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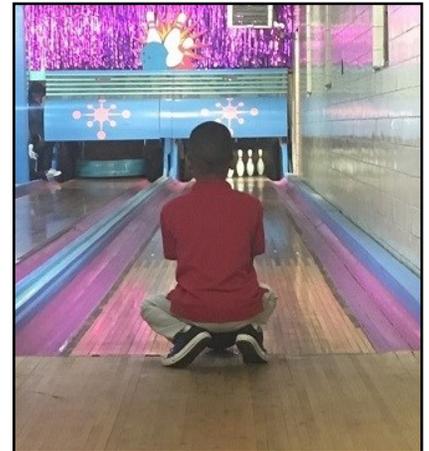
May 2017

Volunteers “Bowled Over” by Appreciation Event!

Kingdom house volunteers and staff came together on the evening of Thursday, April 27th to celebrate National Volunteer Week! The group shared hot dogs, popcorn, and fellowship in the vintage bowling alley at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church. Adults and youth alike enjoyed bowling the

lanes of the restored 1950’s alley, and a friendly competition broke out between guys and girls (we think it ended in a tie, but everyone was having too much fun to keep very close score)!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success, and we hope that all of our volunteers know how much we appreciate them and all they do for Kingdom House. National Volunteer Week may only come once a year, but volunteers help make Kingdom House a better place every day! Thanks to you, we’re able to provide vital programs to hundreds of families, fulfilling our mission of helping people achieve better lives.



President/CEO Scott Walker and Volunteer Engagement Associate Natalie Gemberling express their appreciation to volunteer group leader Kelsey Laitinen-Richter.

New Volunteers

- ◇ Soraya Gado
 - ◇ Patricia Jarosz
 - ◇ Levi Kramer
- Welcome!**

2017 Golf Tournament & Dinner Auction

Please join us for our 21st Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner Auction on Monday, June 5th at Forest Hills Country Club in Chesterfield, MO. Golfers will enjoy 18 holes of golf with cart, a special golfer gift, lunch, food & drinks on the course, an opportunity to compete for prizes, a delicious dinner, and a live and silent auction, all for just \$275!

Don’t golf? Join us for dinner! Dinner attendees will enjoy the dinner, silent

auction, and a high-energy live auction, with a wide variety of entertainment packages and autographed sports memorabilia!

So come have fun, and join the ‘drive’ to empower families and children. Tickets are available online at kingdomhouse.org. For questions, please contact Event Coordinator Brooke Jaffe at bjaffe@kingdomhouse.org or at 314-260-6369. See you at Forest Hills!

May Birthdays

- ◇ Katherine Dire
- ◇ Ben Favre
- ◇ Felecia Noguera
- ◇ Donna Puyear
- ◇ Kelsey Ryan
- ◇ Jesse Shipley
- ◇ Gen Streeter

Happy Birthday!

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Summer of Service: Fun Volunteer Opportunities at KH!

Help Kingdom House Get a Hole-in-One!



Come have fun and meet new people while helping with the Golf Tournament & Dinner Auction - Kingdom House's biggest benefit of the year! On Monday, June

5th, volunteers will greet golfers, staff snack tables, run golf challenge games, & more. Come have fun while making a difference! Sign up at kingdomhouse.org or contact Julie at jstrassman@kingdomhouse.org.

Put Me in, Coach; I'm Ready to Play!

Ready to play ball? Come coach baseball or softball for elementary and middle school children! Practices are Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:15 - 7:15 and Saturdays at 10am. When the playing season begins, games will be on weeknights and weekends. For more information, please contact Natalie Gemberling at 314-627-1232 or ngemberling@kingdomhouse.org.



Literacy Leaders: Read Your Favorite Book to Summer Camp Scholars!

Volunteers are invited to participate in *Harambee*, an uplifting time filled with singing and chanting to get youth scholars excited for their day. Volunteers will choose a book that is meaningful to them, read the book aloud to youth scholars, and answer questions about the importance of literacy in their life. Readers can bring their own book or select a book from Kingdom House's summer program library. Readers are needed Monday-Friday from June 19-July 28, 9-9:30am. This is the perfect opportunity to start your morning off in a great and influential way! Please contact Natalie Gemberling at 314-627-1232 or ngemberling@kingdomhouse.org for more info.

Green Thumbs Needed for Our Community Garden!

Have you always liked to play in the dirt? Volunteer in Kingdom House's community garden! The produce from our garden helps hundreds of low-income families in St. Louis, ensuring them delicious, nutrient-rich food. Volunteer gardeners are also needed to help Kingdom House participants (youth, teens, adults) learn the skill of gardening - the skill that keeps on giving! Volunteers will help plant, maintain, harvest, and most importantly educate on gardening and the produce grown. For more information, please contact Natalie Gemberling at 314-627-1232 or ngemberling@kingdomhouse.org.

