

FLINT HILLS VOLUNTEER CENTER

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- General contribution (recruiting/placing individuals in positions that impact the community)
- Schools of Hope (recruiting/placing volunteer tutors)
- Youth Volunteer Corps (recruiting youth 11-18 years old)

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Annual Veterans Day Celebrations

(above): It was an exciting day to have our Director of Senior Corps, Deborah Cox-Roush, pin our RSVP veteran volunteers along with Lt. Governor Jeff Colyer. These volunteers worked tirelessly to plan and implement the 2017 Veterans Day Parade

Our Cookie Brigade shared their volunteer stories at the Fort Riley USO. We were pleased to have CSM Collins, USO Director Scott Payne, and Center Operation Supervisor Theresa Guadagno join us and welcome our guests.



Director of Senior Corps, Deborah Cox-Roush, CNCS Kansas and Missouri Director Maggie Garvey, Area Manager Michael Laverty visiting with Col. Lawrence.



A Word From our Executive Director:

Lori Bishop

Greetings Volunteers,

As we come to the end of 2017, I'm thankful for the wonderful volunteers that make our community a great place to live. We added so many new clients this year and even more requests from agencies. We could not have done this without you so thank you all!

January is going to be the start of hectic month as we close out our 2017 statistics and reports. You can help us by submitting all

of your volunteer hours by January 10th. This is really important so that we show the impact you are all making in our communities. Please be sure to send those in!

As you know, Aillene is out until January 18th so we'll try our best to hold down the fort! I'll also be hiring someone to manage our Schools of Hope program and Youth Volunteer Corps program. I hope to have that person on board in January as well.

Do you have a background in fundraising, grant writing, or marketing? I'd love to hear from you. We are needing those skills in order to achieve our 2018 goals.

We were so delighted to have our Director of Senior Corps here in November. Thank you to all the volunteers who had the opportunity to meet her and share your stories. You definitely made an impact!

Are you wearing your name tag? I have been out and seen some of you wearing it. We want you to share with others that you are a volunteer through our Flint Hills Volunteer Center. Oftentimes I read where someone will say that they volunteer at a

certain agency but remember you are a volunteer with us too! We place our volunteers from requests of that agency.

As we come to the final days of 2017, I want to thank you for all you do. We are truly blessed by your passion and I look forward to what 2018 has in store for us!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Welcome!

The Flint Hills Volunteer Center would like to extend a warm welcome to our new volunteers!

Kaci Engel, Marlene Franke, Paula Hardin, Lori Herman, Susan McKaig, Charlotte Morehave, James O'Dea, Adedolapo Okanlawon, Lynette Richards, Rebecca Ryan, Jeanne Schafer, Timberly Sen, Casey Sidlinger, Paul Thomas, Vicki Thomas

Volunteer Opportunities

Upcoming Events

Caregiver Newsletter, Tuesday, January 2– 9-12 noon. Need 10 – 12 volunteers, folding and labeling the mailing. 401 Houston St.

January 4th– Cookie Brigade resumes. Please bring your homemade cookies to the office by noon on January 4th.

Ongoing opportunities

Transportation Driver Volunteers needed: We are in need of more transportation volunteers to take seniors to their medical appointments.

The Riley County Senior Center needs Meal Delivery volunteers. There are 12 routes a day, 60 drivers a week. The routes cover 7-10 meals. You can start at 10:30 AM and the routes usually last 30-45 minutes. You get a free meal on your delivery days.

Youth Volunteer Corps is seeking more volunteers to be Team Leaders. Team Leaders are assigned a group of kids (ages 11-18) to work on special projects. Please contact the office for more information.

****PLEASE SEND US YOUR FINAL VOLUNTEER HOURS BY JANUARY 10TH.****

“It was just neighbor helping neighbor and I’ve always wanted to instill that in young people and get them volunteering again and helping our community.”

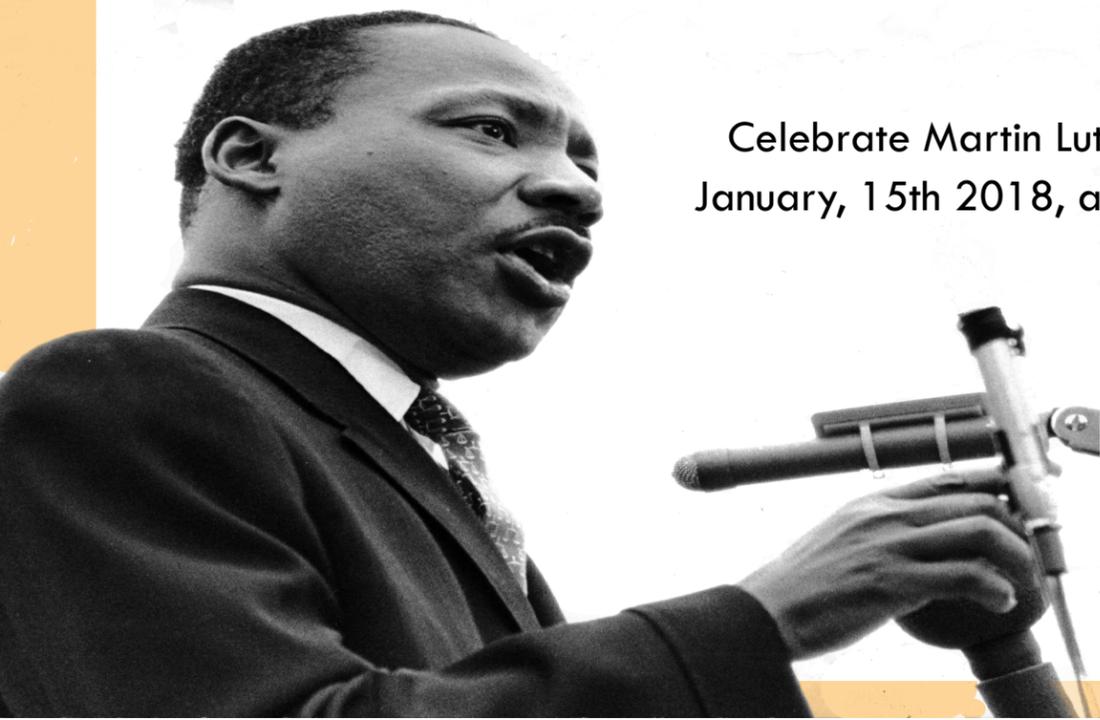
Our executive director-Lori Bishop-being interviewed for Channel 8 News about the ways to get involved in our community and how beneficial volunteering has been for both her, her family, and her community.



MLK

“
Darkness can’t drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate can’t drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day this January, 15th 2018, and let freedom ring!



The Flint Hills Volunteer Center

Cordially invites you to the 7th Annual

Father Daughter Dance Tea Party

Sunday, February 18, 2018

3:00 PM-5:00 PM

Bluemont Hotel Hartford Ballroom (5th Floor)
1212 Bluemont Avenue, Manhattan KS 66502

\$20 for Fathers and \$15 for Daughters ages 3-12

Tickets available January 5, 2018

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schools volunteer tutoring program of hope

Schools of Hope

A new year brings the opportunity to work with new students! We have a waiting list of students that still need a mentor to help them with literacy struggles. Do you have an extra thirty minutes two times a week?

Did you know?

Research confirms that quality mentoring relationships have powerful positive effects on young people in a variety of personal, academic, and professional situations. Ultimately, mentoring connects a young person to personal growth and developments, and social and economic opportunity. Yet one in three young people will grow up without this critical asset.

If you are interested in donating one hour a week to help a child read please contact us for an application. One hour can make a difference for a lifetime.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER CORPS



2018 is here and YVC plans to hit the ground running! Having done several great projects throughout the year of 2017, YVC plans to keep the momentum by planning even more exciting projects for the youth in 2018. this past year, the youth of Manhattan has helped several organizations such as: Toys for Manhattan, Via Christi, Habitat for Humanity, and Homecare and Hospice.

Our youth spent the afternoon at Homecare & Hospice - Manhattan, KS making decorative holiday frames for the patient rooms. We were given a presentation by Amy Bowers, Hospice Chaplin and Volunteer Coordinator, as well as a tour of the Good Shepherd Hospice House. During reflection time, one of our youth shared, "you can get very sick and pass away at any point so there are things I should appreciate more".



Our 14th annual Festival of Trees celebration was another successful event. A huge thank you to our sponsors and all who attended the Festival of Trees Gala!

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And our judges: Mayor Linda Morse, Todd Holmberg, Christina Nolte, & Harry Watts