

THE VOLUNTEER STAR

a monthly newsletter from your friends at the



GIVE BACK KANSAS CHALLENGE



Have your employer register today for this volunteerism competition!
<https://bit.ly/Givebackks>

Your company could win a \$1000 grant from Volunteer Kansas to donate to a charity of your choice.



Kansas employers are invited to register for the second annual Give Back Kansas Challenge and encourage their employees to participate in community volunteering.

There is no cost to participate, and the Challenge is open to any employer in Kansas (for profit, nonprofit, and government). Employers register in advance to participate, and volunteer hours are reported through an online portal by the employers' self-designated point of contact.

Based on the number of entries received and company size, employers will be divided into three categories (large, medium and small). Winners of the challenge will be selected by determining the average number of volunteer hours per employer completed during the challenge period. Employers achieving the highest average in each size category will have a \$1,000 donation made on their behalf by Volunteer Kansas to the charity of their choice. Those employers will be invited to a check presentation ceremony.

"Research shows that employer-supported volunteering can result



For more information visit mentorkansas.org or contact Paula Smith @ psmith@ksde.org
APPLICATIONS DUE: 3/1/2022

ELEMENTS OF EFFECTIVE PRACTICE FOR MENTORING

MINI-GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Mentor Kansas announces the availability of grants to support mentoring initiatives that implement one or more of the Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring (EPPM) and/or Supplements. The EPPM includes six standards (Recruitment, Screening, Training, Matching and Initiating, Monitoring and Support, and Closure) and provides a set of evidence-based standards that ensure consistent, effective, and safe mentoring. The Supplements to the EPPM

GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 1, 2022 AT 5:00 PM!
You can find Mini-Grant Guidelines and Applications [HERE!](#)

For further questions, contact Paula Smith at psmith@ksde.org.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH



the Fight for Racial Justice

- [Webinar: Mentoring Boys & Young Men of Color Through a Racial Equity Lens](#)
- [Resources for Mentors Around Race, Inclusion, & Cultural Respect](#)

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2022 SERVICE ENTERPRISE COHORT RECRUITMENT



Certification could be the solution you have searched for, for you and your team.

The Commission will provide organizations selected for this change management certification program:

- Professional development through a research-based program designed to transform organizations into one of the top 11% of nonprofits in volunteer management
- A diagnostic evaluation of their current volunteer engagement practices and tailored recommendations for improvement
- 18 hours of training focused on change management and volunteer engagement practices and strategies
- 24 hours of organizational coaching and support
- A community of like-minded peers who are also going through the SE transformation

A professionally recognized certification, with access to volunteer



Community sustained by peace and social justice, Peace Connections' current initiatives include Harvey County Circle of Hope, Summer Enrichment Activities for Kids (SEAK), and Social Equity.

VGF funding aims to strengthen non-profit organizations to recruit and retain volunteers to meet critical community needs. VGF focuses on investments in volunteer management practices that increase volunteer recruitment and retention.

With the help of VGF funding, Peace Connections is now hosting **volunteer training** regularly (the first Friday of each month). Participation in the training has ranged in attendance from 7 - 20 new volunteers and has raised awareness within the community about volunteer opportunities at Peace Connections.

To learn more about the Volunteer Generation Fund, please email Meg Pearson at mpearson@ksde.org.

THE KANSAS VOLUNTEER COMMISSION'S SPEAKERS BUREAU



NEED GRANTS AND SUPPORT TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY
For more information about the Kansas Volunteer Commission's Speakers Bureau and this opportunity, please email Meg Pearson at mpearson@ksde.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Mission of Managers of Volunteer Engagement (M.O.V.E.) is to build and engage a network of volunteer managers and cultivate a volunteerism culture.

M.O.V.E. Topeka

Meets the Third Wednesday of Each Month
Wednesday, February 16, 2022
Meets the 2nd Tuesday of Odd Numbered Months
Tuesday, March 8, 2022
9:00 to 10:00 AM
To learn more, please email volunteer@unitedwaydco.org

Volunteer Managers Network United Way of the Plains

2022 Dates T.B.D.
12:00 to 1:00 PM
245 N. Water
To learn more, please email Becky Springer
bspringer@unitedwayplains.org

NOTE: The above dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

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