

The Volunteer Voice



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Thanks to All of our Volunteers for a Wonderful 2016!

2016 has come to a close, and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers for helping to make the year a success! The numbers are in, and we're impressed by how much our volunteers have contributed their time and talents to Kingdom House.

This year, 172 individual, ongoing volunteers provided over 11,877 hours of service to Kingdom House. According to the Independent Sector, the leadership network for nonprofits, foundations, and corporations committed to advancing the common good, the value of this contribution of time, talent, and energy is estimated at \$279,834!

Episodic groups also made a considerable contribution, volunteering over 14,715 hours in 2016. This is more than a 4% increase over the total number

of hours which groups contributed in 2015!

Over 3,000 volunteers assisted with one-time group projects, helped with events such as the Christmas Shop, or participated in an Urban Forum immersion learning experience. The total value of these group volunteer hours exceeded \$346,685!

We can't overstate how valuable these hours are to the day-to-day operations of Kingdom House, or how much more effective the help of volunteers makes each of our programs. More important, however, is the number of lives touched by volunteers in all of Kingdom House's departments and programs. Thank you to everyone who assists us in our mission of helping people to achieve better lives, and we look forward to serving with you in 2017!

2016

Total Volunteers:

3,221

Total Hours:

26,592

Total Value:

\$626,519

Christmas Shop Success!

Thanks to our volunteers, the 2016 Christmas Shop was a great success! This year, 547 volunteers assisted at the Shop, while many others coordinated donation drives with their churches, workplaces, and social groups. With their help, we were able to provide new clothing, toys, and household items to 556 youth and 275 adults from Kingdom House! Altogether, we served 346 families from Kingdom House and Guardian Angel Settlement Association. Thank you, Christmas Shop Volunteers!

New Volunteers

This Month

- ◆ Elsie Martinez Flores
- ◆ Suzanne Gentry

Please join us in welcoming these new volunteers to the Kingdom House Team!

January Birthdays

- ◆ Alfred Brown
- ◆ Melissa Ederle
- ◆ DJ Hubbard
- ◆ Paige Koupal
- ◆ Linda Shantz
- ◆ Modena Stokes
- ◆ Rachel Wesenberg

Happy Birthday!

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Resolve to Start the New Year Off Right with Volunteering!

Looking to start the year off right? Make a resolution to volunteer for a great cause, while doing something you enjoy! Check out these exciting new volunteer opportunities, which could be just the thing to jump start your year.

Food Market Assistants

Want to help families have access to fresh, healthy food? City Harvest Food Market is seeking volunteers to host shoppers in the market, as well as assist with taking groceries to shoppers' vehicles. City Harvest Market aims to provide convenient access to affordable, healthy food essentials that support Kingdom House families in reaching wellness goals and in re-directing money and resources towards other financial planning. Volunteers are currently needed for Thursday shifts, 4-7pm.

Senior Citizen Commodity Box Volunteer

Passionate about helping seniors? A volunteer is needed to schedule and facilitate monthly food commodity box distribution with enrolled senior participants. The volunteer will schedule monthly times for seniors to receive a commodity box and bag of groceries. This is the perfect opportunity for someone looking to play an important role in the lives of seniors, improving their access to nutritious food. This volunteer position offers a flexible weekday schedule.

Algebra Tutors

Want to use your love of math to help students succeed in school? After School and Kingdom Academy are seeking tutors with proficiency in Algebra. This volunteer will help students develop knowledge, insight, problem-solving and critical thinking skills as related to the subject of Algebra. The tutor should have the ability to be very patient and possess a sense of creativity in order to create an environment that inspires productive learning. Volunteers are needed to commit one hour a week, any day Monday - Thursday between the hours of 4-6pm (After School) or 4-7pm (Kingdom Academy).

Teen Enrichment Activity Leaders

Want to help teens learn new life skills through enrichment activities? Kingdom Academy is seeking volunteers to lead art, dance, baking, recreation/PE, or career exploration enrichment sessions once a week to 12-15 teens. Volunteers are needed to commit one hour Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 6-7pm.

- Art: drawing, painting, crafting, fabric dyeing, graphic design or other unique forms of art
- Dance: teaching basic ballet, modern, jazz classes, or other unique forms of dance
- Baking: cakes, cookies, candies, frosting decorating
- Recreation/PE: exercise classes, sports, or other unique forms of physical activity
- Career Exploration: Accountant, Engineer, Veterinarian, Cosmetology, Entrepreneur, Chef/Culinary, Education, Computer Science, Web/Graphic Design, or any STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) related field

For questions or to express interest in a volunteer opportunity, please contact Volunteer Engagement Associate Natalie Gemberling at ngemberling@kingdomhouse.org or 314-627-1232. Thank You!

