [United Way's Volunteer Center](#)
An excellent tool to find volunteer opportunities in the region.
- [Volunteer Match](#)
A service that connects volunteers to non-profit volunteering opportunities in their area.

Community Partners

- [AmeriCorps-St. Louis](#)
Needs warming shelter volunteers to help with meals, visiting with clients, and housekeeping duties. Seasonal, beginning in the fall. Also help cleanup and rebuild after disasters. Call 314-772-9002 or go to www.americorpsstl.org. Teens or adults; groups or individuals; event or ongoing; inside or outside.
- [Angels' Arms](#)
Does not receive any federal or state money or United Way funding for its foster homes, so organizing a fund-raiser would be a great volunteer effort. Help is always needed for home maintenance projects (gutter cleaning, yard work, deep cleaning, etc.), as well as organizing day-long events for families so the foster kids can enjoy childhood—Grant's Farm, ice-skating, sporting events or organizing a birthday party for a selected foster child. For details and an online application go to the website at www.angelsarms.org and click on "Volunteer" or call 314-771-5868. Adults; groups; event; inside or outside.
- [Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis](#)
Tutor, teach dance, coach sports or cheerleading, assist with fitness program, help with celebrations, with their talent show and with fundraisers. Call 314-335-8141 or go to www.bgcstl.org and click on "Volunteer" to see specifics and to access an online application. Adults; individuals; event or ongoing; inside or outside.
- [Brides Against Breast Cancer](#)
Groups or individuals are needed for their annual Charity Wedding Gown Event. Volunteers assist brides-to-be with fitting gowns, returning gowns to racks as well as set-up before the event. Many of the brides come alone and so you may also act as a "personal shopper" for them. The gowns are donated by manufacturers and individuals; the money goes to people with breast cancer. The event is held in December. Visit www.bridesagainstreetcancer.org for more information. Call 1-877-471-8353 or email volunteering@bridesabc.org to volunteer. Adults; groups or individuals; event; inside.

- **[Brightside St. Louis \(formerly Operation Brightside\)](#)**
 From graffiti removal to planting daffodils, Brightside St. Louis is the city's oldest and most comprehensive not-for-profit cleaning and greening group. Call 314-772-4646 or go to www.brightsidestl.org and click on "Get Involved" to fill out an online application. Teens or adults; groups or individuals; event or ongoing; inside or outside.
- **[Community Women Against Hardship](#)**
 Volunteers sort food in their food pantry or clothing in their clothing boutique or to organize their library. May help with their annual fund-raiser or plan and teach student enrichment classes such as nutritional cooking, chess, or computers. Call 314-289-7523 or go to www.cwah.org and click on "Volunteer" to download an application for mailing. Adults; groups or individuals; event; inside.
- **[Covenant House Missouri](#)**
 This organization works to empower homeless, runaway and at-risk youth. You may plan parties or barbecues for residents, organize a drive to collect soap, shampoo, etc., help chaperone events planned by Covenant House, take kids (and provide tickets) to sporting events, movies, museums, etc., adopt a resident as they leave Covenant House and provide items needed for their new residence. Call 314-450-7670 or go to the website at www.covenanthousemo.org and click on "Volunteer" to fill out an online application. Adults; groups; event or ongoing; inside or outside.
- **[Gateway 180](#)**
 Prepares approximately 75 brown bag lunches off-site and deliver them to the shelter, meal preparation and assembling food and hygiene bags for families that are leaving the shelter. May also plan and supervise children's activities or assist at the front desk. Call 314-231-1515 or go to the website at www.gateway180.org and click on "Volunteer" for more details and to fill out an online application. Teens 16+ or adults; groups or individuals; event or ongoing; inside or outside.
- **[Gateway Greening](#)**
 Can use volunteer groups to help with City Seeds Urban Farm, a 2.5-acre farm operated in collaboration with St. Patrick's Center, or to help with their Urban Roots or Youth Gardens. In the spring they need volunteers to divide perennials and pot them for distribution to community garden members. Groups can also apply for Gateway Greening grants to start their own community gardens. (Food can be distributed locally or donated to food pantries.) Call 314-588-9600, ext. 110 or go to www.gatewaygreening.org and click on "Volunteer" to access either an individual or a group online application. Adults; groups or individuals; event; outside.
- **[Habitat for Humanity](#)**
 Help with their build days, in their ReStore store or with office work. Specific opportunities for either individuals or groups can be found at <https://www.habitatstl.org/volunteer/> or by calling 314-371-0400. Adults; groups or individuals; event or ongoing; inside or outside.
- **[Haven of Grace](#)**
 Host a maternity shower to collect items needed for young mothers, provide childcare, cook a meal for busy clients, teach skills, do administrative tasks, garden or beautify the

grounds. Call 314-621-6507 or go to www.havenofgracestl.org and click on “change the world” to view more opportunities or to access an email link. Adults; groups or individuals; event or ongoing; inside or outside.

- **[International Institute St. Louis](#)**

Provide childcare for children of immigrants while their parents attend extended orientation classes on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3 P.M., or job training classes on Wednesday, from 1:30 to 3 P.M. Experience with children and non-English speaking populations is a plus. Call 314-773-9090, ext. 169, or go to www.iistl.org and choose “Volunteer.” From there you may either access an online application or find a complete list of current needs. Adults; individuals; ongoing; inside.

- **[Isaiah 58 Ministries](#)**

Volunteers needed to sort donations and help in the thrift store, help in the office with mailings, teach/lead classes or become a youth sponsor. Fill out the volunteer form online at www.i58ministries.org or call 314-776-1410. Adults; individuals; ongoing; inside.

- **[Lifewise STL](#)**

Set up a service morning or a weekday evening event, adopt a daycare classroom to plan and implement activities, advocate for the poor through participation at rallies and meetings with local politicians, etc., Make a year-long commitment to guide a family to self-sufficiency, chaperone daycare children to swim lessons and assist with the lessons in the summertime. Kingdom House partners with two other agencies to run the Christmas Store in early to mid-December and can always use help with set-up. Go to www.lifewisestl.org and click on “Get Involved” to access online applications or call the Volunteer Coordinator at 314-627-9826. Teens or adults; groups or individuals; event; inside or outside.

- **[Lydia’s House](#)**

Participate in outreach events, children’s programs, administrative duties or prepare food for Wednesday evening community meals. Prep new apartments, help with lawn care, donation drives and/or sorting. Sit on committees to help manage events. Call 314-771-4411 ext. 103 or email volunteer@LydiasHouse.org. Adults; groups or individuals; event or ongoing; inside or outside.

- **[Mission: St. Louis](#)**

Help in the office, with job/leadership training, home repair, sports coaching, after-school or summer camp counseling, as a reading tutor or as a classroom aide. Go to the website at www.missionstl.org and click on “Volunteer” to access the online application. Teens or Adults; groups or individuals; event or ongoing; inside or outside.

- **[Peter & Paul Community Services](#)**

Provides housing and supportive services to those who are homeless, those who experience mental illness or who live with HIV. Volunteer opportunities are available for data entry, teaching classes, providing meals, helping at the emergency shelter and with special events. Go to www.ppcsinc.org and click on “Support Us” to see the volunteer opportunities under “Volunteer.”

- **[Places for People](#)**
This organization helps serve the unique needs of people who are at risk for homelessness. You can help by making phone calls, doing clerical work, cleaning apartments and doing touch-up painting. You may also help clients move into new apartments, provide a basket of items for a successful new start, prepare a vegetable garden or help with fundraising events. Call 314-535-2310 or you may submit an online application via their website at www.placesforpeople.org. Adults; groups or individuals; event or ongoing; inside or outside.
- **[St. Louis Challenger Baseball](#)**
Help by being a buddy for a special needs baseball team. (This is only for youth aged 10-20, so it could be an ideal outreach for faith-oriented youth groups). Contact Buck Smith at buck@challengerbaseball.org or call 314-822-2518. Opportunities for teens; groups and individuals; event or ongoing; outside.
- **[St. Louis Crisis Nursery](#)**
Volunteers assist the professional, trained staff in taking care of children, ages birth through 12 years, during their stay at the Nursery. Volunteers also assist with maintaining a welcoming, clean and safe Nursery environment.
- **[St. Patrick Center](#)**
Provides housing, employment and health opportunities for people who are either homeless or are at risk for homelessness. You can help with administrative tasks, special events, client events, by sorting donations, serving lunch or preparing dinners. There are even ways to help from your home. Call the Volunteer Coordinator at 314-802-0681 or go to www.stpatrickcenter.org to fill out an online volunteer form. Adults; groups or individuals; ongoing; inside.
- **[St. Vincent DePaul Parish St. Louis](#)**
This parish offers a variety of opportunities to serve through their social ministries. You may help with the Meals Program, the Lunch Window, with Senior outreach or assisting women in transition from prison to society. Visit www.stvstl.org for details; call 314-231-9328 to connect. Adults; groups or individuals; ongoing; inside.
- **[Santa's Helpers – St. Louis](#)**
De-price, sort and wrap gifts, then deliver them for Christmas or Hanukkah. Call 314-727-0186 or go to www.santashelpersstl.com to volunteer. Adults; groups; event; inside.
- **[Youth in Need](#)**
This organization was started to help runaway teens and other at-risk youth. There are locations in St. Louis City, St. Louis County as well as St. Charles County which can use your help with children and teens in classrooms, centers and residential facilities. You may also help complete projects necessary for programs: buildings and grounds upkeep, donation drives and more. In either county, call 636-757-9334 or see website at www.youthinneed.org for details and to download a volunteer application. Adults; groups or individuals; event or ongoing; inside or outside.

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