

THE KVC STAR

A monthly newsletter from your friends at the Kansas Volunteer Commission



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KVC is Taking a Road Trip!

Interested in learning which national service funding streams would be a good fit for your organization? Then, join the [Kansas Volunteer Commission](#) (KVC) at one of five information sessions this spring. Sessions will include information on annual national service funding opportunities which range from \$750 - \$400,000. Visit [this website](#) to register. For questions, email Jamie Crispin at jcrispin@ksde.org.

MANHATTAN

March 8th from 11AM – Noon
Manhattan Public Library – Groesbeck Room

PRATT

March 15th from 3PM – 4PM
Pratt Regional Medical Center – Jud Stanion Room

DODGE CITY

March 16th from 10AM – 11AM
Dodge City Public Library -- Friends Room

HAYS

March 16th from 3PM - 4PM
Hadley Center -- Oak Room

PITTSBURG

March 21st from Noon -- 1PM
Pittsburg Public Library – Meeting Room

Kansas AmeriCorps Week March 4 - 10, 2017



Governor Brownback has signed a proclamation declaring AmeriCorps Week in Kansas!

AmeriCorps Week (March 4 – 10, 2017) is an opportune time for the people of Kansas to salute AmeriCorps members and alumni for their service; thank AmeriCorps' community partners; and bring more Americans into service.

The Kansas Volunteer Commission will celebrate AmeriCorps Week with a special event on Friday, March 10th. The event will bring national service members and their program directors from eight AmeriCorps State programs together to showcase their service accomplishments, network, and engage in service projects at Harvesters, Kansas Children's Discovery Center and Topeka Habitat for Humanity.

AmeriCorps State Planning Grant Request for Applications (RFA)

The KVC is pleased to announce the availability of federal funding in the form of **AmeriCorps State Planning Grants**. These grants provide approximately ten months of funding to help organizations prepare to submit an application for a full AmeriCorps program grant. Applicants can request up to **\$30,000** and can only operate in Kansas. Instructions and important dates for the RFA are available at the KVC [website](#). For additional questions, please email the [KVC](#).



**TEAM ROSEDALE --
Getting things done in KS!**



Pip Rhoads is a long-time Rosedale resident; however his experiences serving as an AmeriCorps member have shown him a new side of the neighborhood. Pip says one of his favorite experiences has been interacting with the Rosedale parents during sports activities.

Kimberley Hunter is engaging the Rosedale residents through programs that make the neighbor safe, healthy, and fun. One lesson she learned quickly is the power of face-to-face conversation. Kimberly said the best way to connect with residents is to knock on doors and introduce yourself.

New Leadership for the Kansas Volunteer Commission



Debra Tucker will serve as the new Chair of the Kansas Volunteer Commission. Since 2008, Deb has worked at the American Red Cross where she served as the Regional Director of Marketing, Regional Volunteer Coordinator, and is currently the Disaster Program Manager.



Joe Marlow will serve as the Vice-Chair of the Kansas Volunteer Commission. His top two professional highlights include being an elementary school principal and a pastor of a church in Germany.

Stephanie Kupper will serve as the Secretary of the Kansas



Volunteer Commission. Stephanie was named to the Georgia 100 Top Women in Business. Currently, she is active in the Kansas Republican Party and loves to travel.

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Kansas Service Profile

- More than **4,100** are involved in national service in Kansas.
- Approximately **280** individuals serve with AmeriCorps and **3,900** serve with SeniorCorps.
- National service members serve **940** locations throughout the state.
- Since 1994, more than **7,800** Kansas residents have served more than **10 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$22,610,000**.

To see the full state service profile, click here: [HERE!](#)

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