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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.

Enrollment Marketing and Development/Project Lead the Way: We have events that are designed to introduce invitees to visit the Missouri S&T campus and experience activities and opportunities that would be helpful to them in choosing a college. Events include VEX Robotics, FIRST Robotics, 7th grade science day, TSA (Technology Student Association) meetings and competitions. All of these events need volunteers to help with set up/tear down, and crowd control. Many need judges, mentors, assistants and students to interact with the participants. I would like to develop a list of interested volunteers that might be available during the year. As opportunities arise, I would send out specific dates.

For more info please visit pltw.mst.edu

East Central Literacy Council:
The East Central Area Literacy Council is a partner with East Central College which provides adult education and literacy classes (formerly known as GED). We would like to have posters for the program distributed in the community at local service agencies, manufacturers, libraries, health clinics and other locations that are likely to assist individuals that did not complete high school. If you would like to volunteer your time contact Alice Whalen at ael@eastcentral.edu.

Phelps County Faith Distribution:
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 Creighton.carol@gmail.com for more information.

Service Spotlight
Engineers without Borders took a group of students to Puerto Pando Bolivia over Thanksgiving break. The team had an immense project of putting together a distribution system for the entire community that included building a bridge to the source water. Before Engineers Without Borders partnered with this community, they were receiving their water from a make-shift tank the community had put together. Although this provided them with some water, it had pollutants and had to be boiled. In just over a week the team worked with the community to put in over 150,000 meters of PVC to create a distribution system and built a bridge that gets the community access to clean water. This community is now one step closer to having clean running water in their community.

Do you want to volunteer somewhere but are overwhelmed by your options? There are a lot of different places you can volunteer and each position is unique and carries a different type of responsibility. Each volunteer position also has a different time commitment. It can be hard to narrow things down when taking into consideration so many different things. First thing first, find something you are passionate about! If you choose to volunteer somewhere and you don’t have your heart in it, it will be hard to stay motivated. Once you have decided what groups would best fit with your passions find out what kind of jobs they need done and if those jobs match your skill set. Lastly you need to make a schedule that works for you. If you are dedicated then working multiple times a week might be a great experience and way to keep busy. If you already have a hectic schedule then it might be best to limit yourself to once a week or on an availability basis. Using these guidelines you can find a volunteer position that’s great for you!