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We accept articles and stories, announcements for volunteer, civic engagement, and fundraising/philanthropy events, and nominations for Volunteerism and Civic Engagement Spotlight.

Silverstone Place:
Silverstone Place would like some volunteers to come in to visit with the residents and help with an activity about once a month. On Saturday Silverstone has bingo at 10 am which would be a great activity for volunteers to help with. They will have an activity assistant also. If anyone is interested please contact Nikki at the Silverstone Place 573-578-4285.

Phelps County Faith Distribution Inc.:
This organization conducts the monthly USDA food distribution for Phelps County on the third Saturday of the month. Volunteers are needed the Wednesday of that week to unload a semi truck of food, on the Friday of the same week to prepack boxes at noon, and on the third Saturday from 8 a.m. - noon to distribute food to 500-600 families. Contact Carol Creighton at 573-578-8817 or Creighton.carol@gmail.com.

Kaleidoscope Discovery Center:
We have numerous events as well as teaching opportunities throughout the academic year as well as during the summer months. We have multiple ongoing projects, such as painting, construction and carpentry, that are conducted year-round. Individuals could set their own hours working around their own schedule. As the KDC continues to grow we need more and more volunteers in order to serve our community better.

Truman Elementary School:
The PTO is looking for a few volunteers to interact and play board games, build with blocks and color with kids during our Monthly PTO meetings. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. We are looking for 3-4 students that could come at 5:15 and stay until 6:45 (or earlier if we finish early). They would be on the other side of the cafeteria while we meet so parents are there if they need them. If interested please contact Melissa Hutton: 573-308-2600.

Service Spotlight
The Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists (AEG) have adopted Kingshighway between highway 63 and I-44. They clean this area at least once a semester. The members of AEG met up on Sunday, October 8th at 2 pm to clean up Kingshighway. This is one of the main roads into Rolla and is often a first impression for travelers. It is also an area that gets a lot of litter due to all of the nearby fast food. For these reasons it is very important to keep Kingshighway clean and give everyone a great first impression of Rolla. AEG works in the community to keep areas of importance clean, with both their adopted highway and sinkhole clean ups. AEG is dedicated to improving public welfare by providing leadership, advocacy, and applied research in environmental and engineering geology.

Over the weekend of October 6-8 a group of ten S&T students and faculty traveled to Kansas City to volunteer on issues of food sustainability. They partnered with Seven Oaks community garden, working along side employees from Honeywell to weed and mulch garden beds that grow various vegetables for people in the neighborhood. They then partnered with After the Harvest at an apple orchard where they gleaned apples to be distributed to people with little access to affordable and nutritious food. Through these volunteer experiences the volunteers learned about the effects a food desert has on a community and what can be done to combat these problems.