

**63rd Street Patriots** 9730 Madison Kansas City MO 64114

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The 63rd Street Patriots have been standing against the unjust policies of the current administration since February, 2003, approximately 235 weeks. We have stood at the corner of 63rd and Ward Parkway every Tuesday during rush hour from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. during rain, snow, extreme heat, and have been spit on, smoke bombed, yelled at and given the finger, as well as given cookies and cold drinks by supporters, and also given a lot of positive honks over the years!

**816 Bike Collective** 3109 Troost, Kansas City, MO 64109 entrance in back

<http://816bike.org/> the816bike@gmail.com

A collective of individuals from diverse backgrounds working on a volunteer basis to rescue and repair bicycles. We believe in empowerment through education and support the use of bicycles as a healthy and ecological means of transportation. Hours – Thurs. and Saturdays – 3 to 6 pm.

**Ad Hoc Group Against Crime** 3116 Prospect Ave. Kansas City MO 64128

[www.adhocgroupkc.com](http://www.adhocgroupkc.com) 816-861-5500 Alvin Brooks, president  
[albrooksandassoc@yahoo.com](mailto:albrooksandassoc@yahoo.com)

Ad Hoc works to direct youth and their families away from drugs, crime, violence, and negative involvement with the criminal justice system. Current Services include a Community Hotline – **816.753.1111**, resource for individuals to report crimes and other incidences of concern and receive community referrals or AdHoc intervention; a Youth Helpline – **816.531.COOL (2665)**, resource for parents to call and report missing children, and others to give information regarding those missing; Prayer Vigils – community gathering requested by family of murder victim to bring solace and build awareness of crime to possibly generate tips; Radio Appeals & flyers – generated to assist in building awareness of those missing or murdered. Families Victimized by Murder – support group for families of victims and perpetrators of murder to provide them with grief education and assist them with coping skills, as well as leadership for community activism.

**All Souls UU Social Responsibility Board** 4501 Walnut St. Kansas City, MO 64111

[office@allsoulskc.org](mailto:office@allsoulskc.org) 816-531-2131; fax 816-756-5651

This committee of about 10 members was formed at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church to mobilize church members to address social issues in our community and world. Members recruit others and help to serve Sunday dinner to homeless persons at reStart Center once a month, and have taken public stances against homophobia and racism. Meets once a month.

**American Civil Liberties Union** KS/W MO - 3601 Main Kansas City, MO  
64111 [mbata@aclukswmo.org](mailto:mbata@aclukswmo.org) 816-756-3113; fax 816-756-0945 Dan Winter,  
Executive Director; Mary Bata

ACLU is dedicated to the protection of civil liberties defending the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and has over 600,000 members nationally and about 7,000 members in our district. We are in the metro area, but also have 7 regional chapters and two

committees (LGBT Task Force and aclu2). ACLU publishes a quarterly newsletter, holds several events each year including an Art Auction or Awards Event, and keeps members apprised of local issues through an Action Network. Membership is \$20 per person/\$35 per couple. aclu2, the younger sub-group, works to accomplish the goals of increasing ACLU membership, educating the public in ACLU issues, and to raise awareness and inspire activism for the protection of civil liberties. aclu2 hosts aclus'2sdays, a social mixer, on the second Tuesday of each month.

**American Friends Service Committee** 4405 Gillham Road Kansas City, MO 64110  
afsckc@swbell.net 816-931-5256; fax 816-561-5033 Ira Harritt

AFSC is a Quaker-based organization which includes people of various faiths committed to social justice, peace and humanitarian service. Staff & volunteers engage youth & adults in nonviolent social change through work to reduce the culture of violence, increase understanding & counter influence of militarism in area schools. Specific work includes the Help Increase the Peace project, an innovative violence prevention social action program for youth; Forum Theatre, participatory theatre workshops & performances to address community issues; coordination of the GKC Committee on Militarism in Schools; racial justice dialogue & advocacy; & weekly coffee house discussion. Peace & conflict resolution resources are available. KC Program Committee meetings are held on alternate months.

**Americans United for Separation of Church & State, Greater KC Chapter**

P O Box 7166, Shawnee Mission KS 66207 <http://www.aukc.org>  
americansunited@au.org Lynn Schultz, president

We are a local chapter of the national organization, Americans United for separation of church & state. We help educate the public on issues related to church-state separation and religious liberty, and keep an eye on what's happening in the Greater Kansas City area. To join the email discussion list or learn how to become a member, please email [info@aukc.org](mailto:info@aukc.org). We meet every second Saturday, 5pm at the Black Dog Coffee House in Lenexa (12815 W. 87th St. Pkwy).

**Arts Council of Metropolitan Kansas City** 906 Grand, Ste 10B KC MO 64106 816 994 9222, 816 221 1777 [www.artskc.org](http://www.artskc.org), Sara Vogt, 816-994-9220

Advances and supports the arts for the benefit of the Kansas City region. Our vision is a thriving, vibrant community where the arts are valued by and accessible to all.

**Benedictines for Peace** 4220 Mercier, KC MO 64111  
bjmosb@sbcglobal.net 913-609-8990 Barbara McCracken O.S.B.

BFP links Benedictine nuns and monks with other peace groups. They join in cosponsoring other local peace events. The group is based in Atchison, KS.

**Bridging the Gap** 435 Westport Rd. (DO NOT SEND PAPER)  
Suite #23 Kansas City, MO 64111 [kristin.riott@bridgingthegap.org](mailto:kristin.riott@bridgingthegap.org)  
816-561-1087 Kristin Riott, Director

Bridging the Gap is a not-for-profit corporation which serves as a catalyst, bringing together citizens, businesses, and governments in the greater Kansas City metropolitan

area to seek and implement sustainable solutions to community problems. Our current emphasis is the environmental area. Monthly newsletter goes to 15,000 homes; newsletter deadline is 10th of previous month. There are 16 full-time and 12 part-time staff members.

**Building a Sustainable Earth Community** P O Box 4412, Kansas City KS 66104  
richardmabion@yahoo.com 913-481-9520 Richard Mabion

Our mission is to engage our multi-cultural society in a positive manner, which empowers individuals to collaborate and promote ideas and activities which focus on building an accessible sustainable earth community that honors and preserves people and the environment.

**Burrough's Audubon Society Of Greater KC** 7300 S.W. West Park Road Blue Springs, MO 64015-7804 www.burroughs.org mail@burroughs.org  
(816)795-8177 Elizabeth Stoakes, Directors; JillDeWitt, President

The voice of reason for conservation in the natural world. They work to spread awareness through special programs and through monthly meetings, field trips and their library. They offer a bi-monthly newsletter on conservation issues. Members number 2,500 in the 5-county metro area.

<http://burroughs.org>

**Buying Influence, Inc** 801 W 47th, Suite 110 Kansas City MO 64112  
info@Buyinginfluence.com 816-931-7896 Dr. Maria Kunstadter

Buying Influence, Inc. is a non-profit consumer advocacy organization seeking to guide consumers to harness their buying power so that corporations make more socially responsible business decisions. We are engineering a new paradigm called "cause spending". With every dollar you spend, you, the consumer, can choose to support a company that mirrors your causes and values. Collectively, informed consumers can be a powerful tool for change. Our flagship campaign is to close the pay gap and stop wage discrimination.

**Center for Global Community** 123 W. Armour Kansas City, MO 64111  
fred@creativeprocess.net; <http://www.globalatone.net> 816-756-0099;  
fax same number Fred Culver

The mission of CGC is to encourage and support a worldwide, systemic dialogue from which an enabling, unified understanding (ethic) will emerge among the social, public and private sectors. The strategy is to discover, create and model new organizational forms that are integrative, creative fields of energy facilitating a synergy among individuals and small groups of individuals. This 501(c)(3) organization, along with Heart Forest, is an offshoot of Future Is Now, and shares a mailing list of 4000.

**Center for Practical Bioethics** 1111 Main St, Suite 500 Kansas City MO 64105  
<http://www.practicalbioethics.org>; bioethic@practicalbioethics.org 816-221-1100; 800-344-3829; fax 816-221-2022 Myra Christopher, CEO

The Center for Practical Bioethics is a nonprofit, free-standing and independent organization nationally recognized for its work in practical bioethics. Since 1984, the Center has helped patients and their families, healthcare professionals, policymakers and

corporate leaders grapple with ethically complex issues in medicine and research. The Center's vision and mission requires the Center to be proactive -- to call attention to ethical issues and to develop programs, policies and publications that address them. Through its unique methodology, the Center puts "practical bioethics" into action. The results? Reasoned, real world responses to ethically complex situations and, ultimately, the greatest peace of mind possible for those who must decide.

**Center for Urban Agriculture** 4223 Gibbs Road Kansas City KS 66106  
[www.kccua.org](http://www.kccua.org); Daniel@kccua.org 913-831-2444 Katherine Kelly

Center for Urban Agriculture is a nonprofit founded in 2004 by two local farmers. They have a common vision of "city farming" that includes improvement of neighborhoods, improving diets, creating new opportunities, and a new kind of urban design. KCCUA's mission is to promote community-based, small-scale, entrepreneurial farming in urban Kansas City. They help farmers by providing education and technical assistance, creating networks, helping establish new city farms, and running an educational farm.

**Cherith Brook Community** 3308 E 12th Street Kansas City MO 64127  
jegarbison@gmail.com 816-241-8047 Eric Garbison

Cherith Brook Community is a house of hospitality, mercy and peacemaking. The house is located in the historic northeast. Staff and volunteers provide showers, sandwiches and phone use to homeless as well as teaching English as a Second Language, visiting people in jails, and helping with the Saturday meal at Holy Family Worker House.

**Children's Peace Pavilion** 1001 W. Walnut, Independence, MO 64050 816 521 3033  
[rbelcher@kidpeace.org](mailto:rbelcher@kidpeace.org) [www.kidpeace.org](http://www.kidpeace.org)

The Children's Peace Pavilion is a unique nonsectarian "DO-TOUCH" children's museum for ages 5 through 11 designed to teach the concepts of peace through creative, fun, child-centered learning activities.

**Christmas in October** 4310 Madison Kansas City, MO 64111  
[www.ChristmasinOctober.org](http://www.ChristmasinOctober.org); [brian@christmasinOctober.org](mailto:brian@christmasinOctober.org) 816-531-5259  
Tom Redmon, Executive Director

This group recruits volunteers to repair and rehabilitate homes of elderly, disabled and needy homeowners. This all-volunteer group has no paid members, but publishes a newsletter every other month. Newsletter deadline is the first Friday of the month.

**Church World Service** 32 East 46<sup>th</sup> St., KC MO 64112  
[jholley@churchworldservice.org](mailto:jholley@churchworldservice.org) 816-531-4540 Joyce Holley

Founded in 1946, Church World Service is the relief, development and refugee assistance ministry of 35 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations in the US. Working in partnership with indigenous organizations in more than 80 countries, CWS works worldwide to meet human needs and foster self-reliance for all whose way is hard. Within the US, CWS assists communities in responding to disasters, resettles refugees, promotes fair national and international policies, provides educational resources, and

offers opportunities to join a people-to-people network of local and global caring through participation in *Crop Walks*, the *Tools & Blankets* Program, and the “Gift of the Heart” Kit Program.

**Colombia Support Network of Kansas City** 3 W 63rd St, Kansas City MO 64113  
www.colombiasupport.net 816-333-2322 Bob Thatch

This nationwide grassroots organization was created to promote solidarity with the Colombian people through sister community projects, accompaniment, delegations, petitions to lobby members of the U.S. government, guest speakers, and outreach activities, to increase information and education about Colombia (South America) CSN works for a negotiated solution to the Colombia conflict through grassroots groups in Colombia. Members participate in the annual demonstration at School of the Americas, at Fort Benning GA.

**Communities Creating Opportunity** 5814 Euclid Ave., Kansas City MO 64130  
www.cco.org [info@cco.org](mailto:info@cco.org) 816-444-5585 Damon Daniel

CCO brings people of faith together to build relationships, develop strong leaders, and improve the quality of life in our communities. Founded in 1977, CCO works through a disciplined process of faith-based community organizing to train congregation and community members to participate effectively in civic life; develop strong local leadership to achieve needed change; bridge the racial, economic, and denominational and geographic divisions in the city; organize people to affect social change in their neighborhood and community. Through CCO people learn to participate in and influence our political system and democratic institutions. People-stake in our society is made real. Family life is strengthened. At the very heart of this mission is the process of helping people to help themselves.

**Concerned Citizens of Platte County**  
[Sbrown816@gmail.com](mailto:Sbrown816@gmail.com) 816 877 6760

**Community of Christ Peace & Justice Ministries**

1001 West Walnut Independence MO 64050 [abolton@CofChrist.org](mailto:abolton@CofChrist.org);  
www.CofChrist.org/  
peacecolloquy 816-833-1000 x1372 Andrew Bolton

Peace and Justice Ministries is part of the mission of the Community of Christ. The Temple at the church’s international headquarters in Independence is dedicated to peace, reconciliation and healing of the spirit. It is open to all and inspires congregational based peace and justice ministries in over 50 countries. In addition the Children’s Peace Pavilion is an interactive peace museum that was opened in 1995 and has had over 100,000 visitors (call 816-521-3033). The Children’s Peace Pavilion also runs a Pledge School Program teaching peacemaking skills in over 40 schools locally. A Community Mediation Center is sponsored by the church (call 833-4300 x 227). An annual Peace Colloquy is held at the Temple each fall.

**Community Mediation Center** 500 West Pacific Independence MO 64050  
[meed8r@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meed8r@sbcglobal.net) 816-833-4300 ext. 215; fax 816-833-4305 Diane Kyser

The Community Mediation Center helps people resolve, manage, and prevent conflicts through training, facilitation, and mediation. People are assisted in communicating respectfully, are empowered to take responsibility for the resolution of their own difficulties with each other, and are given the opportunity to rebuild damaged relationships. Services are provided to neighbors, families, youth, employees and employers, consumers and merchants, churches, organizations, schools and businesses. Fees are arranged on a sliding scale with no one turned away due to inability to pay. Staff of 2 paid persons (Full-Time Director and Associate Director) and ten volunteers.

**Community Together** 9691 Outlook Overland Park KS 66207  
bfriedmann@lvnworth.com 913-648-8682 Barb Friedmann

Quarterly multidisciplinary meetings of KC Metro family-serving organizations and institutions for the purpose of making connections and sharing public policy information within the nonprofit sector.

**Communiversity** [www.umkc.edu/commu/](http://www.umkc.edu/commu/) Student Union, UMKC, 5100 Cherry Suite 320, KCMO 64110 -2499 816-235-1000

An adult education program sponsored by UMKC's office of Student Involvement. All classes are taught by volunteer teachers. Class topics range from cooking classes to financial planning seminars, from belly dancing to wholistic health.

**Concerned Clergy Coalition** 2940 Holmes, Kansas City MO 64109  
ctemplebaptist@kc.rr.com 816-531-4683 Pastor Eric Williams, President

The Concerned Clergy Coalition is a group comprised of approximately 150 pastors from Christian denominations, primarily serving Kansas City's urban core. Our goal is to impact our residents by assisting with issues related to economic development, education, health, banking and most recently responding to the surge in violent crimes in our area.

**Consolidated Social Work Services, Inc.** 12003 Beacon Grandview MO 64030  
esterbillie61@aol.com 816-965-8137 Ester Holzendorf

Consolidated Social Work Services, Inc. (A Change Agent) is a comprehensive program designed to provide individuals and families with the necessary tools to make changes in their life that will allow them to become or continue to function as viable productive citizens. C.S.W.S. assists those in need of social services to access needed services. The organization is designed to assist the incarcerated upon release from places of incarceration, the elderly, and youth and families.

**CRES-Center for Religious Experience & Study** P O Box 45414 Kansas City MO 64171  
[vern@cres.org](mailto:vern@cres.org); [www.cres.org](http://www.cres.org) 913-649-5114 Vern Barnet

The Center for Religious Experience and Study (CRES) is a nonprofit interfaith institute founded in 1982 to promote understanding among people of all faiths, and to explore the sacred in nature, personhood, and social covenant. Services include teaching, writing, consultation, speaking and a website focused largely on multi-faith issues in the metro area.

**CROP Walk for the Hungry** 5812 Brookside Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64113  
wrt4u@aol.com 816-729-8042 Tony Haynes

The CROP Walk is an all-faith, metro-wide fundraiser for local and international hunger relief. It is one of nearly 2,000 similar walks in the U.S. organized by Church World Service, a worldwide hunger relief agency. Church World Service is the service arm of 30 mainline faith groups and development organizations. Programs operate in more than 80 nations around the world responding to disasters, feeding the hungry and doing culturally sensitive development. Peace and justice groups are welcome to gather petition signatures at Crop Walk water stops.

**Cross Border Network** P O Box 45753 Kansas City, MO 64171  
[info@crossbournetwork.org](mailto:info@crossbournetwork.org); <http://www.crossbournetwork.org> 913-677-2158  
Judy Ancel

The Cross Border Network for Justice and Solidarity is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to building ties of solidarity between people affected by globalization. The group has worked mainly with workers in the Maquiladoras along the Texas/Mexico border.

**Cultural Crossroads, Inc.** 3605 Blue Ridge Blvd., Independence MO 64052  
[www.culturalcrossroads-kc.org](http://www.culturalcrossroads-kc.org) 816-737-5979 Mary McCoy, President  
Cultural Crossroads, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization which conducts interactive cross-cultural and multicultural education for children and families. Most programs are conducted in partnership with schools, libraries and community organizations. Programs are available for public and private events and festivals. Mission statement: To promote understanding and tolerance of diverse cultures through cross-cultural education, with a focus on the commonalities and common life experiences of peoples of all cultures.

**Disciples Peace Fellowship** 900 NE Vivion Rd. Kansas City, MO 64118  
[ronfaust2@netzero.net](mailto:ronfaust2@netzero.net) 816-453-2623 Ron Faust  
DPF offers a peace conscience to the Disciples of Christ denomination, provides educational resources, and plans events and strategies for peace through regular meetings. National Office: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada, Homeland Ministries, 130 E. Washington St., P. O. Box 1986, Indianapolis IN 46206; phone 317-625-3100; fax 371-635-4426.

**Earthkeepers** 6406 S 24th Street St. Joseph MO 64504  
[Diane.Waddell@heartland-health.com](mailto:Diane.Waddell@heartland-health.com) 816-387-7354 Diane Waddell

Earthkeepers is a regional division of "Presbyterians for Restoring Creation", a partner organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Earthkeepers represents congregations in Heartland Presbytery, which is largely the wider Kansas City metro area and Northwest Missouri. It is a group of persons vitally interested in holding Earth as sacred by working toward sustainability through eco-justice and environmental justice. We meet monthly, on the fourth Monday of every month at 7:15 p.m. at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village KS. We work to educate ourselves and provide resources in order to work toward empowering individuals,

congregations, and communities to appreciate the gifts of Creation and care for them sustainably.

**Environmental Action Committee, Village Presbyterian Church**

P O Box 8050 Prairie Village KS 66208 Rev. Dwight Tawney 913-671-2328  
[www.villagepres.org](http://www.villagepres.org) [deywight.tawn@villagepres.org](mailto:deywight.tawn@villagepres.org)

We envision the well-being of humankind on a thriving Earth where all creation flourishes, interconnected in a sustainable web of life. Our mission is to be a bold witness by advocating environmental justice for all creation. Our purpose is to continue Village Church's commitment to sustainability by reducing its environmental impact and by practicing, modeling, and teaching faithful and responsible stewardship of God's Creation. Our call is to promote earth-keeping within and beyond the walls of our church. Our hope is to raise people's awareness and to stir their conscience so that they might incorporate creation care into their daily living.

**Food Not Lawns, KC** [www.foodnotlawnskc.org](http://www.foodnotlawnskc.org) Contact: Steve Mann  
816-352-9213 [steve@prairietrading.com](mailto:steve@prairietrading.com)

Offering Communitiversity classes, workshops and information as well a social events.

**Friends of Lakeside Nature Center** 4701 E. Gregory Blvd. Kansas City, MO  
64132 [www.lakesidenaturecenter.org](http://www.lakesidenaturecenter.org) Susan Brey

We are committed to providing volunteer assistance to the Lakeside Nature Center. Volunteers participate in fundraising, assist injured native wildlife and educate the public. Educational efforts range from children's programs on wildlife to talking one-to-one with individuals who have encountered injured animals and need information. The group has a quarterly newsletter and meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

**Future is Now** 123 W. Armour Kansas City, MO 64111  
[rae@creativeprocess.net](mailto:rae@creativeprocess.net) ; <http://www.creativeprocess.net/peace> 816-756-0099;  
fax same Rae Petersen

The aim of FIN is to focus the attention of, and provide the venue for, the people of Kansas City to participate in the annual simultaneous global Peace Celebration on December 31 at 12 noon Greenwich Mean Time (6 a.m. CST). FIN organized the World Peace Celebration between 1986 and 2000, currently the Rime Buddhist Center organizes and hosts the early morning celebration. Two groups which grew out of FIN are the Heart Forest and the Center for Global Community (see listings). Each is a 501(c)(3) group with no paid members and no paid employees.

**Gateway Legal Services** 929 Walnut, Suite 4108 Kansas City MO 64106  
[www.gatewaylegal.org](http://www.gatewaylegal.org) 816-278-1414;  
888-782-8380; fax: 816-278-1415 Michael Ferry, Executive Director  
[mferry@gatewaylegal.org](mailto:mferry@gatewaylegal.org)

Gateway Legal Services, Inc., is a not-for-profit, non-government-funded, self-supporting legal aid program. In Kansas City, we focus on helping lower-income people with problems getting or keeping Social Security disability or SSI (Supplemental Security Income) benefits. We typically get involved in a case after a client has been

turned down on a claim for benefits. Since we are not government-funded and have to support ourselves, we charge reduced contingent fees in cases where the client, if successful, will receive a back benefits award. By “reduced,” we mean that we charge less than the maximum percentage allowed by law. By “contingent,” we mean that there is no attorney’s fee unless the client receives an award of back benefits. We handle termination cases and overpayment cases without charge.

**Global and Multicultural Educational Center (GAME)**

3009 Holmes Kansas City, MO 64109 info@kcglobalconcepts.org;  
www.kcglobalconcepts.org phone/fax 816-753-2372;  
Sara Pedram, Director; Carmen Truax, President; Michael Toledo, V.P.; Manny Pedram, Founder/Director Emeritus.

GAME is a non-profit tax-exempt membership organization established in 1982, Celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June 2012. Our mission is to promote education and intercultural awareness through workshops, resource library and various educational events. GAME programs include: Annual Peace Builder Awards Luncheon; Biennial Conferences on Children’s and Women’s Rights; Boy Scouts workshops on Citizenship in the World (Merit Badge); Summer Institute on Climate Change at UMKC with credit for teachers (based on participant registration); Instructional Kits on Middle East, China and Ghana (for nominal rental fee); Quarterly newsletter, *Global Concepts*. The group has 60-75 members.

**Greater Kansas City Fair Trade Coalition**

7001 Lake Shore Dr. Raytown MO 64133 wackywitty@aol.com 816-313-1213  
Clem Witman Purposes: To promote the development of trade agreements which benefit all of the people affected by that trade, provide for a sustainable economy, and encourage the development of democracy in the organizations, communities and nations affected. We oppose trade agreements which (1) take power from the people and the governments they have democratically elected, (2) encourage wasteful use of resources, and (3) increase the concentration of power and wealth. Meetings are called according to need; announcements go to 200 persons. All volunteers.

**Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council** P.O. Box 9117, Mission, KS 66201  
karahawk@kc.rr.com; www.kcinterfaith.org 816-509-7984 913-268-  
7223irc@irckc.org

Rev. Dr. Kara Hawkins, GKIC Speakers Bureau Coordinator

The Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council strives to develop deeper understanding of the religions and spiritual traditions in our community and to foster respectful and meaningful interfaith interaction. Through our prayer and dialogue we are helping our community become more aware of the spiritual values that can inspire us in resolving issues in the environmental, social, and personal realms of our lives and world. We offer a variety of programs including books clubs, panel discussions, and prayer services. Our annual lunch celebrates the growth of the interfaith movement in Kansas City. Representatives from 15 different religions serve on the Council and everyone is welcome to join us for our monthly meetings.

**Greater Kansas City Jobs with Justice** 4526 Paseo Kansas City MO 64110  
lara@stl-jwj.org www.kcjwj.org 816-753-0689; fax: 816-753 6669  
Lara Granich, Director

Jobs with Justice is a coalition of community, labor, student and religious groups fighting together for economic justice. Each year members and organizations take the Jobs with Justice Pledge to Be There at least five times for someone else's fight. That means joining picket lines, attending contract rallies and participating in other actions or demonstrations for economic and social justice. Pledgers are mobilized through mailings and a phone tree. JWJ also works to build skills by conducting local training sessions on organizing and building labor and community power. We participate in the Jobs with Justice Annual Meeting, including workshops on issues of strike support, global solidarity, fighting racism, art in activism, building student movements and others. Such shared opportunities are key to building solidarity as well as fighting for economic justice.

**Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus**

P O Box 10095 Kansas City MO 64171 www.gkcwpc.org 816-531-9595;  
info@gkcwpc.org Rose M. Bell

This organization works to involve more women in elective or appointive office and raise issues that are of importance to women such as gender- barriers in the workplace, health care and reproductive rights. Meets 4th Thursday each month. Weekly E-newsletter. About 100 members.

**Green Sanctuary Committee of All Souls**

4501 Walnut Kansas City MO 64111 www.allsoulskc.org 816-531-2131

Chairperson The mission of the Green Sanctuary Committee is to educate and encourage action demonstrating Unitarian Universalist's seventh principle, "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part."

**Green Team Unity Church of Overland Park**

10300 Antioch Road Overland Park KS 66212 [www.ucop.org](http://www.ucop.org) 913-829-3854  
Mike McCord

Meets fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Our mission is, "To promote stewardship of the environment and an awareness of our oneness with the earth." Its major areas of interest include: (1) Communications, (2) Education, (3) Sustainable Living (recycling, energy conservation, waste minimization, and (4) Natural Resources. The Green Team is planning a number of exciting new activities for our church.

**Green Works in Kansas City** 4334 McGee Street Kansas City MO 64111

Contact Kate Corwin kate@greenworkskc.org; www.greenworkskc.org  
816-756-3674 816 304 8400

Green Works in Kansas City is the dedicated leader in engaging urban youth in sustainable environmental stewardship and the green economy. Through science-based experiential learning and paid internship opportunities, young adults learn to care for the environment, experience meaningful career ladders, gain skills that assist them in becoming productive employees, and provide direct community benefits for all of us by

improving the urban environment. Green Works programming is currently held at the Brush Creek Community Center.

**Greens of Kansas City** P O Box 33106 Kansas City, MO 64114  
msmith2210@aol.com 816-942-3081 Dee Berry

This group seeks to provide an organizational vehicle through which the often fragmented and isolated efforts of the many existing grassroots citizen movements for peace, justice, and ecology can come together. Then, through a democratic process the groups can find a common program and coordinate action to transform their commitment into one that is truly nonviolent, self-governing and ecological. The local group is supportive of certain candidates for election, and has an occasional newsletter with a mailing list of 65-80.

**Guadalupe Center** 1015 Avenida Kansas City, MO 64108  
Cesar E Chavez [www.guadalupecenters.org](http://www.guadalupecenters.org); [cmedina@guadalupecenters.org](mailto:cmedina@guadalupecenters.org)  
816-421-1015 Cris Medina

Guadalupe Center, Inc., a United Way Agency, is dedicated to improving the quality of life of Hispanics throughout metropolitan Kansas City and all residents of the west side community, through the development, administration and coordination of comprehensive, educational, social, cultural and recreational service.

**Habitat for Humanity Kansas City** 1423 E Linwood Blvd Kansas City MO 64109  
[www.habitatkc.org](http://www.habitatkc.org); [mcaruso@habitatkc.org](mailto:mcaruso@habitatkc.org) 816-924-1096; fax 816-924-1096  
Mandy Caruso, Outreach Coordinator

Habitat for Humanity Kansas City is an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International serving the urban core of Kansas City MO since 1979. Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and people everywhere, from all walks of life, to develop communities with people in need by building and renovating houses, so that there are decent houses in decent communities in which every person can experience God's love and can live and grow into all that God intends. See ReStore listing.

**Harvesters Community Food Network** 3801 Topping Ave Kansas City, MO  
64129 [www.harvesters.org](http://www.harvesters.org) 816-929-3000 [inforequest@harvesters.org](mailto:inforequest@harvesters.org) Ellen  
Feldhausen [efeldhausen@kc.rr.com](mailto:efeldhausen@kc.rr.com)

Harvesters – The Community Food Network feeds hungry people today and works to end hunger tomorrow. Harvesters is the area's only food bank and is Feeding America's 2011 Food Bank of the year. Harvesters provides food and related household products to more than 620 not-for-profit agencies including emergency food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, children's homes and others. Agencies in Harvesters' network provide food assistance to as many as 66,000 different people each week. Harvesters, which was founded in 1979, is a certified member of Feeding America, a nationwide network of more than 200 food banks, serving all 50 states.

**Heart Forest** 123 W. Armour Kansas City, MO 64111  
[rae@creativeprocess.net](mailto:rae@creativeprocess.net); www.heartforest.org 816-756-0099;  
fax same number Rae Petersen On a 22-acre site southwest of KCI Airport at 104th  
& Brightwell Rd.

The Heart Forest is a living symbol of commitment to environmental, spiritual, and community rejuvenation. The design, which consists of a center grove of eastern red cedars surrounded by concentric bands of flowering pine and shade trees, calls for over 5,000 trees. The cedars are open for adoption to commemorate a special occasion or a loved one. The first planting was in April 1990. Volunteer opportunities are available year round. See also: Future is Now & Center for Global Community.

**Heart of America Indian Center** 600 W. 39th Street Kansas City, MO 64111  
[www.HAICIndian.com](http://www.HAICIndian.com) 816-421-7608, ext 13; fax: 816-421-6493 Nancy Blue,  
Executive Director

Native American social service organization. Heart of America Indian Center, Inc. is not a membership organization, but one which accomplishes its mission through a paid staff of seven with a volunteer board of directors and a community volunteer base.

**Heart to Heart International** 401 S. Claiborne Rd. Ste 302 Olathe, KS 66062  
www.hearttoheart.org 913-764-5200; fax: 913-764-0809 Pete Brumbaugh

A grassroots network enabling citizens to mobilize resources and meet human need in our community and throughout the world. The organization is dedicated to promoting the involvement of individuals in programs and projects that alleviate human suffering and address the needs of the total person - connecting people to people, heart to heart. Heart for Home addresses homelessness in the K.C. area.

**Heartland All Species Project** 5644 Charlotte Kansas City, MO 64110  
[martyk@allspecies.org](mailto:martyk@allspecies.org); www.allspecies.org; www.organotill.org  
816-361-1230 Contact: Marty Kraft

Heartland All Species Project works to develop urban organic and no-till gardens for schools and neighborhoods. Our prime area of exploration is with Niles Home for Children where we are developing a garden and program for the children. We are also involved in the Urban Wilderness, a natural yard, and Tracy Garden, a neighborhood demonstration garden. All Species is developing organic no till gardening methods that sequester carbon. Over 80 how to videos can be seen at organotill.org.

**Heartland Habitat for Humanity** 1401 Fairfax Trafficway, Suite 323D Kansas City,  
KS 66115 www.heartlandhabitat.org 913-342-3047 Fax: 913-342-4459  
Tom Lally, Executive Director

Our mission is to build simple, decent homes and communities in Wyandotte, Johnson and Leavenworth Counties in Kansas, and Clay and Platte Counties in Missouri, in partnership with God's people in need, while following biblical principles.

**Heartland Presbytery Peacemaking Committee** 3210 Michigan Kansas  
City, MO 64109 www.heartlandpby.org; info@heartlandpby.org 816-444-3693  
Rev. Kirk Peruca

The Mission Outreach & Social Justice Division is a voluntary organization of Presbyterians addressing peace concerns. The group meets each month for study, discussion and planning. They offer some films, speakers, and literature.

**Holy Family Catholic Worker House** 908-912 E. 31st. St. Kansas City, MO 64109 holyfamilyCW@hotmail.com 816-753-2677 Bro. Louis Rodemann

One house serves as a shelter for homeless families and the other house serves as a meal site in which an evening meal is served from 6 to 7:30 pm daily except Friday. Following the nonviolent peacemaking philosophy of Dorothy Day and other peacemakers, the group aims to confront structures which cause and maintain poverty as well as injustices inflicted on the poor. An unpaid staff of five accomplishes the mission with a multitude of volunteers and donors.

**Homeless Coalition of Greater Kansas City** 3200 Wayne, Suite 209 Kansas City MO 64109 www.hscgkc.org/index.html; vriddle@hscgkc.org 816-924-7997; hotline 816-474-4599 Vickie L. Riddle ACSW Exec. Director

Service providers, consumers, community leaders, government agencies and others in the Greater Kansas City metro area have come together, under the central umbrella of the Homeless Services Coalition, to help eradicate homelessness in our community. HSC was formed to address the concerns and interests of the homeless community, service providers, their consumers and supporters. The Homeless Services Coalition of Greater Kansas City (HSC) is committed to community networking and coalition building.

**Homesharing** 3100 Broadway, Suite 1100 Kansas City MO 64111  
[homesharing@kclinc.org](mailto:homesharing@kclinc.org); www.kclinc.org/homesharing 816-430-8346  
Bill Thebo

The Homesharing Program matches: people in need of low-cost housing and people who can provide a private bedroom in their home in exchange for rent and/or assistance. The program is open to people over the age of 18. Eligibility is not restricted on the basis of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or income. HomeSharing is designed to be affordable to encourage participation.

**Human Rights Campaign** 4101 Kenwood Kansas City MO 64110  
c\_marie\_main@yahoo.com; www.hrc.org/kansas city 816-645-7747  
Christene Main, Volunteer Coord/Membership co-chair

The Human Rights Campaign is America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality. By inspiring and engaging, HRC strives to end discrimination against GLBT citizens and realize a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all. HRC seeks to improve the lives of GLBT Americans by advocating for equal rights and benefits in the workplace, ensuring families are treated equally under the law and increasing public support among all Americans through innovative advocacy, education and outreach programs. HRC works to secure equal rights at the federal and state levels by lobbying elected officials, mobilizing grassroots supporters, educating Americans, investing strategically to elect fair-minded officials and partnering with other GLBT organizations.

**Immigrant Justice Advocacy Movement** 3801 Strong Ave., Kansas City KS 66106  
hospitalityandjustice@ yahoo.com; laurieanderson@earthlink.net 816-560-4616  
Laurie Anderson, Board President A multi-denominational faith-based  
community organization seed justice for immigrants. It is the only interfaith community  
organization solely focused on immigrant issues in the KC metro area. Our mission is one  
of mercy and justice for the immigrant community. As people representing a spectrum of  
faiths, we are united in our affirmation of the innate value of all human beings and the  
right to be treated fairly and mercifully, regardless of their immigration status. We see to  
create systemic change in our broken immigration system by utilizing community  
organizing principles and developing relationships that are rooted in our faith values.

**Intercultural Center, KCKS Community College**

7250 State Avenue Kansas City KS 66112 [www.kckcc.cc.ks.us.edu](http://www.kckcc.cc.ks.us.edu) 913-  
288-7504 Barbara Clark-Evans, Director The Intercultural Center components  
are: Inclusiveness - incorporating broad representation of diversity to include race, class,  
ethnicity, gender, disability, age sexual orientation, religion, and national origin; Shared  
Responsibility - espousing the belief that every unit, organization, and member of the  
campus community has responsibility to make the campus welcoming;  
Institutionalization - ensuring those diversity efforts are permanently incorporated into  
the institutional fabric of KCKCC; Accountability - identifying a process for determining  
and monitoring the responsibility for meeting campus needs; Evaluation - soliciting on-  
going feedback about program impact and campus climate.

**Interfaith Hospitality Network of Johnson County** 11503 S Strang Line Rd,  
Suite COlathe KS 66062 [www.jocoihn.org](http://www.jocoihn.org); [jocoihn-cheryl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jocoihn-cheryl@sbcglobal.net)  
913-345-2121 Cheryl Smith We provide our families compassionate assistance by  
offering housing, food and social services through our network of interfaith  
congregations. That assistance includes getting them back on their feet - helping them  
find stable employment and permanent housing - helping them regain their sense of  
dignity.

**Interfaith Worker Justice of Greater Kansas City** 2329 Flora Ave., Kansas City MO  
64108 spencerfrancis@aol.com; ronfaust2@netzero.com 816-231-3555;  
fax 816-231-4357 Rev. Spencer Barrett, Chair

The mission of Interfaith Worker Justice is to call upon our religious values in order to  
educate, organize, and mobilize the religious community and the broader public on issues  
and campaigns that will improve workers' economic status, especially low-wage workers.  
We do this work by creating a diverse base of faith, labor, and community power and  
influence to advocate for progressive public policies that improve workers' wages,  
working conditions, and benefits. Our current campaigns include several immigration  
initiatives, developing worker's centers, union organizing in partnership with local labor  
unions, and advocating for universal health care and raising the minimum wage.

**International Relations Council** 2226 Commerce Tower, 911 Main St.,  
Kansas City, MO 64105 [www.irckc.org](http://www.irckc.org) 816-221-4204; fax: 531-6210

Linda S. Trout, Executive Director

IRC pursues the goal of better understanding of peoples and cultures of nations. They offer an office staff of three with a large film library, frequent lectures and conferences, literature and many speakers. The IRC, founded in 1954, seeks to broaden and deepen the understanding of international affairs among citizens in the metropolitan KC area and to emphasize the role of the responsible adult in the formulation, development and conduct of the U.S. foreign policy. The Council is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan educational organization supported by contributions and membership (1100).

**Iraq Veterans Against the War - Kansas City** 193 Pinecone Dr Lawrence KS 66046 [endtheiraqwar@gmail.com](mailto:endtheiraqwar@gmail.com); [vaw.org](http://vaw.org); [william.stewart.starks@gmail.com](mailto:william.stewart.starks@gmail.com)  
562-587-2773 William Stewart-Starks

Iraq Veterans Against the War calls for immediate withdrawal of all occupying forces in Iraq; reparations for the destruction and corporate pillaging of Iraq so that Iraqi people can control their own lives and future; and full benefits, adequate healthcare (including mental health), and other supports for returning servicemen and women. The Kansas City Chapter invites Iraq veterans to join with them.

**J Street** 7700 Canterbury St Prairie Village KS 66208 913-341-7770  
J Street, formerly Brit Tzedek v'Shalom

(Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace)'s raison d'etre is that Israel can only have peace if it negotiates with its Arab neighbors which in turn requires active involvement of U.S. diplomats and politicians, the result of which would include a newly created independent viable Palestinian state next-door to Israel (a sine-qua-non for Israel to ever have peace). Brit Tzedek has 40 U.S. chapters with more than 39,000 members and supporters. Brit Tzedek's local chapter, KC Brit Tzedek (KCBT), sponsors, frequently with other organizations, about a half dozen programs annually in the metropolitan area consistent with its mission.

**Jewish Community Relations Bureau** 5801 W 115th St, Suite 201 Overland Park KS 66211 [www.jewishkansascity.org](http://www.jewishkansascity.org) 913-327-8100;  
fax same Judy Hellman The Jewish Community Relations Bureau/American Jewish Committee's mission is to fight anti-semitism and bigotry; to represent the Jewish community in building bridges with government officials, other faith and ethnic groups, business and civic leaders, the media, law enforcement agencies, educators, and the minority communities to develop communication and understanding; to be the primary advocate on behalf of Israel in efforts to secure peace and understanding.

**Julia's Voice** 7725 W 87th St Overland Park KS 66212 [dre@smuuchurch.org](mailto:dre@smuuchurch.org)  
913-381-3336 Sara Sautter

Julia's Voice is the modern voice of Julia Ward Howe. Stand for Peace is our Mothers Day Event. We call upon women to rise up across social, racial, religious and national lines, to celebrate what unites us as women and mothers. We are moms joining together, demanding a peaceful solution to the Iraqi conflict.

**Justice & Peace Committee, Village Church**

P O Box 8050 Prairie Village, KS 66208 [www.villagepres.org](http://www.villagepres.org)  
marianne.weber@villagepres.org 913-671-2333 Marianne Weber

The Justice and Peace Committee of Village Presbyterian Church focuses on educating the congregation and interested community members. Topics include Hunger, Palestine/Israel issue, Immigration, Interfaith Opportunities, Domestic Violence, the Cost of War, and the Homeless. Periodicals such as *Sojourners* and *Presbyterians Today* are made available in the church library. We also host speaker events, provide opportunities to write elected officials, co-sponsored the 2-day Sabeel Conference, and publicize church events and community-wide activities dealing with justice and peace on a large bulletin board that is updated weekly. Monthly meetings are the first Tuesday 7-9 p.m.

**Kansas City Anti-Violence Project** P O Box 411211 Kansas City MO 64141  
info@kcavp.org; [www.kcavp.org](http://www.kcavp.org) 816-561-0550 ; Beth Savitsky, Executive Director  
beth@kcavp.org

The Kansas City Anti-Violence Project (KCAVP) is a nonprofit corporation founded in 2003 that is working to end domestic violence, sexual assault and bias crimes (also known as hate crimes) in the lesbian, gay and transgender community. KCAVP offers direct services to victims and survivors as well as prevention and outreach programs, focusing on the metropolitan Kansas City area as well as eastern Kansas and western Missouri.

**Kansas City Black United Front** P O Box 16324 Kansas City MO 64133  
[www.nbufront.org](http://www.nbufront.org); gdeaniii@aol.com G. Dean

The National Black United Front (NGUF) is a coalition made up of individuals and organizations working together for the benefit of all people of African descent. The Kansas City chapter meets monthly and holds events, such as annual Kwanzaa celebration, African Liberation Day, and others.

**Kansas City CSA Coalition** 5614 Wyandotte Kansas City MO 64113  
[www.kc-csac.org](http://www.kc-csac.org); [csac.kc@gmail.com](mailto:csac.kc@gmail.com) 913-515-9436 Season Burnett, Director

KCCSAC, a project of the Kansas City Food Circle, was created to (1) promote the concept and mission of Community Supported Agriculture; (2) assist CSA farmers who serve the metro area with marketing, promotion, public relations, and organization; (3) help “eaters” in the Kansas City metro area locate CSA farms and secure productive annual memberships with them; (4) create and maintain a resource center for both established CSA farmers and those considering starting new CSA operations. KCCSAC hopes to get funding via grants and fundraisers in order to outreach through educational and entertaining events which will strengthen the local CSA community and enhance the overall quality of life of Kansas City’s farmers and eaters.

**Kansas City Food Circle** P O Box 45195 Kansas City, MO 64171  
[KCFoodCircle@gmail.com](mailto:KCFoodCircle@gmail.com); [WebMinion@KCFoodCircle.org](mailto:WebMinion@KCFoodCircle.org) 913-620-8427  
Dave Lawrence

The Kansas City Food Circle is an all-volunteer, grassroots organization whose origins stretch back to the 1980s in a project of the Kansas City Greens called the Organic Connection. We work to build a community food system in which farmers, eaters, chefs,

and grocers know and trust each other and to promote the benefits of organic and free range foods produced locally by small farmers.

**KC Foster Grandparents Program** 3101 Troost, Kansas City, MO 64109

Contact: Renea Nash, [nash@rs3101.org](mailto:nash@rs3101.org)

Foster Grandparents act as a role model, mentor and friend by helping children learn to read and provide one-on-one tutoring in schools.

**Kansas City Harmony** P.O. Box 412616, KC, MO 64141 816-333-5059

[www.lkcharmony.org](http://www.lkcharmony.org) (contact through website)

Increasing diversity America creates challenges and opportunities. Harmony is a resource for dealing effectively with both. Harmony is a human relations organization with a long history of expertise in developing cultural competence and leveraging diversity.

**Kansas City Organics & Natural Market**

5725 McGee Kansas City MO 64113 [peterjofr@yahoo.com](mailto:peterjofr@yahoo.com);  
[kcorganics@yahoo.com](mailto:kcorganics@yahoo.com) 816-444-FOOD Peter Stauffacher

“The Farmers Market in the Park” - fresh pick locally grown produce, herbs, baked goods, honey, free range eggs and more. Saturdays, 8:30-12:30 May 6 to October 14, Minor Park, east of Holmes on Red Bridge Road (111th Street).

**Kansas Equality Coalition**

**of Johnson County** 11944 W 95th St, Suite 200 Lenexa KS 66215

[www.KansasEqualityCoalition.org](http://www.KansasEqualityCoalition.org) 913-648-4459 Chair

Our mission is to end discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity/expression and to ensure the dignity, safety and legal equality of all Kansans. Please check our website for information about events and meetings.

**KUMC-Physicians for Human Rights** 3901 Rainbow Blvd., Kansas City KS 66160

[www.physiciansforhumanrights.org](http://www.physiciansforhumanrights.org); [jimber@kumc.edu](mailto:jimber@kumc.edu) 785-218-7280 Jake Imber;  
Glen Cox, advisor

The purpose of Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) is to mobilize health professionals to advance health, dignity and justice and to promote the right of health for all. The purpose of this student chapter is to support PHR and to advance the understanding and commitment to health and human rights activism locally, nationally and globally.

**Lawrence Coalition for Peace & Justice** P O Box 474 Lawrence KS 66044

[lcpjinfo@lcpj.org](mailto:lcpjinfo@lcpj.org) Christine Smith, Coordinator

The Lawrence Coalition for Peace & Justice is dedicated to the propositions that violence begets more violence, that the forms of violence are social and economic as well as physical, and that the human spirit can reach its highest potential only in an atmosphere of peace, mutual respect, and generosity. This group of diverse individuals is actively committed to the promotion of peace and justice in our community and the world. The *Peace Monitor* is the bimonthly newsletter of the Coalition. The purpose is to educate the public concerning issues of peace and justice, including reduction of nuclear

weapons, military budget concerns in relation to human needs, and a healthy and sustainable environment.

**League of Women Voters, JO CO** P O Box 13491 Overland Park KS 66282  
[hjanderson@kc.rr.com](mailto:hjanderson@kc.rr.com), [hfduff@gmail.com](mailto:hfduff@gmail.com) www.lwvjoco.org 913-901-9107

The Johnson County branch of the League of Women Voters is an activist organization that promotes voter information by providing non-partisan, in-depth background and reports on many issues. The LWV advocates positions in accord with grassroots member consensus. They offer literature, films and speakers on various issues and publish a monthly bulletin. Monthly meetings are held, as well as periodic general meetings.

**League of Women Voters, Kansas City (LWV KC/J/C/P)** P O Box 10416  
Kansas City MO 64174 [www.lwvkc.org](http://www.lwvkc.org); [info@lwvkc.org](mailto:info@lwvkc.org) 816-464-1800  
816/213-4687

LWV is the organization where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement. League of Women Votes was founded in the 1920s after the passage of the Women's Suffrage (19th) Amendment to the Constitution. Its purpose was to help women make good use of their new right to vote and to educate the public about policy issues. The League at national, state and local levels is non-partisan. The mission of today's LWV KC/J/C/P encourages informed and active participation in all levels of government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. LWV KC/J/C/P has 74 members and provides a number of voter education programs for the public, including candidate and voting information, forums and debates where candidates can speak to the public, and issue forums presented in a balanced, non-partisan atmosphere. The League's policy positions on issues are determined through a grassroots process of

**Legal Aid of Western Missouri** 1125 Grand Blvd, #1900 Kansas City MO 64106  
[www.lawmo.org](http://www.lawmo.org) 816-474-6750 Gregg Lombardi, Executive Director  
Legal Aid of Western Missouri is a private, not-for-profit law firm with 50 attorneys on staff, serving clients through Western Missouri. Our mission is to improve the lives of those in need through quality legal assistance. Legal Aid gives priority to cases in which the clients' safety, housing or ability to support them selves is at risk. Typical, high priority cases include: obtaining protective orders for victims of domestic violence, obtaining Medicaid benefits and SSI for individuals with disabilities, and challenging unlawful evictions and foreclosures. An office is also located at 920 Southwest Blvd, Kansas City MO 64108.

**Light Center** 1542 Woodson Rd., Baldwin city, KS 66006 785-255-4583  
[Info@lightcenter.info](mailto:Info@lightcenter.info) Contact Robin Goff

Retreat and workshop center and natural sanctuary. Alternative Unity Ministry under the 501©3 umbrella of the Worldwide Unity Ministries. Growing into a sustainability learning center, growing organic produce, chickens, ducks and soon to add goats. Offers a wide variety of holistic programs like Juice Fasting Retreats, Yoga Retreats and Healing Touch trainings. Also provide meditation, massage, energy healing and community gatherings.

**Loretto Network for Nonviolence** 336 W 36th St, Apt 504 Kansas City, MO 64111  
patkenoyer@gmail.com 816-531-4620 Pat Kenoyer

The Kansas City Loretto Community networks with other groups on issues of peace, nonviolence, cultural diversity, ecology and justice, particularly (but not exclusively) those focused on youth and women. Group has 25 members - Sisters and Co-members.

**MAINstream Coalition** 5350 W 94th Terr, Suite 103 Prairie Village KS 66207  
admin@mainstreamcoalition.com; www.mainstreamcoalition.com 913-649-3326  
Boo Tyson, Executive Director

The MAINstream Coalition (Moderate Alliance of Informed Neighbors Coalition) is a non-partisan group of religious, business, political and community leaders and members who are uniting to counteract the threat to constitutional freedoms by sectarian and political extremists.

**Maison de Naissance** 6247 Brookside Blvd, Suite 224 Kansas City MO 64113  
info@maisondenaissance.org 816-812-7100 Tina Seeley, Development Director

The mission of Maison de Naissance is to serve a destitute group of women and children in Haiti with competent and compassionate health care. The services of a modern maternity center and community health program are offered from the hospitality of a safe, culturally appropriate, welcoming and friendly home - a home for birth - Maison de Naissance. Breaking the barriers which poverty erects to health will require multiple strategies. We are focusing on three goals: accessibility, quality and resources.

**Meet Me in the Middle Peace Coalition** 5601 Highland Ave., Kansas City MO 64110  
Ron Hunt, chair of board 816-606-2524 816-214-8873

Meet Me in the Middle Coalition members provide gang intervention, art therapy classes as well as mediation and anger management to students at risk or who are in at risk schools. Students are monitored to make sure they get to class and are safe in going and coming from school.

**Metropolitan Energy Center** 3808 Paseo Kansas City, MO 64109  
housh@kcenergy.org 816-531-7283; info line 816-835-7593 Robert Housh

This center helps people individually and collectively to manage and control their energy use. This resource consults with others to improve the wise use of energy and is a referral agency for environmental concerns. Grant-based private donations; no membership fees. Newsletter every other month; deadlines 3 weeks in advance. The center will manage a federal grant promoting alternative fuels and vehicles through the Clean Cities Coalition in Kansas City.

**Midwest Center for Holocaust Education** 5801 W 115th St,  
Suite 106 Overland Park KS 66211 jeanz@mchekc.org 913-327-8190;  
913-327-8191 Jean Zeldin, Executive Director

We honor local survivors and their experiences by communicating their stories to every generation. The Midwest Center for Holocaust Education teaches the history of the Holocaust, applying its lessons to counter indifference, intolerance, and genocide. We

serve people of all faiths and cultures in Kansas, western Missouri and elsewhere in the Midwest. Our programs reach teachers, students (primarily grades 7 through college) and civic and community groups. We partner with other organizations to achieve our goals.

**Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty** 201 Westport Road Kansas City MO 64111 [madp@madpmo.org](mailto:madp@madpmo.org); [www.madpmo.org](http://www.madpmo.org) 816-931-4177; fax: 816-931-1101

Kathleen Holmes, Administrator [Kathleen@madpmo.org](mailto:Kathleen@madpmo.org)

Missourians to Abolish the Death Penalty - Greater KC Chapter (MADP-KC) has stepped up its activities. A 501(c)(3) corporation with a web page ([www.qni.com/~billw/death/wmcadp.html](http://www.qni.com/~billw/death/wmcadp.html)), supporting families of prisoners and victims and families of those on death row, and holding vigils on the eve of scheduled executions. A bi-monthly newsletter and a film library. We are an affiliate of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the 4th Thursday of each month at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, 2310 E. Linwood, KCMO.

**MORE2** 207 West Linwood, #23, Kansas City MO 64111  
[limlampe@more2.org](mailto:limlampe@more2.org); [www.more2.org](http://www.more2.org) 816-808-6604

Mary Lim-Lampe, Exec. Director

Metro Organization for Racial & Economic Equity is a faith-based community organizing movement focused on policy change for racial and economic equity in the metropolitan Kansas City region. The group fosters relationships, invests in leaders, works on issues, builds power, acts collectively, operates out of self-interest for our collective mission, and negotiates around self-interest to honor all people as equal and able to act on their own integrity in powerful ways. 16 local churches are members.

**MoveOn.Org - Kansas City** 10338 Pflumm Rd, #1018 Lenexa KS 66215  
[ntally@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ntally@sbcglobal.net) 913-227-0089 Nancy Talley

The MoveOn family of organizations brings real Americans back into the political process. With over 3.3 million members across America, we work together to realize the progressive promise of our country. MoveOn is a service – a way for busy but concerned citizens to find their political voice in a system dominated by big money and big media. The MoveOn family of organizations is made up of a couple of different pieces. MoveOn.org Civic Action, a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization, formerly known just as MoveOn.org, primarily focuses on education and advocacy on important national issues. MoveOn.org Political Action, a federal PAC, formerly known as MoveOn PAC, mobilizes people across the country to fight important battles in Congress and help elect candidates who reflect our values. Both organizations are entirely funded by individuals.

**Muslim American Society of Kansas** 10107 W 105th St Overland Park KS 66212 [MASKC@masKansasCity.org](mailto:MASKC@masKansasCity.org) 913-888-5555

The Muslim American Society (MAS) is a charitable, religious, social, cultural, and educational, not-for-profit organization. It is a pioneering Islamic organization, an Islamic revival, and reform movement that uplifts the individual, family, and society. Objectives are to present the message of Islam to Muslims and non-Muslims, and

promote understanding between them, to encourage the participation of Muslims in building a virtuous and moral society, to offer a viable Islamic alternative to many of our society's prevailing problems, to promote family values in accordance with Islamic teaching, to promote the human values that Islam emphasizes: brotherhood, equality, justice, mercy, compassion, and peace, and to foster unity among Muslims and Muslim organizations and encourage cooperation and coordination amongst them.

**Muslim American Society of Missouri** 9520 James A Reed Rd, #F Kansas City MO 64134 [MASKC@masKansasCity.org](mailto:MASKC@masKansasCity.org) [www.maskkansascity.org](http://www.maskkansascity.org) 816-763-1666

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**NAACP** Lincoln Bldg, 1601 E. 18th St., #212 Kansas City, MO 64108  
[www.NAACPKC.org](http://www.NAACPKC.org) 816-421-1191 Anita L. Russell

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) KC Branch is concerned with voter registration and many other activities. The membership meeting is on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Brush Creek Community Center at Cleveland and Emanuel II Blvd. A \$30 membership fee (\$15 for youth) entitles one to the NAACP's *Crisis* magazine. Speakers are available to talk to local groups. Membership is open to all persons. Occasional newsletter.

**National Lawyers Guild** 1627 Main, Suite 900 Kansas City, MO 64108  
[fslough@swbell.net](mailto:fslough@swbell.net) 816-531-2224; fax 816-531-214 Fred Slough

The National Lawyers Guild provides legal support on economic, social, and political justice issues. The local group serves as a resource for the area's social justice efforts. Has about 30 members.

**Nonviolent Peaceforce** 5737 Charlotte, Kansas City MO 64110 [dmmclain@kc.rr.com](mailto:dmmclain@kc.rr.com)  
816-444-2152 Don McClain

The Peaceforce is a "peace army" composed of trained civilians from around the world, in partnership with local groups. Peaceforce members apply research-based nonviolent strategies to protect human rights, deter violence, and help create space for local peacemakers to carry out their work. Their office is in Minneapolis, but there is a local chapter in Kansas City to provide support and information.

**Office of Human Rights -**

**Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph** 300 E 36th St Kansas City MO 64111  
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Whitney Zoubek, admin aide

The Human Rights Office seeks to educate, advocate and evangelize according to the social teachings of the Church, as articulated by the Holy Father and through the specific instructions of Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph. In addition to serving as a resource to our parishes, the Human Rights Office works collaboratively with other Catholic agencies and other organizations on anti-poverty efforts both domestic and overseas. Our mission is accomplished through the faithful works of staff members, along with dedicated volunteers who serve on the commission and committees.

**Outreach International** P O Box 210 Independence MO 64051  
www.outreach-international.org 816-833-0883; fax 816-833-0103;  
1-888-833-1235 Matthew Naylor, President

Outreach International is a human development organization headquartered in Independence, MO. For 25 years, our mission has been to help the poor help themselves. Our purpose is to help people overcome the effects of poverty and to develop the capacity to create a new future for themselves and their communities. Outreach International presently works in 14 countries around the world, using facilitators selected from their area to empower those affected by poverty.

**Ozark Wilderness Waterways Club** P O Box 16032 Kansas City MO 64112  
http://owwkc.org; [owwkc@gmail.com](mailto:owwkc@gmail.com) Greg Hall, president; Bill Alexander,  
Publications Chairman

The Ozark Wilderness Waterways Club was organized in Kansas City in 1956. The "canoe club" combines interest in paddle sport with a conservation ethic, having been "organized for the preservation of Ozark streams." Conservation efforts include actively monitoring water quality of Kansas City's Blue River as Missouri Stream Team #41 and the organized clean-up of an Ozark stream, an annual event since 1960." We have recently been trying to convince the National Park Service (NPS) to manage the Ozark National Scenic Riverways (Current River) in a more primitive, "wilderness" form through a letter writing campaign to government officials emphasizing reduced access, reduced ATV and equestrian use, and less motorboat activity. Our website's Conservation Links section includes an Issues section. We are expecting similar or greater involvement in the Buffalo National River management plan that the NPS is beginning to formulate.

**Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbian and Gays of KC** PO Box 414101  
Kansas City, MO Carolyn Finken-Dove, Co-President 913-829-2847  
816 510 4921 [www.PFLAGKC.org](http://www.PFLAGKC.org) [pflagkcpres@yahoo.com](mailto:pflagkcpres@yahoo.com)

PFLAG-KC Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gas has a mission of support, education, and advocacy. PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity. PFLAG-KC meetings are the second Sunday of every month. Details are listed on our website.

**Pastors for Peace** 5737 Charlotte Kansas City, MO 64110 P4P@igc.org  
816-444-2152 [dmclain@kc.rr.com](mailto:dmclain@kc.rr.com) Don McClain

This project recruits pastors and active laypeople to collect and deliver humanitarian aid for Nicaragua, El Salvador, Cuba and Chiapas, Mexico. It conducts quarterly caravans to Central America, and accomplishes its mission without a local board. Pastors for Peace - K.C. is a 5-person contact group for the national organization, IFCO, with offices in New York and Chicago.

**Peace & Justice Comm, Rainbow Mennonite** 1444 Southwest Blvd Kansas City  
KS 66103 [office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org); [philrhoads@gmail.com](mailto:philrhoads@gmail.com) 913-236-8820

Phillips Rhoads, chair In conjunction with the mission statement of Rainbow Mennonite Church (“to worship, learn and serve”) and Mennonite Church USA, the Peace and Social Justice Committee plans to educate our congregation about local, national, and international peace and justice issues, with an emphasis on those issues affecting the congregation and Rosedale. We also strive to build relationships with similar peace and justice groups and promote awareness of wider community events. Finally, we will provide opportunities for responding to issues through such means as letter-writing, peace rallies, financial support, and other community involvement.

**Peace Matters** 200 NE Missouri Rd., Lee’s Summit, MO 64086

Contact Rev. Lori Woodley [lori@peacematters.com](mailto:lori@peacematters.com) 816 251 4565

Peace Matters is an alternative ministry created to promote, teach and realize peace for the greater good of humanity and all life. The premise of Peace Matters is that all wisdom and truth teachings lead to sustainable peace. PM mission is to support individuals, families, organizations, and communities to connect deeply to themselves and others in a way that allows them to co-exist, and even thrive and co-create in ways that can appear miraculous.

### **Peace With Justice Team**

Leawood United Methodist Church 2915 W. 95th St. Leawood, KS 66206  
[www.leawoodumc.org](http://www.leawoodumc.org) 913-345-1654; 913-648-2131 Phyllis Smith

The Peace With Justice Team of Leawood United Methodist Church meets on alternative months for discussion and action on issues of peace and justice.

**PeaceWorks Kansas City** 4509 Walnut Kansas City, MO 64111

[www.peaceworkskc.org](http://www.peaceworkskc.org); [peaceworksKC@gmail.com](mailto:peaceworksKC@gmail.com)

816-561-1181 Henry Stoeber, Chair

PeaceWorks, KC seeks a world of peace and security for all, both today and for future generations. PeaceWorks’ local peace promoting projects include peace education scholarships at Avila & Park Universities, funding conflict mediation for the Urban Rangers Corp & the KC Plant Accountability Project (to eliminate production of nuclear weapons in KC and clean up the Bannister Federal Complex site and demand that the Government make restitution to victims of contamination). The work is funded through memberships & the UNPlaza Art Fair the third weekend in September. PeaceWorks KC is a not-for-profit 501(c)(4) all volunteer group with a 10 member board of directors. The Missouri Peace Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, is the education arm. PeaceWorks

has approximately 200 members and 900 on the mailing list and is affiliated with national Peace Action.

**Peers Organized to Support Student Excellence (POSSE)** P O Box 270439  
Kansas City MO 64130 [www.myspace.com/obillconsulting](http://www.myspace.com/obillconsulting) 816-923-3394  
Ossco Bolton, founder & co-chair

POSSE is sponsored by the Community Capacity Development Office and tries to answer the question, "Why Do Kids Join Gangs?" POSSE begins by declaring to the youth that there is an emergency in their community and that they have to form a posse to become the agents of the changes that are needed. Training sessions on conflict resolution, communication, team building, decision making, life skills and peer mentoring are the necessary components that make the program work. The program also underscores the importance of changing adult attitudes towards youth as well. When a teacher or adult in a youth's life begins to see the youth in a different, positive light, their attitude toward the young person and their expectations of him or her can change as well. The program is open for students in Kansas City schools.

**People to People International** 911 Main St,  
Suite 2110 Kansas City MO 64105 [ptpi@ptpi.org](mailto:ptpi@ptpi.org) 816-531-4701;  
fax:1-816-561-7502 Mary Eisenhower, Pres/CEO

The purpose of People to People International is to enhance international understanding and friendship through educational, cultural and humanitarian activities involving the exchange of ideas and experiences directly among peoples of different countries and diverse cultures. It will cooperate with any and all other organizations which are of similar nature and purpose.

**Physicians for Social Responsibility** 151 Lakeshore South Lake Quivira, KS  
66217 [ashbygibson@kc.rr.com](mailto:ashbygibson@kc.rr.com); [rhgibson@kc.rr.com](mailto:rhgibson@kc.rr.com) [PSRnatl@igc.org](mailto:PSRnatl@igc.org) 816-631-4414;  
fax 816-472-0813 Richard Gibson

Physicians for Social Responsibility is an all-volunteer organization of health professionals which offers the public and health community education on the medical consequences of nuclear weapons production, testing and war. PSR focuses on environmental issues. Associated with the International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War, which won the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize. Local group has about 80 members.

**PROMO-Kansas City** P O Box 10002 Kansas City MO 64111  
[promo@PROMOonline.org](mailto:promo@PROMOonline.org) 816-931-2300 Sarah Gilooly, Regional Field Organizer

PROMO lobbies for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights in the Missouri state capitol. PROMO believes that our society is dedicated to individual liberty, pluralism, and the experience of diversity. It supports the right of individuals to construct their personal lives free from unreasonable governmental restrictions and intrusions. PROMO works to ensure personal rights in the following areas: Sexuality, Reproduction and Parenting, AIDS and HIV, Removing Obstacles to Shared Living, Collection of Information, Drug Testing, Equal Rights, and Genetic Privacy. PROMO PAC works to

elect candidates who support these issues. Headquarters is located in St. Louis with a branch chapter in Kansas City MO.

**Reclaim Democracy** P O Box 6824 Leawood KS 66206 KC@ReclaimDemocracy.org  
816-885-9996 Mary Lindsay

Reclaim Democracy is dedicated to restoring democratic authority over corporations, reviving grassroots democracy, and revoking the power of money and corporations to control government and civic society.

**Reconciliation Services** 3101 Troost Avenue Kansas City MO 64109  
frpaisius@gmail.com; <http://www.troostvillage.org> 816 931 4751 Fr David Altschul

Reconciliation Services was formed by an interdenominational interracial group of people. It began as an outreach to help the physical needs of the neighborhood and gradually emerged into an Eastern Orthodox Christian community, known as St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Church. The mission of Reconciliation Services is to promote personal and community healing throughout Kansas City by treating each person as the image of God. Some of the ministry of the group include the Desert Wisdom Bookstore and the Troost Festival.

**ReEnergizeKC** P O Box 45195 Kansas City MO 64171  
[www.ReEnergizeKC.org](http://www.ReEnergizeKC.org); [willowjohn@gmail.com](mailto:willowjohn@gmail.com) John Fish  
Kurmann, Coordinator

ReEnergizeKC is an all-volunteer, grassroots organization educating the people of KC about the challenges and opportunities presented by the inevitable peaking and decline of oil & natural gas production worldwide as well as the ongoing climate crisis. We work to build the support necessary to begin regional preparations to relocalize our way of life and switch to alternative, renewable energy sources.

**ReStore by Habitat** 4701 Deramus Kansas City MO 64120 and  
303 W. 79<sup>th</sup> St. KC MO 64114  
[www.restorekc.org](http://www.restorekc.org) 816-231-6889; fax 816-231-7885 Brian Alferman, Director  
[brian@restorekc.org](mailto:brian@restorekc.org) [www.facebook.com/restore](http://www.facebook.com/restore) [info@restorekc.org](mailto:info@restorekc.org)

The mission of Habitat ReStore is to support the construction of homes by Kansas City Habitat for Humanity through the collection and sale of new and used building materials diverted from the waste stream, keeping them out of our landfills and in circulation where they can benefit Kansas city communities. A discount home improvement center, selling donated building materials, furniture, and appliances – new and gently used. All profits from the store help fund the work of Habitat for Humanity KC, providing decent, affordable housing to low income KC families.

**Shalom Catholic Worker House** 2100 North 13th St. Kansas City, KS 66104  
[www.shalomcw.org](http://www.shalomcw.org) 913-321-2206 James Davidson

A peace center since 1972, it now provides a shelter for homeless men, and still maintains a peace and justice focus

**Sierra Club - Kanza Group** 9844 Georgia Kansas City, KS 66109

[www.kansas.sierraclub.org](http://www.kansas.sierraclub.org) info@kansas.sierraclub.org 1-888-7-sierra; fax 913-299-4474 Craig Wolfe

Kansas chapter of the Sierra Club, a non-profit environmental group which utilizes its 1400 members to protect the environment. They advocate population stabilization. Activities heavily involve members, e.g., hiking, canoeing, and nature-oriented experiences which motivate them to protect the environment. Legislative issues also are a focus. Newsletter 6 times a year.

**Sierra Club-Thomas Hart Benton Group** P O Box 32727 Kansas City, MO 64171 claus@missouri.sierraclub.org; <http://missouri.sierraclub.org/thb> 816-517-5244 Claus Wawrzinek

The Thomas Hart Benton Group of the Sierra Club is the Kansas City, MO local unit of Missouri's statewide Missouri Chapter of the Sierra Club. The Group is part of a national nonprofit environmental organization dedicated to the exploration, enjoyment, and protection of the wild places of the earth. Activities include hiking, biking, canoeing, and nature-oriented experiences in addition to activist opportunities. Group has about 2500 members.

**Society of St. Andrew - St. Andrew's Gleaning Project**

Bernie Schneider [gleankc@endhunger.org](mailto:gleankc@endhunger.org) <http://www.endhunger.org/missouri.htm>  
816 921 0856 cell 816 649 8166

Since 1983, the Society of St. Andrew has salvaged fresh, nutritious produce from American farms – produce that otherwise would be left to rot- and deliver it to agencies that serve the poor.

**Social Workers for Peace & Justice** 3725 Valentine Kansas City, MO 64111  
Akitchen44@aol.com 816-753-4424 Alice Kitchen

This group provides members with information regarding the nuclear threat and related issues, involves social workers in coalitions on local and national levels, endorses political candidates who support our goals, and advocates policies and monies to support human needs and services in lieu of unnecessary military build-up.

**Soka Gakkai International** 1804 Broadway Kansas City, MO 64108

[www.sgi-kc.org](http://www.sgi-kc.org) 816-474-7973; fax: 816-842-9301 Mat Forstater

S.G.I. is a worldwide organization dedicated to promoting international understanding and peace through cultural and educational exchanges, based on the principles of Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism.

**Southern Christian Leadership Conference** 1216 Brooklyn Kansas City, MO 64127 [www.kcsclc.org](http://www.kcsclc.org) kcsclc@juno.com 816-241-0404; fax: 816-241-1456  
Rev. Nelson Thompson

Economic justice is a priority concern, as well as human needs vs. the military budget, plus unemployment and an end to the arms race. SCLC local chapters have regular meetings the third Monday each month at 6:30 p.m. except June and July. Membership is open to lay and clergy.

**St. James Lutheran Church in World Community** 1104 NE Vivion Rd. Kansas City, MO 64118 office@stjameskc.org 816-452-1018 Pastor John Backus

The Church in the World Committee of St. James meets at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month to study, support and advocate toward an inclusive and diverse congregation. St. James is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We work and pray for a just and sustainable society.

**Stop Violence!** 400 East 6th Street, Parkville MO 64152 816-587-4100  
rwinner@synergyservices.org Robyn Winner

The Stop Violence Coalition of Kansas City, founded in 1982, is dedicated to the prevention of interpersonal school violence. Its two award-winning programs, Kindness Is Contagious ... Catch it! and Reaching Out From Within, center on violence prevention through kindness, education, bullying prevention, and inmate rehabilitation. Its programs and activities focus on the roots of the problems of perpetrators, targets and witnesses to violent acts. The coalition offers curricula, a speakers' bureau, and training for students, parents and communities to bring about awareness of problems and situations, and gives guidelines for alternative behaviors. Two part-time employees and 85 members.

**Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition** Village Pres Church, 6641 Mission Rd  
PO Box 732, Mission, KS 66201 Prairie Village KS 66208  
info@sustainable-sanctuary.org; www.sustainable-sanctuary.org (913)648-4659  
Barbara Chaplin, [Barbachap@aol.com](mailto:Barbachap@aol.com)

We are a coalition of individuals from Greater Kansas City faith communities. We partner with, encourage and assist faith groups to preach, teach, model and advocate for sustainable living and ecological justice for all creation. We work in keeping with the tenets of each faith group. We live in a time of denial of global climate change. The Sustainable Sanctuary Coalition celebrates all humankind as the stewards of this diversity of life on Earth and supporters of the natural systems on which all life depends. We believe that to cherish what has been created is our spiritual and moral responsibility - our ultimate responsibility to all children and all grandchildren. This coalition of faith communities will gather, share and urge others join us in the same spirit that embraces change so stewardship and earth-keeping will soon become the sacred responsibilities for all.

**Sustainable Skylines Initiative** 414 E 12th St, City Hall, 24th floor., Kansas City MO 64106 Gerald\_Shechter@kcmo.org 816-513-3401 Gerald Shechter, Sustainability Coordinator

This initiative is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency to jump start "green" project ideas. The project is to improve the Greater Kansas City environment involving completion of short-term projects with long-term environmental, economic and social benefits. The projects are: 5 Green Things, Constructing Clean Air, Parking Lots to Parks, KC Idle Free, Solar Cities/Solar Schools/Solar Homes, and Water Wise.

**Troost Alliance** Scott Burnett Jackson County Legislator, 1<sup>st</sup> District, 415 East 12<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, KC MO 64106 burnett.scott@gmail.com

Philip Ross Beaudoin, [rossbeau@gmail.com](mailto:rossbeau@gmail.com)

Troost Alliance was formed over five years ago by Deacon Ross Beaudoin of St. James Catholic Church located at 39<sup>th</sup> and Troost. This loose knit group has no dues, no officers, but meets somewhere near Troost each month to network. This group is neighbors, businesses, churches, elected officials and law enforcement officers.

**True Blue Women** P O Box 8065 Prairie Village KS 66208

[www.truebluewomen.org](http://www.truebluewomen.org); [news@truebluewomen.org](mailto:news@truebluewomen.org) Dorothee Werner, Chair

True Blue Women gathers progressive women to advocate social change, provide education and promote camaraderie. Founded in 2004 in Johnson County, TBW has nearly 550 members who share our intention to effect positive change in our local communities and our nation.

**UNICEF** 920 Southwest Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64108 816-474-9871

Suzanne Gladney The local organization of the United Nations International Children's Education Fund holds fundraisers to support the international efforts of UNICEF. These include Trick or Treat Village and the sale of UNICEF greeting cards.

**United Nations Association** 6429 Holmes Kansas City MO 64131

[unagkc@aol.com](mailto:unagkc@aol.com) una-kc.org 816-569-4523 Jay Sjerven The UNA offers speakers and educational materials on the United Nations and international relations. They host the U.N. Day banquet yearly in October, and provide information & education services on the work of the U.N. and on other global issues for students, Congress and the media. They have a newsletter and film resources.

**Urban League of Greater Kansas City** 1710 Paseo Blvd Kansas City MO 64108 [info@ulkc.org](mailto:info@ulkc.org) 816-471-0550 Michelle Gines

Organized in 1919, the Urban League of Greater Kansas City is a community based not-for-profit organization. Our mission is to achieve equality and promote socio-economic opportunity to improve the quality of life of African Americans and others. Our vision: The Urban League of Greater Kansas City will be recognized as the premier race relations organization that sets the agenda to drive change in the areas of education, personal, professional and economic development.

**Urban Ranger Corps** 5908 Swope Pkwy Kansas City MO 64130

[urbanrangerskc@hotmail.com](mailto:urbanrangerskc@hotmail.com) 816-333-6455 Fr John H Wandless, President/CEO

To provide opportunities for "at-risk" central city youth to be of service to their neighbors while preparing to achieve a wholesome and productive future through a program of job training, work experience, community service and career planning leading to post-high school careers pathways.

**Vegetarians of Kansas City** 15213 W 122nd Ter Olathe KS 66062

[www.vegkc.org](http://www.vegkc.org) [info@vegkansascity.com](mailto:info@vegkansascity.com)

Promoting vegetarianism in Kansas City through educational, cultural and social events, including monthly potlucks at St. Joseph Hospital and special events usually involving food. Monthly potluck & meeting 6 pm 1st Sunday each month.

**Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 317** 3027 Walnut, Kansas City MO 64108  
Sam7981@hotmail.com 816-561 8387 Randy Barnett; Kathleen Aylward

We are dedicated to the precept that no veteran should stand alone. We provide emergency relief to veterans, scholarships to children of veterans, assistance to local charities, food for the homeless, support of Stand Downs and a service representative for dealing with the VA. We stand for veterans' issues in the community, hold services at the Kansas City Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, and conduct other social events throughout the year. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month, with meal at 12:00 p.m. courtesy of the chapter (bring a dish if you wish) and meeting at 1 p.m. (for location call 816-561-VETS)

**Water Partners International** 920 Main St., Suite 1800 Kansas City MO  
64105 www.water.org; kayers@water.org (816)877-8400  
FAX (816)421-2086 Kendra Ayers (816)877-8414 <http://water.org/women>

WaterPartners International is a Kansas City-based non-profit that provides safe drinking water and sanitation to people in developing countries. Since its inception in 1990, WaterPartners has helped transform the lives of more than 165,000 people in eight countries. By forging partnerships with carefully-screened partner organizations and offering innovative financing methods through its WaterCredit Initiative, WaterPartners empowers local communities to develop and sustain solutions to their own water needs. Learn more about the world water crisis and become a water partner by joining WaterPartners.

**Whole Person, Inc.** 3420 Broadway St, Suite 105 Kansas City, MO 64111  
drobinson@thewholeperson.org 816-561-0304; fax: 816-753-8163 David  
Robinson

The Whole Person is a private, nonresidential, nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation advocating for the civil rights of people who have disabilities. Our mission is to provide a variety of community-based, consumer-driven services to people with disabilities to promote empowerment, self-reliance, and integration into the community.

**Writers Place** 3607 Pennsylvania Kansas City MO 64111 [www.writersplace.org](http://www.writersplace.org)  
[info@writersplace.org](mailto:info@writersplace.org) [www.thewholeperson.org](http://www.thewholeperson.org)  
816-753-1090 Will Leathem, Executive Director

The Writers Place is Kansas City's largest literary arts nonprofit. We are 14 years old and sponsor over 100 literary events each year including: readings, workshops and discussions touching on fiction, poetry, nonfiction, drama, blogging, publishing and just about every aspect of the literary arts.

**Young Professionals for International Cooperation** 517 Holmes St #2 Kansas  
City MO 64106 <http://sites.google.com/site/ypickc/>; [ypickc@gmail.com](mailto:ypickc@gmail.com)

816-221-1816 Gbaike Ajayi

Young Professionals for International Cooperation (YPIC) is a program of the United Nations Association of the USA that seeks to engage young professionals in discussions of international affairs, emphasizing the importance of multilateral cooperation and the UN. YPIC members are typically between the ages of 21-40, and are a diverse group of individuals from fields of business, law, government, nonprofit, the arts and philanthropy. The KC chapter provides an opportunity to interact with like-minded individuals and gives young professionals a unique forum in which to learn about current international issues and the United Nations. Past events and activities include Darfur Week, World Refugee Day celebrations, film screenings and volunteer work with a community garden project.