

The Volunteer Voice



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John Burroughs School Benefits KH



Students at John Burroughs School (JBS) collected and fund-raised over \$3,000 in cash, gift cards, and supplies for the Christmas Shop and Bodega Family Thrift Store! Kingdom House was chosen as the beneficiary of The Montgomery Plan (MP) community service club's annual Danna Drive, named for former MP

sponsor Kathi Danna.

The MP members organized a car wash to raise funds, as well as two donation drives. The first drive collected items for the Bodega, and was held at a football game between JBS and Mary Institute and St. Louis County Day School (MICDS). Students from both JBS and MICDS participated in the drive, despite the healthy sports rivalry between the schools. The second drive was held within JBS, and concentrated on teen gifts for the KH Christmas Shop. In addition to raising funds and collecting donations, the MP members also volunteered at KH, assisting in the Early Childhood Center classrooms and assembling clothing kits from supplies which they purchased with funds raised. Thanks to the MP members and JBS students for their hard work and generosity!



Come chill with us at Toast & Taste on Friday, Nov. 11 from 7 - 10pm at the Biergarten at Anheuser-Busch St. Louis (12th & Lynch, St. Louis 63118)! Guests will enjoy an open bar with 40+ beers and hearty hors d'oeuvres while Millennium Productions spins tunes from the 1990s and beyond. In addition to dancing, there will be games and a costume contest (1990s attire encouraged, but not required). Silent and live auctions will round out the evening. Tickets are \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door. Visit www.kingdomhouse.org & scroll down to "Recent News" for tickets & info.

Welcome New Volunteers!

- ◇ Larry Baner
- ◇ Tawona Brand
- ◇ Felecia Noguera
- ◇ Janet Powell
- ◇ Andrew Simmerman

We're Glad to Have You on our Team!

November Birthdays

- ◆ Kristen Darr
- ◆ Floyd Lyles-Tannan
- ◆ Andrew Simmerman

Happy Birthday!

Help Youth Succeed in School!

Help children and teens succeed by volunteering with Kingdom House's Youth Development programs!

After School - Volunteers are needed to help elementary/middle school youth as they work on homework and literacy. Volunteers will develop personal relationships with youth as they provide small group or one-on-one support. Monday-Thursday from 4:00-6:00pm.

Kingdom Academy- Help a high-school teen build skills in math and science. Volunteers are needed to tutor once a week - any weekday during after-school or evening hours, according to your schedule.

Contact Volunteer Engagement Associate Natalie Gemberling for more information or to sign-up to volunteer. ngemberling@kingdomhouse.org or 314-627-1232

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Make the "Nice List" - Join Santa's Helpers!



Always wanted to have your name on Santa's extra-special "nice list"? Now's your chance: volunteer to be a Santa's Helper at

the Christmas Shop! Santa's Helpers will assist Kingdom House staff in ensuring that volunteers feel welcomed and confident in their service. During their chosen shift, they will help greet volunteers, answer questions, and assist in helping volunteers know what tasks to do. Because of their special role, Santa's Helpers must be 18 or older and commit to attend a brief training on Thursday, Dec. 1st at 6pm or on Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 3pm. All Santa's Helpers will receive a complimentary Santa hat and the eternal gratitude of the Kingdom House staff! Please sign-up online at SignUp.com.

Sign-up Online to Volunteer with the Christmas Shop

When you volunteer at the Christmas Shop, you bring joy to the families we serve! Volunteer shifts are available from Dec. 2nd - 9th. We're using SignUp.com to organize our Christmas Shop volunteer opportunities. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Type in this web address - <http://signup.com/go/1ZWt54>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the shift and assignment you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Looking to Donate? It's Easy with the Christmas Shop Wish List!

Most Needed Items

Hats and gloves
Electronics
Gift cards (Target, Walmart, Amazon, Redbox, etc.)
Gas cards
Metro bus passes
Space heaters
Jeans for all sizes (especially adult plus sizes)

Children's Gifts

Toys for ages 2-12 (No stuffed animals, please)
Action Figures
African-American and Latino/Hispanic Dolls
Remote control toys: cars, trucks, trains, etc.
Scooters, skateboards, and sports equipment

Household Items

Toaster ovens and hotplates
Comforters and Sheet Sets (Queen size)
Dish sets, Pots and Pans sets, Flatware sets
Kitchen electronics

Teen Items

MP3 Players, wireless headphones
Video games, card games
Gift Sets for Girls: cosmetics, fingernail design items, perfume, jewelry, bath & body, scarf/glove/hat sets
Gift Sets for Boys: bath & body (Axe, Old Spice, Red Zone), cologne, watches, scarf/glove/hat sets
Clothing: long john sets, cozy socks, knit caps, zipped jackets, hooded sweatshirts, athletic wear, junior fashion wear
Gift cards (fast food, iTunes, Amazon, movie theatres, etc.)

Clothing

Coats and heavy jackets for all ages and sizes
Infant and toddler clothing (no newborn clothing, please)
Children, juniors, and adult clothing for all ages and sizes

Drop - Off: Donations may be dropped off through Friday, December 2nd at Kingdom House, or on Sunday, December 4th and Monday, December 5th at the 12th & Park Recreation Center, located at 1410 South Tucker Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63104. **For questions**, please contact Julie Strassman at jstrassman@kingdomhouse.org or 314-627-9826.