

# THE KVC STAR

A monthly newsletter from your friends at the Kansas Volunteer Commission



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## January is National Mentoring Month!



Launched in 2002 by [MENTOR](#), National Mentoring Month focuses national attention on the need for mentors, as well as how each of us—individuals, businesses, government agencies, schools, faith communities and nonprofits—can work together to increase the number of mentors to help ensure positive outcomes for our young people. To learn more contact Kansas Mentors Director, Keith Tatum by [email](#) or visit the Kansas Mentors [website](#).

## KVC Welcomes, Amy Pinger!



The Kansas Volunteer Commission welcomes **Amy Pinger** as one of its newly appointed commissioners.

Amy Pinger is the Community Engagement Manager at [Harvesters Food Network](#). She is a graduate of the University of Kansas where she received her Bachelor's in Psychology.

Amy volunteers monthly as a mentor for the Women's Correctional Facility and is a member of the Managers of Volunteer Engagement ([M.O.V.E](#)) group in Topeka.

## Host an Information Meeting!



Do you wish you knew more about the Kansas Volunteer Commission funding opportunities? Well, you are in luck! The KVC wants to spread the good word this year throughout Kansas. We are looking for 5 sites to host our funding opportunities information session. The session will last less than an hour and touches on our funding opportunities with a larger focus on the [Kansas AmeriCorps grants](#). Please email [Jamie Crispin](#) for potential dates between February - June 2017. Yes, we are willing to travel!

## Volunteer Generation Fund Recipients

Through the VGF grant, the Kansas Volunteer Commission has awarded funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)



to increase the number of STEM mentors serving Kansas youth.  
**Congratulations to the 2017 Volunteer Generation Fund Recipients!**

*Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence  
Communities In School of MidAmerica, INC.  
Kansas Big Brothers and Big Sisters  
United Way of Franklin County Association  
USD 233 Olathe Public School Foundation  
USD 458 Basehor-Linwood School District*

## **AmeriCorps Member Completes Personal Goal**



Charles "Chuck" Stanley is an AmeriCorps member serving with the KS Outdoor AmeriCorps Action Team at [Crawford State Park](#). Despite being 69 years old, he never gave up on his dream to drive a tractor. Recently, Chuck happily reported his AmeriCorps service has allowed him to complete this personal goal. Thanks to Chuck for sharing this highlight and for his year of national service. Do you have an AmeriStory to share? **Email it to [KVC](#) so we can highlight YOU next!**

## **Save the Date!**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service**

Monday, January 16th

**KVC Commissioner Retreat**

Thursday, January 26th - Friday, January 27th



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