

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH OLDER ADULTS

Colorado Plaza/Garden Grove Apartments-Senior Retirement Homes

Activities Director: Bria Taddiken

Location: Manhattan, Kansas

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Colorado Plaza is an independent living facility that provides quality affordable housing for the low to moderate income elderly and mobility impaired. They have two communities here in Manhattan: Colorado Plaza Apartments and Garden Grove Apartments.

The staff at these facilities do not schedule planned activities but would encourage volunteers to plan activities and do them with the residents.

Bria is also looking into a very dedicated volunteer to:

- Help get a Neighborhood Networks center established at the Garden Grove Facility. This center is a computer learning center designed to help the residents be independent to guide them to links or research items that may be of assistance to them. This volunteer would be working on the HUD website to get this center up and working. She would need someone who would see this project through to the end.

Homestead Assisted Living

Activities Director: Jennifer Christan

Location: Manhattan, Kansas

Address: 1923 Little Kitten Avenue 66503-7581

Telephone: 785-776-1772 or 785-341-1016

Homestead Assisted Living is looking for all sorts of volunteers. Activities could include:

- Walks with the residents.
- 1 on 1 activities
- Looking for energetic individual to lead up an exercise group
- Need help during many holiday and special occasions

Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community

Location: Manhattan, Kansas

Address: 2121 Meadowlark Road 66502-4569

Telephone: 785-537-4610

Contact:

Blair Emeley- Volunteer Contact

Shari Brown

Lori Burkhardt- Miller and Tinklin House (Assisted Living Houses)

Meadowlark Hills is looking for a wide range of volunteers.

- They are looking for students to participate in exercises, activities, bingo, arts and crafts, etc.
- Looking for students who are interested in reading to residents, taking walks, and just visiting with them in their homes.
- Meadowlark Hills also have older adults interested in the adopted grandparents program.

St. Joseph Senior Village

Activities Director: Paul Angle

Location: Manhattan, Kansas

Address: 800 Willow Grove Road 66502

Telephone: 785-539-7671

Contact: Paul Angle, Activities Director

St. Joseph's is looking for students to volunteer in all areas.

- Volunteering activities could include times during a special event or a weekly activity.
- Have residents who would be interested in the mentoring and foster grandparent program as well.

Valley Vista Good Samaritan Center (15 miles east of Manhattan)

Activities Director: Gwen Einson

Location: Wamego, Kansas

Address: 2011 Grandview Drive 66547-5417

Telephone: 785-456-9482

Contact: Gwen Einson

Valley Vista Good Samaritan Center has several events that are coming up where they can use help.

- They have occasions where they will need help during the days, evenings, and weekends.
- Have a need for students to volunteer in the mentoring and adopt a grandparent program.

Westy Community Care Home (23 miles north of Manhattan)
Activities Director: Alicia Flores
Location: Westmoreland, Kansas
Address: 105 N. Highway 99 66549
Telephone: 785-457-2801

Westmoreland Community Care Home is looking for many volunteers. They are looking for students to volunteer in many ways:

- Such as reading to the residents
- Participating in painting, arts and crafts, etc.
- Looking for volunteers to work more with their Alzheimer's Wing.

Area Agency on Aging
North Central Flint Hills AAA
Location: Manhattan, Kansas
Address: 401 Houston 66502
Telephone: 785-776-9294
Contact: Shirley Bramhall

The Manhattan Area Agency on Aging is looking for volunteers for many activities with older adults. The volunteer experience would consist of:

- Working alongside active older adults on special projects
- The AAA releases many publications, and is looking for young volunteers to work with older adults to aide in the process.
- Many different projects will come up from time to time such as special banquets and annual events.

Preferred Registry of Nurses I
Location: Wamego, Kansas
Address: 1010 Lincoln Ave 66547
Telephone: 785-456-7764
Contact: Gay Laidner

The Wamego Preferred Registry of Nurses and Hospice is looking for volunteers. Volunteer duties might include:

- Sitting with hospice patients
- Reading the paper to patients
- Helping the family by getting groceries, etc.

The volunteering would be mostly in the communities of Wamego and St. George, which is only about a 15 minute commute. If anyone has transportation issues, arrangements can be made through the Hospice Center.

Riley County Senior's Service Center
Location: Manhattan, Kansas
Address: 412 Leavenworth St. 66502
Telephone: 785-537-4040
Contact: Susan Peterson

The Senior Service Club has a few things that they can always use assistance with:

- Delivery of meals (need transportation and be available between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.)
- Assistance with computers (i.e. teaching basic classes, internet, e-mail etc.)
- Musical entertainment.
- Bunko on Thursdays at 1 p.m.
- Calling members to remind them of special activities and to survey their interests.

If you have any questions about any of the facilities or need any additional information please feel free to contact me!

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