

## 2008 Summer Sensation Project Descriptions

**B.E.S.T. (Week 2: June 9-12)** – BEST is all about learning, creating and teaching performing arts with people with disabilities. Youth Volunteers will be working alongside those with disabilities to create production numbers that will be performed at area schools to show what an inclusive community looks like.

Location: 8100 W. 116th Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66210 (We are looking into having the project at Bishop Miege High School since they have a much larger theater, but if that doesn't work, it will be at the address above)

**Boys and Girls Club (Weeks 2 and 6: June 9-12 and July 14-17)** – They provide a fun and safe environment for youth ages 5-18 to learn, meet new people and grow. We will be working with youth ages 5-8 on activities related to literacy and other areas of the club.

Location for week 2: 315 S. Leslie, Independence, Missouri, 64050

Location for week 6: 5101 E. 24<sup>th</sup>, Kansas City, Missouri 64127

**Della Lamb (Week 8: July 28-31)** – Originally created to provide child care for poor, working mothers, Della Lamb now provides education for low-income families with early education, child care, youth services, adult services, and social services. We will be mentoring and tutoring the students, & sorting and bagging school supplies that support low-income youth.

Location: 500 Woodland, Kansas City, Missouri 64106

**Fairmount Community Center (Week 5: July 7-10)** – The FCC is moving and they need our help! They have many great programs including hot lunches for seniors, movie nights for youth, and even line dancing. We will be cleaning the office, packing boxes, painting, and moving their supplies. Additionally, we'll be helping out with their hot lunches for seniors program. On our last day, we'll be having a BBQ!

Location: 608 South Ash, Independence, Missouri 64052

**Habitat for Humanity Kansas City (Week 8: July 28-31)** – Want to see what goes into building a house? Habitat for Humanity works to fulfill the dream of home ownership for low-income families. We will be helping to build a house that will be sold at no interest to a family in need. Learn about the problems that many face when trying to buy a home while making a difference in the lives of a local family. **You must be 16 to participate in this project.**

Location: 1423 E. Linwood, Kansas City, Missouri 64109

**Habitat for Humanity ReStore (Week 4: June 23-26)** – ReStore's mission is to support the construction of houses by the Kansas City Habitat for Humanity through the collection and sale of new and used building materials. Volunteers will be dismantling displays from the Skills USA convention, which means they need us to take apart walls and salvage lumber. Bring your muscles, your hammer and (perhaps most importantly) your common sense. **You must be 16 to participate in this project. Please wear jeans or long pants, no shorts!**

Location: 4701 Deramus Ave, Kansas City, Missouri 64120

**Harvester's (Weeks 3, 5, and 8: June 16-19, July 7-10, and July 28-31)** – As Kansas City's largest food bank, Harvesters and its network of agencies are available to provide food to families when they need a helping hand. Come sort and box donated food and package donated household items. Learn about the problems of hunger in our community and how we can help to put an end to hunger.

Location: 3801 Topping Ave, Kansas City, Missouri 64129

**J-14 Enterprises (Weeks 1 and 3: June 2-5 and June 16-19)** – Volunteer at an urban organic farm in Kansas City, KS. This farm uses no synthetic materials/fertilizers and raises fresh produce that is donated to organizations that can best use them. The farm is also home to a variety of animals. Come see a city farm in action!

Location: 4600 Sortor Dr, Kansas City, Kansas 66104

**Kansas City Community Kitchen (Weeks 7 and 8: July 21-24 and 28-31)** – Enjoy cooking? This community kitchen, located in the basement of Grace and Holy Trinity Church, serves about 500 meals each day. We will be creating those meals from start to finish by preparing, serving and cleaning up after lunch. We'll also be learning about homelessness and hunger in Kansas City.

Location: Basement of Grace and Holy Trinity Church, 415 W. 13th St, Kansas City, Missouri 64105

**Kansas City Rescue Mission (Week 1: June 2-5)** – KCRM is an agency offering freedom and hope to the poor and powerless, empowering them to reach their full potential. We will be helping in the kitchen, cleaning, sorting donations, and some outside work!

Location: 1520 Cherry, Kansas City, Missouri 64108

**Operation Breakthrough (Weeks 4 and 7: June 23-26 and July 21-24)** – Love kids? Come help out at this inner city daycare center by being a teacher's aide and working in the library, food and clothing pantries. The mission of Operation Breakthrough is to help children who are living in poverty develop to their fullest potential by providing them a safe, loving and educational environment. **You must be 14 or older to participate in this project. A TB and physical must be on record for your participation.**

Location: 3039 Troost, Kansas City, Missouri 64109

**Operation Iraqi Children (Weeks 3 and 7: June 16-19 and July 21-24)** – Join us to assemble school kits for children living in Iraq while we explore what it's like to be a child there. These school kits are vital for these children, and volunteers will be making a big difference! We will be sorting incoming shipments, checking them, and preparing the outgoing kits.

Location: Saint John & Beacon, Kansas City, Missouri 64123

[OIC shares the huge white warehouse (6200 Saint John) with other businesses, so drive through the intersection of Belmont and St. John (if driving east) and take the next left on Beacon. Proceed through the gate and pass the numbered, covered shipping docks to your left, the entrance can be found at the end of the docks.]

**Parkville Nature Sanctuary (Weeks 3 and 4: June 16-19 and 23-26)** – Parkville Nature Sanctuary offers multiple hiking/walking trails. We will be helping to chip the trails and to eradicate non-native and invasive plant species. Youth will also learn about the wildlife of the area as they go on an interpretive hike throughout the sanctuary by the director of the park, Jim Reed. **Please wear long pants!**

Location: 1201 East Street, Parkville, Missouri 64152 (Enter at Highway 9 & 12th Street; it's below city hall)

**Pet Connection (Week 1: June 2-5)** – Pet connection needs your help socializing, brushing & feeding their cats and dogs, We will also be helping with laundry, cleaning, and washing windows.

Location: 5918 Broadmoor St, Mission, Kansas 66202

**Roeland Park Community Center (Week 5: July 7-10)** – The Roeland Park Community Center has some important work for us to do this year! The new vegetable garden needs maintenance and care, and we will be digging paths and building a bench!

Location: Roeland Park Community Center, 4850 Rosewood Drive, Roeland Park, KS 66205

**S.E.A.T. (Weeks 2 and 6: June 9-12 and July 14-17)** – S.E.A.T. is a not-for-profit organization utilizing horses to influence people in their way of thinking, reacting and in gaining perspective about their lives. We will be installing fences and working outdoors to revitalize the property.

Location: 11406 Meers Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64134

**Shoal Creek Association (Week 1: June 2-5)** – Shoal Creek maintains 17 historic buildings in Hodge Park in North Kansas City. We will be clearing trails, painting fences, and feeding chickens! We'll also be learning about how things were done in the 19th Century; we will be adding support to the log cabins, laying bricks and mortar, making steps to the chicken pin and more. On our last day there, we will be playing historical games and having a BBQ!

Location: 7000 NE Barry Rd. Kansas City, Missouri 64156

**Swope Ridge Geriatric Center (Week 6: July 14-17)** – At this assisted living facility for the elderly, volunteers will be participating in a variety of intergenerational activities such as arts and crafts, card and board games, gardening, plays and skits with the residents. Come with a willingness to interact with individuals who have a lot to share.

Location: 5900 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64130

**Turnstyles Thrift Store (Weeks 4 and 6: June 23-26 and July 14-17)** – Turnstyles is a thrift store operated by the Catholic Charities and all proceeds are used by the Catholic Charities to help fund many services to the community. We will be maintaining the store, sorting through donations, creating displays, and pricing items!

Location: 9750 W. 87<sup>th</sup> St., Overland Park, Kansas 66212

**United Music Charity Foundation (Weeks 2 and 5: June 9-12 and July 7-10)** – The UMCF is dedicated to helping bring music and arts education to underfunded KCMO schools. We will be learning about the production of music as well as making improvements to the building.

Location: 615 East 6<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 103, Kansas City, Missouri 64106

**YVC Forum (Week 7: July 21-24)** – The Youth Volunteer Corps will work to create and perform monologues about social issues that affect the lives of teens. Youth Volunteers will learn about improvising, playwriting, and facilitation techniques based on the work of Brazilian theatre activist Augusto Boal who created the *Theater of the Oppressed* movement. They will also create costumes and props to be used in a performance. This project is the right fit for anyone who believes they have an important message to share with our community.

Location: YVC Office, 4600 W. 51st Street, Suite 300, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66205