



Flint Hills Volunteer Center BULLETIN

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Firefighters, William Eisengrein, George Johnson and Daniel McWilliams discovered a US flag on the back of a yacht inside a boat slip at the World Financial Center. They took the banner & decided to raise it as a statement of loyalty & resilience.



Military service members salute as fire and rescue workers unfurl a huge American flag over the side of the Pentagon, Sept. 12, 2001, during rescue and recovery efforts following the 9/11 terrorist attack.

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Exciting Things Are Happening at the Flint Hills Volunteer Center!

Dear Volunteers, Community Partners, and Friends,
There are many exciting things happening at the Flint Hills Volunteer Center, and we wanted to take a moment to share some of the progress being made as we continue growing our presence throughout the Flint Hills region.

Our team has been busy strengthening existing partnerships, building new community connections, and finding additional ways to connect volunteers with meaningful opportunities. Through meetings and outreach with local nonprofits, schools, businesses, and community organizations, we continue to discover new ways to support our community and make it easier for people to get involved.

We are also working on several upcoming events, community service projects, and new partnerships. Our goal is to create more opportunities for volunteers of all ages and to help individuals, families, and groups find ways to serve that match their interests and availability. We look forward to sharing more details as these plans come together.

One of the biggest developments currently underway is the upcoming launch of our new volunteer management system, Get Connected. Get Connected will provide a simpler and more streamlined way for volunteers to discover opportunities, connect with local organizations, track their service, and stay informed about upcoming needs. It will also give our community partners improved tools for posting volunteer opportunities and connecting with people who are ready to serve. We anticipate launching Get Connected within the next couple of months and will share additional information and instructions as we get closer to the official launch.

We are incredibly grateful for our volunteers, community partners, donors, and supporters who continue to believe in the power of service and the difference we can make when we work together. There is much more to come, and we are excited to continue building it with you!

Sincerely,
The Flint Hills Volunteer Center Team
Stay connected. Stay involved. Stay tuned!

FHVC STAFF ON THE GO!

Kaw Valley Rodeo



Everybody Counts



Cattails Feline Rescue Rescue



Furniture Amnesty Day



- CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY-

Every visit gives us the chance to learn more about our local partners, serve alongside volunteers, and highlight the many ways people can give back in the Flint Hills area.

OUR VOLUNTEER ADVENTURES INCLUDE:

- ✓ Partner Visits
- ✓ Hands-on volunteering
- ✓ Community outreach
- ✓ Meeting amazing volunteers
- ✓ Sharing local opportunities
- ✓ Having fun while giving back

Follow us on Facebook for our next "Guess Where We Are" post!
Want to get involved? Contact the Flint Hills Volunteer Center!



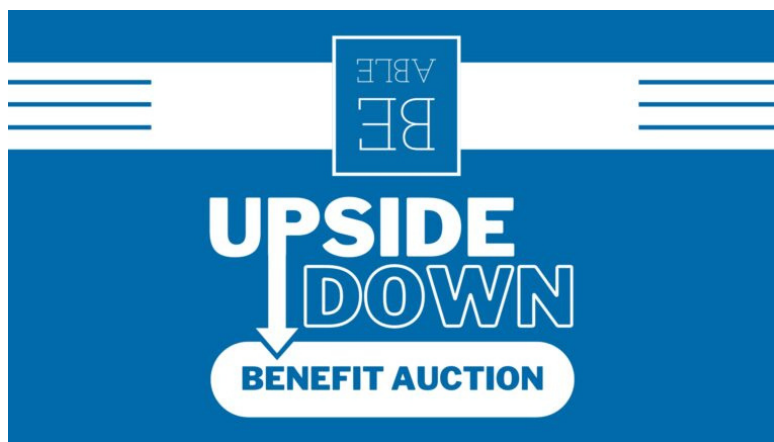
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Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities



Be part of something bigger. Join as a volunteer for the 2026 Yuma Street Cultural Festival held on Sunday, Sept. 6th and help celebrate history, culture and community while building the future of Yuma Street Cultural Center.

Sign up to volunteer today:
<https://volunteersignup.org/F3REY>



Be Able is looking for volunteers to help with their Upside Down Auction on:

 **Thursday, September 24, 2026**

 **Volunteer shifts available between 4:30 and 8:30 p.m.**

This special fundraiser brings the community together in a fun and unique way while raising important funds to support Be Able's mission. Volunteers are needed for several different shifts throughout the evening.

To learn more or sign up, please contact:

Rachel Braddy

Volunteer Coordinator

 **Rachel@beablecommunity.com**

 **785-775-1205**

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities Continued



Flint Hills Praisefest needs volunteers for **GLOBAL IMPACT EVENT FOOD PACKING - 2026!** This is one of the ways Praisefest lives out Generosity by helping make a real impact beyond the festival weekend. When you participate, you're helping extend the mission of Praisefest and support something bigger than yourself. Keep an eye out for how to get involved and be part of the difference.

Global Impact Event in Manhattan, KS, on September 23–26, 2026.

<https://www.praisefest.org/global-impact-event>

Trashpocalypse

Tentative Date

Saturday October 24th

Location: CiCo Park

The Trash is taking over...and only **YOU** can stop it! Come as a zombie dressed in your favorite costume or as you are and join us for a fun, community friendly adventure packed with games, prizes, and real-world impact. All are welcome!



Upcoming Dates & Volunteer Opportunities

September

- September 4th: Purple Power Play
- September 7th: Office Closed for Labor Day
- September 10th: Cookie Brigade

October

- October 2nd - 4th: Manhattan Kardboard Convention located at K-State Ballroom
- October 8th: Cookie Brigade
- October 24th: Ogden Fall Festival

Family Game Day Volunteers Needed

The Manhattan Kardboard Convention will take place October 3–4, 2026, at the K-State Student Union Ballroom, with setup beginning Friday, October 2. Volunteers are needed for setup, registration, game checkout, the garage sale, floaters, and teardown. Shifts are generally about three hours, and volunteers who serve six total hours during the weekend may attend the convention for free. Setup and teardown are more physical and may include lifting 30–50 pounds, while registration, game checkout, and garage sale roles are primarily seated and involve computer use and interaction with attendees. Volunteer times are Friday, Oct. 2 from 12–5 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 3 from 7–9 a.m. and 9 a.m.–10 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m.–6 p.m. and 5–8 p.m. Sign up at: <https://forms.gle/1kgBlzeJuxJiLZ7E8>

Cookie Brigade

Upcoming dates: September 10 and October 8

Cookies should be freshly baked within 24 hours of delivery to the FHVC office at 100 Manhattan Town Center, Suite 160. Please deliver cookies by Thursday at 1:00 PM or the Wednesday before. Volunteers will package cookies before delivery to Fort Riley units or local community service agencies.

Peace-Full Pantry

Peace-Full Pantry, located inside Peace Lutheran Church at 2500 Kimball Ave., they are in need of additional volunteers for their ongoing pantry operations. Volunteer shifts are available Sundays and Tuesdays from 1:45–4:15 p.m. and Mondays and Thursdays from 4:45–7:15 p.m. Unpacking help is also needed Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:45–11:15 a.m. Volunteers may help as often or as little as they'd like. Sign up for pantry shifts at <https://signup.com/go/qTFfOFx>. For questions or unpacking opportunities, contact Suzette at peacefullpantry@gmail.com.



We're excited to welcome 52 new volunteers who joined us in June and July!

Together, our volunteers have already reported 3,667 hours of service during those two months.

FHVC MONTHLY DONATION DRIVE



YOUR GENEROSITY IS CHANGING LIVES

The Flint Hills Volunteer Center will be hosting a donation drive each month to support a different community partner. During September, we will collect hygiene items, toiletries, individually packaged snacks, and other needed items for Be Able. In October, we will partner with Peace-Full Pantry to help local families prepare Thanksgiving meals by collecting items such as canned pie filling, canned green beans, boxed stuffing, instant potatoes, and more. Complete donation lists, deadlines, and drop-off information will be shared on our Facebook page and in our weekly email. Thank you for helping us support our community partners and neighbors in need!

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AmeriCorps Seniors, YES! Fund, Riley County Council on Aging, Greater Manhattan Community Foundation

The Flint Hills Volunteer Center is driven by its mission of connecting volunteers to the needs of our community. As our community grows rapidly, the issues we face continue to increase in providing resources for unmet basic human needs.

AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP is one of the largest volunteer networks in the nation for people 55 and over. Volunteers use the skills and talents they've learned over the years, or they develop new ones while serving in a variety of volunteer activities within our community.

Volunteers are needed every day for a variety of opportunities in Riley, Geary, & Pottawatomie counties. If you are not currently enrolled with our program and would like to learn more about how to help, please contact us for more information.

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Our communities depend on great volunteers like you!