



2025 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Client Support Opportunities *(Background screening required)*

- **Bus Training:** On their path to self-sufficiency, JVS clients are empowered to learn how to ride and navigate Kansas City's bus lines. Join families at a stop close to their home and help them navigate to a few key places throughout the city (school, medical provider, grocery store, etc.). Scheduled as needed. Bus training for volunteers is provided.
- **ESL & Conversation Group Volunteer:** Spend an hour conversing with clients as they practice their English skills. Classes are held on a weekly basis at JVS. Conversation partners can meet with clients following classes or in the community at a public space. Commitment: minimum of 2 months
- **Job Readiness Coach:** Support JVS clients as they prepare to enter the workforce by providing resume writing assistance and interview preparation. Volunteers will work in partnership with the JVS staff and specialized training will be provided. Commitment: minimum of 2 months
- **Mentorship Opportunities:**
 - **Career Pathways Mentor:** Use your professional experience to support a JVS client who is seeking employment in a similar industry. Volunteers with advanced degrees and/or specialized training are especially needed. Commitment: minimum of 2 months
 - **Integration Mentor:** Learning about life in America is complicated. Help make it easier for our newest neighbors by being a friendly resource who can support them in a variety of ways, including but not limited to: paying bills online, learning how to use technology, and practicing English, to name a few. Volunteers will be paired with JVS clients as recommended by case managers. Commitment: 6 months
 - **Youth Mentor:** Like all youth, JVS high school students have dreams, goals and questions. Mentors are paired with youth based on career aspirations and/or extra-curricular interests. Commitment: 6 months to 1 year with weekly check ins for the school year, as well as monthly group meetings.



Organizational Support Opportunities

B=background screening required **G**=great for groups

- **Administrative/Data Entry Support:** Provide “behind the scenes” support to various departments. **B**
- **Clothing Closet Organization:** JVS clients are welcome to shop in the JVS clothing closet for clothing, shoes and children’s toys. Play a role in ensuring that the clothing closet is organized, tidy and welcoming by sorting donations that JVS receives. **B, G**
- **Employer Outreach Volunteers:** Helping clients find employment is crucial to their success. Volunteers can support this work by reaching out to prospective employers to tell them about JVS and share the benefits of hiring refugees and immigrants. Can be done remotely or at JVS.
- **Event Volunteers:** Love to plan or host a good party? JVS hosts multiple community events throughout the year that support our mission and the individuals we serve. Volunteer to work the registration table, assist with a raffle or help with set-up and clean-up, to name a few. **G**
- **Front Desk Support:** JVS offices are open to our clients 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Front desk volunteers fill in for staff during routine lunch breaks or scheduled time away. Be a welcoming “first impression” by greeting guests, answering the phone, and assisting with direct services. **B**
- **Happy Bottoms & Giving the Basics:** JVS partners with Happy Bottoms diaper bank and Giving the Basics to distribute diapers and personal hygiene items to families served by JVS. Donations are received once per month. **G**
- **Produce Pros:** JVS receives weekly produce donations from Kanbe’s Markets and Urban Produce Push for our clients. Volunteers are needed to pick up produce from these organizations in Midtown and deliver to JVS on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- **Donation Drives:** Want to get involved, but don’t have the time to volunteer at JVS? Host a donation drive at work for some of JVS’ most needed items (school supplies, gently used clothing, hygiene items, etc). JVS provides bins and marketing materials. **G**



JVS welcomes youth and adults from faith organizations, civic groups, companies and schools, and we are happy to work with you to create a volunteer experience that is meaningful, fun and impactful. Interested in learning more? Email volunteer@jvskc.org or scan the QR code. We look forward to working with you!

