

**PeaceWorks, KC: Community Organization Directory  
(of Peace, Justice, Human Rights, and the Environment-KC)  
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**63rd Street Patriots**

9730 Madison Kansas City MO 64114

schwartzkatz@sbcglobal.net 816-943-8508 Carol Huhs

The 63rd Street Patriots have been standing against the unjust policies since February, 2003. 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**

3116 Forest Ave., KC MO 64109

<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. 3 to 6 PM and Saturdays -2 to 5 PM

**Academy for Sustainable Communities**

600 Broadway, Suite 200, KC MO 64015

816 474 4240 Contact through website [www.marc.org/sustain/](http://www.marc.org/sustain/)

The Academy For Sustainable Communities is a training program presented by the Mid-America Regional council. The academy offers seminars, technical workshops, roundtable discussions and other special events featuring nationally known speakers focused on how the Kansas City region can serve as a model of sustainability by emphasizing environmental, economic and social issues.

**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

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 Ad Hoc 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 Dianna Hughes

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

Gary Brunk, Executive Director, [gbrunk@aclukswmo.org](mailto:gbrunk@aclukswmo.org), 816-756-3113; Mary Bata, Office Manager, [mbata@aclukswmo.org](mailto:mbata@aclukswmo.org)

The mission of the ACLU of Kansas and Western Missouri is to protect and defend the Constitutional rights and civil liberties of every individual in Kansas and Western Missouri regardless of creed, race, religion or other labeling through education, advocacy, and litigation.

### **American Friends Service Committee**

4405 Gillham Road Kansas City, MO 64110

[www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org), Contact Ira Harritt: [afsckc@afsc.org](mailto:afsckc@afsc.org) 816-931-5256; fax 816-561-5033

AFSC is a Quaker-based organization which includes people of various faiths committed to social justice, peace and humanitarian service. Staff, interns & volunteers engage youth & adults in nonviolent social change through work to: reduce U.S. reliance on militarism and to end U.S. wars; reprioritize U.S. federal spending and move funds from Pentagon budgets to fund human and community needs; expose the excessive influence of large corporations and the wealthiest citizens on U.S. policy; and help deepen area residents' vision of a peaceful and just world and community.

Activities include: annual Visions of Peace at the Crossroads Festival; "Move the Money Campaign to reprioritize federal spending, invest in the things necessary to create jobs and meet the needs of our community, cut Pentagon spending and make everyone pay their fair share of taxes; annual MLK forum; anti-war exhibits and actions; weekly KC AFSC Peace and Justice Alerts providing a calendar of local peace activities and information. Interested community members are invited to join volunteer committees to help organize campaigns and activism toward these goals. For more information go to: [www.afsc.org/kansascity](http://www.afsc.org/kansascity) and or on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/JRW8dt>

### **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), Harlan Brownlee [brownlee@artskc.org](mailto:brownlee@artskc.org)

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](mailto: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.

### **Breaking the Silence**

PO Box 4412, KC KS 66104

913 481 9920 <https://sites.google.com/site/breakingthesilencesec/2012> Richard Mabion [rmabion@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rmabion@sbcglobal.net)

After attending environmental conferences from Berkeley to Boston with several stops in between. It became quite apparent that while so much was being done and said, to show us what was needed for us to save the planet and all of its species, very little was being said or done to address the fact that few if any people of color were involved. Even after several noted persons and highly read publications address the subject, other than including a person of color as part of the agenda itself, the environmental movement in America is still in need of a way to make the lack of people of color an agenda item. It was that factor, along with a need to reach people of color that caused the founder of Building A Sustainable Earth Community, to return to Kansas City, Kansas from a conference in Berkeley, determine to make the people of color issue the reason or theme for a conference.

### **Bridging the Gap**

1427 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St.. KC MO 64141 Rd. (DO NOT SEND PAPER)

[kristin.riott@bridgingthegap.org](mailto:kristin.riott@bridgingthegap.org) 816-561-1061 x 106 Kristin Riott, Ex. Director

Bridging The Gap is your local environmental not-for-profit, "connecting environment, economy, and community". We are proud to have been named the 2011 winner of Bank of America Kansas City's Neighborhood Builders Award.

### **Building a Sustainable Earth Community**

P O Box 4412, Kansas City KS 66104

[richardmabion@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.burroughs.org) [mail@burroughs.org](mailto:mail@burroughs.org) (816)795-8177 Elizabeth Stoakes, Directors;  
Jill DeWitt, 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>

### **Center for Global Community**

123 W. Armour Kansas City, MO 64111

[fred@creativeprocess.net](mailto:fred@creativeprocess.net); <http://www.globalatone.net> 816-756-0099;

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.

### **Calvary Community Outreach Network**

2940 Holmes St., KC MO 64109

Rev Eric D. Williams, [williams9133@att.net](mailto:williams9133@att.net), [www.ccon-kc.org](http://www.ccon-kc.org), 816-531-4683, Fax 816-531-5297

The mission of the Calvary Community Outreach Network (CCON) is to improve the quality of life by attending to the spiritual, physical, economic, and social needs of individuals and families through innovative programs and services. Since its inception as a 501(c)3 in 1994 CCON has promoted wellness throughout the Greater Kansas City Area with the following activities:

- Providing health education and awareness to minority communities.
- Providing meaningful youth and family development activities.
- Organizing forums and events to bring about positive change in the African American community regarding HIV/AIDS.
- Working with the faith community to foster hope and healing.
- Networking with community based organizations to influence change.

### **Center for Practical Bioethics**

Harzfeld Building, 1111 Main St, Suite 500 Kansas City, MO 64105

<http://www.practicalbioethics.org>; [bioethic@practicalbioethics.org](mailto:bioethic@practicalbioethics.org) 816-221-1100;  
800-344-3829; fax 816-221-2022 John g. Carney, President, Linda Doolin Ward,  
[lward@practicalbioethics.org](mailto:lward@practicalbioethics.org) 816-979-1362

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.

### **Cherith Brook Community**

3308 E 12th Street Kansas City MO 64127

Eric Garbison [cherithbrookkcmo@gmail.com](mailto:cherithbrookkcmo@gmail.com) 816-241-8047

Cherith Brook is an intentional Christian community in the Catholic Worker tradition. They practice hospitality with homeless women and men, permaculture gardening, and peacemaking on the streets and in the City. They joyfully resist the cultural idols of Mammon, Mars and Me.

### **Children's Peace Pavilion**

1001 W. Walnut, Independence, MO 64050

816 521 3033 R. Belcher [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**

PO Box 32108, KC MO 64171 4310 Madison Kansas City, MO 64111

[www.ChristmasinOctober.org](http://www.ChristmasinOctober.org) John Summers-Managing Dir.

[john@christmasinOctober.org](mailto:john@christmasinOctober.org) Steve Alley, Program Dir.

[steveall@christmasinOctober.org](mailto:steveall@christmasinOctober.org) 816-531-6443

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**

5833 S.W. 29<sup>th</sup> St., Topeka, KS 66614

[www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org) Rebekah Belase [rbelase@churchworldservice.org](mailto:rbelase@churchworldservice.org)

888-297-2767

Founded in 1946, CWS is the relief, development and refugee assistance ministry of 37 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations in the US. Working in partnership with indigenous organizations in more than 30 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 Hunger Walks, the Blankets+ Program, and Kit Program. The Heart of America CROP Hunger Walk is a "Top 10 Walk" in the nation, which occurs on the 2nd Sunday of October

### **Colombia Support Network of Kansas City**

3 W 63rd St, Kansas City MO 64113

Bob Thatch [info@csnkc.org](mailto:info@csnkc.org) [www.facebook.com/kccsn](http://www.facebook.com/kccsn) 816-333-2322

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](http://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.

### **Community Mediation Center**

500 West Pacific Independence, MO 64050

Diane Kyser [meed8r@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meed8r@sbcglobal.net) 816-833-4300 ext. 216, 816 833 4300 x 227, 816 461 8255

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.

### **Community of Christ Peace & Justice Ministries**

1001 West Walnut, Independence MO 64050

Brad Martell [bmartell@cofchrist.org](mailto:bmartell@cofchrist.org) [www.cofchrist.org/peacecolloquy](http://www.cofchrist.org/peacecolloquy)  
816-833-1000 x2355

Peace and Justice Ministries is part of the mission of 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. The headquarters complex houses the Children's Peace Pavilion, an interactive peace museum that opened in 1995 and has had over 100,000 visitors (call 816-521-3033). A Community Mediation Center is sponsored by the church (call 816-833-4300 x 227). An international peace award is

given to a prominent peacemaker each year and there is a Peace Colloquy at the Temple each fall.

### **Communiversity**

Student Union, UMKC, 5100 Cherry, Suite 320, KCMO 64110 -2499

Rick Mareske, Dir. [maresker@umkc.edu](mailto:maresker@umkc.edu) 816-235-1000 [www.umkc.edu/commu/comu@umkc.edu](http://www.umkc.edu/commu/comu@umkc.edu)

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

[www.facebook.com/concerned-clergy-coalition-of-kansas-city](http://www.facebook.com/concerned-clergy-coalition-of-kansas-city).

[ctemplebaptist@kc.rr.com](mailto:ctemplebaptist@kc.rr.com) 816-531-4683 Rev. Michael Brooks

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

[www.advancingsocialnetworking.ning.com](http://www.advancingsocialnetworking.ning.com)

[esterbillie61@aol.com](mailto: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 Barnet [vern@cres.org](mailto:vern@cres.org); [info@kcinterfaith.org](mailto:info@kcinterfaith.org) [www.cres.org](http://www.cres.org)

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 (Kansas City Heart of America)**

5812 Brookside Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64113

[wrt4u@aol.com](mailto:wrt4u@aol.com) 816-729-8042 Tony Haynes [www.hoacropwalk.org](http://www.hoacropwalk.org)

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

Judy Ancel [info@crossbournetwork.org](mailto:info@crossbournetwork.org); [www.facebook.com/crossbournetwork](http://www.facebook.com/crossbournetwork)  
816-835-4745

The Cross Border Network for Justice and Solidarity is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to building ties of solidarity and promoting justice for working people across borders and who cross borders. Our focus is on Mexico and Central America. Email us to get on our mailing list and to learn about events, tours, and our monthly meeting.

### **Cultivate Kansas City**

4223 Gibbs Road Kansas City KS 66106

[www.kccua.org](http://www.kccua.org); [info@cultivatekc.org](mailto:info@cultivatekc.org) Ami Freeberg, 913 931 2444

Cultivate Kansas City believes that urban farming is fundamental to building a healthy, sustainable food system for our city. Through growing food, farms and community, we seek innovative ways to solve the crises of our food system on a very local level. To us, innovation means finding simple solutions to solve problems within the unique situation of each community. Our programs are designed for staff to work closely with individuals and communities on a one-on-one basis to develop their own most effective and sustainable approach to urban farming and local food access. Through growing good food, new urban farms, and healthier communities, we aim to build a stronger, more economically and environmentally sustainable Kansas City. Together, with people like you, we're growing the change!

### **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  
culturalcrossroads@hotmail.com

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**

Ron Faust [ronfaust2@netzero.net](mailto:ronfaust2@netzero.net) 816-468-1868 <http://dpfkc.faithweb.com>

DPF offers a peace conscience to the Disciples of Christ denomination in Kansas City and plans events and strategies for peace by supporting peace education in the church and many of the causes within the peace movement. "We are keeping the Passion for

Peace Alive." The national DPF is the oldest peace denomination since 1935 in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada, Homeland Ministries, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis IN 46206 Website: [website: www.dpfweb.org](http://www.dpfweb.org)

### **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) reesveenstra@aol.com  
In October 2002, at the urging of the Justice, Peace, & Environment Committee (JPEC), the church's governing body authorized the formation of the Sustainable Sanctuary Task Force (SSTF), the goal of which was to reduce our church's environmental impact and to practice, model, and teach faithful and responsible stewardship of God's Creation. In the fall of 2007, JPEC and SSTF evolved and coalesced so that all environmental initiatives and activities are now undertaken by the Environmental Action Committee (EAC). Based on an assessment of our church's ecological footprint, EAC sets goals and commits to making changes to make the church more environmentally aware and sustainable as an institution.

### **Food Not Lawns, KC**

[www.foodnotlawnskc.org](http://www.foodnotlawnskc.org) Contact: Steve Mann

816-352-9213 [steve@prairietrading.com](mailto:steve@prairietrading.com) [Do Not Send Paper](#)

Offering Communiversity classes, workshops and information as well as social events.

### **Friends of Lakeside Nature Center**

4701 E. Gregory Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64132

Sharon Goff, President [folnc@crn.org](mailto:folnc@crn.org) [www.lakesidenaturecenter.org](http://www.lakesidenaturecenter.org)

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 four times a year on the 2nd Tuesdays of March, June, September and December at 6:30 p.m..

### **Future is Now**

123 W. Armour Kansas City, MO 64111

Rae Petersen [rae@creativeprocess.net](mailto:rae@creativeprocess.net) ; <http://www.creativeprocess.net/peace> 816-756-0099

The aim of FIN was 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).

### **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](mailto:info@kcglobalconcepts.org); [www.kcglobalconcepts.org](http://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](mailto:wackywitty@aol.com) 816-313-1213

Clem Witman Aims to promote the development of trade agreements which benefit all of the people affected by the trade, provide for a sustainable economy, and encourage the development of democracy in the organizations, communities and nations affected.

### **Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council**

P.O. Box 9117, Mission, KS 66201

[karahawk@kc.rr.com](mailto:karahawk@kc.rr.com); [www.kcinterfaith.org](http://www.kcinterfaith.org) 816-509-7984 913-268-

[7223irc@irckc.org](mailto: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 Granich, Director [lara@stl-jwj.org](mailto:lara@stl-jwj.org) [www.kcjwj.org](http://www.kcjwj.org) 816-753-0689; fax: 816-753 6669

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. JWW 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](http://www.gkcwpc.org) 816-531-9595; [info@gkcwpc.org](mailto: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

[office@allsoulskc.org](mailto:office@allsoulskc.org) [www.allsoulskc.org](http://www.allsoulskc.org) 816-531-2131

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 Works in Kansas City**

4334 McGee Street Kansas City MO 64111

Kate Corwin [kate@greenworkskc.org](mailto:kate@greenworkskc.org); [www.greenworkskc.org](http://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,  
Aquarius Book Store, 3936 Broadway, KCMO 64111 Dee Berry,  
msmith2210@aol.com [www.greenskc.com](http://www.greenskc.com) 816-523-1813

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); [lsmith@habitatkc.org](mailto:lsmith@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.

### **Habitat KC ReStore**

Heartland Habitat Restore-Wyandotte County - 520 S. 55<sup>th</sup> St., KC, KS 66106 913-596-6597 (at the intersedtion of 55<sup>th</sup> and Kansas Ave, one mile west of I-635)  
Mon.-Fri. 10 am to 6 pm & Sat. 9 am to 5 pm.

Heartland Habitat ReStore- Johnson County - 9850 West 87<sup>th</sup> Street, Overland Park, KS 66212 913-648-6001 (east of I-35, across the street from the Johnson county Library) M-F 10 am to 6 pm & Sat. 9 am to 5 pm.

816-231-6889 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.

### **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)

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](http://www.heartforest.org) 816-756-0099;

Rae Petersen On a 22-acre site southwest of KCI Airport at 104<sup>th</sup> & 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 to Heart International**

401 S. Claiborne Rd. Ste 302 Olathe, KS 66062

[info@hearttoheart.org](mailto:info@hearttoheart.org) [www.hearttoheart.org](http://www.hearttoheart.org) 913-764-5200; fax: 913-764-0809 Gary Morsch, MD. M.P.H.

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.

5644 Charlotte Kansas City, MO 64110 Marty Kraft [martyk@allspecies.org](mailto:martyk@allspecies.org);

[www.allspecies.org](http://www.allspecies.org); [www.organotill.org](http://www.organotill.org) 816-361-1230

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, [tom@heartlandhabitat.org](mailto:tom@heartlandhabitat.org), Doris Gordon,  
doris@heartlandhabitat.org

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 Habitat Restore**

Wyandotte County: 520 South 55<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, KS 66106 (at the intersection of 55th and Kansas Avenue, one mile west of I-635) 913-596-6597

and Johnson County: 9850 West 87<sup>th</sup> Street, Overland Park, KS 66212 (east of I-35, across the street from Johnson County Library) Tom Lally, Ex. Dir.

[tom@heartlandhabitat.org](mailto:tom@heartlandhabitat.org) www.heartlandhabitat.org/restore

913-648-6001

Heartland Habitat for Humanity ReStore is a public retail outlet that sells quality new and used surplus building materials and appliances that are priced at 20% to 80% off retail. All items in the store are donated, including fixtures, furniture, appliances and construction materials. The net income received helps fund the construction of additional Heartland Habitat homes and communities. Heartland Habitat ReStore helps keep the community green by re-channeling and re-using good, functional materials instead of adding them to landfills – to the tune of more than 2,000 tons annually! Heartland Habitat ReStore is a wonderful place to purchase materials you need for personal tasks at very affordable prices. Plus, you'll be making a positive impact on the Heartland Habitat mission and our local environment. To take advantage of quality products at discounted prices, check out Heartland Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

### **Holy Family Catholic Worker House**

908-912 E. 31st. St. Kansas City, MO 64109

holyfamilyCW@hotmail.com 816-753-2677 www.holyfamilycwhouse.org

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; Vickie L. Riddle, ACSW Exec. Director,

vriddle@hscgkc.org 816-924-7997; hotline 816-474-4599

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 –LINC Caring Communities**

3100 Broadway, Suite 1100 Kansas City MO 64111

[homesharing@kclinc.org](mailto:homesharing@kclinc.org); [www.kclinc.org/homesharing](http://www.kclinc.org/homesharing) 816-430-8346

Gayle A. Hobbs, President , [ghobbskc@kclinc.org](mailto:ghobbskc@kclinc.org)

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.

### **Hope Center**

2800 E. Linwood Blvd., KC MO 64128

[info@hopecenterkc.org](mailto:info@hopecenterkc.org) 816 931 6290 [www.hopecenterkc.org](http://www.hopecenterkc.org)

We are a Christian community development organization that, out of our belief in God, is working diligently to renew the forgotten, impoverished east side community where we live and serve. We are investing in its people, in particular the youth, anticipating that their transformed lives will offer the hope and leadership needed for our inner city community to flourish.

### **Human Rights Campaign**

4101 Kenwood Kansas City MO 64110

[c\\_marie\\_main@yahoo.com](mailto:c_marie_main@yahoo.com); [www.hrc.org/kansas city](http://www.hrc.org/kansas%20city) 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

[www.facebook.com/immigrant-justice-advocacy-movement-IJAM](http://www.facebook.com/immigrant-justice-advocacy-movement-IJAM) Laurie Anderson,

Board President [hospitalityandjustice@yahoo.com](mailto:hospitalityandjustice@yahoo.com) ; [laurieanderson@earthlink.net](mailto:laurieanderson@earthlink.net)

816-560-4616

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 ongoing feedback about program impact and campus climate.

### **Interfaith Hospitality Network of Johnson County**

11503 S Strang Line Rd, Suite C Olathe KS 66062

[www.jocoihn.org](http://www.jocoihn.org); Vicki Dercher, Ex Dir. ; [Jocoihn-vicki@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Jocoihn-vicki@sbcglobal.net) ; Cheryl Smith, [jocoihn-cheryl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jocoihn-cheryl@sbcglobal.net) 913-345-2121

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 the 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

Rev. Spencer Barrett, Chair [spencerfrancis@aol.com](mailto:spencerfrancis@aol.com); Ron Faust:

[ronfaust2@netzero.com](mailto:ronfaust2@netzero.com) 816-231-3555; fax 816-231-4357

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 816-221-4204; fax: 531-6210 Linda S. Trout, Executive Director  
irc@irckc.org

The mission of IRC is to inspire, integrate, educate and represent a community of Kansas Citizens engaged in international affairs and the critical global issues of our time. With an office staff of two, they offer frequent lectures and social events, a speakers bureau, and programs for Kansas City area students. The IRC was founded in 1954 by Dr. Eliot Berkley. The IRC has several annual programs for adults, including WorldQuest (an international trivia competition), an Awards Banquet featuring a distinguished keynote speaker, and the Eliot S. Berkley Lecture (a lecture from a leading expert in foreign policy and international affairs). For high school students, IRC annually offers Academic WorldQuest, an international knowledge competition, and the Eliot S. Berkley Award, a scholarship for a high school senior or junior who has proven competency in the area of international affairs. IRC is an independent, non-profit, nonpartisan 501(c)(3) educational organization supported by contributions and membership.

### **Iraq Veterans Against the War - Kansas City**

193 Pinecone Dr Lawrence KS 66046  
[endtheiraqwar@gmail.com](mailto:endtheiraqwar@gmail.com); [www.ivaw.org](http://www.ivaw.org) ; 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.

### **Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City**

5801 West 115<sup>th</sup> st., Suite 201, Overland Park Ks 66211  
913-327 8100 [todds@jewishkc.org](mailto:todds@jewishkc.org), [sharis@jewishkc.org](mailto:sharis@jewishkc.org) [www.jewishkansascity.org](http://www.jewishkansascity.org)  
Our Mission: To sustain and enhance Jewish life at home and around the world.  
Our Vision: The Jewish Federation inspires generosity, improves lives and strengthens our community, within a framework of Jewish values.

### **Jewish Community Relations Bureau**

5801 W 115th St, Suite 201 Overland Park, KS 66211  
[www.jewishkansascity.org](http://www.jewishkansascity.org) 913-327-8100; Marvin Szneler, Ex. Dir.

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 [www.juliasvoice.org](http://www.juliasvoice.org)

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](mailto: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.

### **KKFI Community Radio 90.1 FM**

3901 Main St., KC MO 64111 PO Box 52250 KC MO 74171 Sharon Lockhart

[slockhart@kc.rr.com](mailto:slockhart@kc.rr.com) [www.kkfi.org](http://www.kkfi.org)

Kansas City's alternative local radio station.

### **Kairos Committee of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church**

11100 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS 66210

913 345 1256 Jo Randolph, KAIROS Team Moderator [gcpckairos@gmail.com](mailto:gcpckairos@gmail.com)

[www.gcpc.org](http://www.gcpc.org)

KAIROS: the Peace, Justice and Environmental Team of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, an Earth Care Congregation. A small passion filled group interested in the intertwined issues of peace, justice, and the environment and God's calling to care for others and the creation. We meet monthly in order to inform and empower each other in action. Peacemaking: Shortly after Grace Covenant was formed as a congregation, the session signed the commitment to "Peacemakers: The Believers Calling." Members have worked for years on Peacemaking issues locally, regionally, nationally and worldwide.

### **Kansas City Anti-Violence Project**

P O Box 411211 Kansas City MO 64141-1211

[info@kcavp.org](mailto:info@kcavp.org); [www.kcavp.org](http://www.kcavp.org) 816-561-0550 ; Justin Shaw, Executive Director

[justin@kcavp.org](mailto:justin@kcavp.org); Lindsey Moore, [Lindsey@kcavp.org](mailto:Lindsey@kcavp.org)

Working to end domestic violence, sexual assault, and hate crimes in the LGBT community.

### **Kansas City Artist Coalition**

201 Wyandotte, KC MO 64105

816-421-5222 [kcacnews@kansascityartistcoalition.org](mailto:kcacnews@kansascityartistcoalition.org)

[www.kansascityartistcoalition.org](http://www.kansascityartistcoalition.org)

**MISSION:** The Artists Coalition was created to change the lives of artists living in Kansas City, Missouri. Its mission is to promote visual arts awareness in Kansas City and the surrounding region, and support the professional growth of artists. The Artists Coalition is an artist-run, artist-centered organization.

**GOALS** The initial goal was to create a strong voice for the concerns of artists. In the mid-seventies Kansas City offered few opportunities, local artists were not taken very seriously and the few local galleries showed the art of artists living elsewhere. The Artists Coalition lobbied for professional venues for local artists and mounted exhibitions in empty commercial spaces.

The Artists Coalition has since expanded goals to: foster a climate which encourages innovation and creativity amongst artists, utilize the collective initiative and creativity of artists for their own benefit, provide a forum for contemporary visual arts through its galleries and publications, champion the work of local artists and increase the viability of Kansas City as a place for artists to live and work, spread the word about the vitality of the arts in Kansas City, Missouri and the region, encourage artists to go forward with their ambitious and innovative ideas, seek out peers and mentors in the artists communities across the United States and the world, support artists' work financially, and promote the exchange of ideas.

### **Kansas City Food Circle**

P O Box 45195 Kansas City, MO 64171

Dave Lawrence [kcfoodcircle@gmail.com](mailto:kcfoodcircle@gmail.com) [Coordinators@kcfoodcircle.org](mailto:Coordinators@kcfoodcircle.org);

[www.kcfoodcircle.org](http://www.kcfoodcircle.org) 913-620-8427

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.

### **Kansas City Global**

911 Main St., Suite 2226, KC MO 64106

[www.kansascityglobal.com](http://www.kansascityglobal.com)

Contact through website. Portal for many local and national NGO's.

### **Kansas City Indian Center**

600 W. 39th Street Kansas City, MO 64111

Gaylene Crouser, Interim Ex. Dir. [www.haicindian.com](http://www.haicindian.com) [information@haicindian.com](mailto:information@haicindian.com)

[www.facebook.com/kcindiancenter](https://www.facebook.com/kcindiancenter) 816-421-7608

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.

### **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 City Peace Planters**

4509 Walnut St., KC MO 64111

816-561-1181 [kcnukeswatch@gmail.com](mailto:kcnukeswatch@gmail.com) <http://kcnukeswatch.org>

Kansas City Peace Planters is a coalition of community-based groups forging the path for a nuclear weapons free world by promoting sustainable, green energy (wind and solar) jobs and organizing against the production of nuclear weapons components in Kansas City. Peace Planters offers presentations on renewable energy, civic engagement and nuclear non-proliferation.

### **Kansas Equality Coalition of Johnson County**

9218 Metcalf Ave., PMB 180 Overland Park, Ks 66212-1476

913 735 4629 Joseph Jarvis 785 330 3385 [joe@joejarvis.org](mailto:joe@joejarvis.org), Sandra Meade

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

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**

Calkins Student Center 3901 Rainbow Blvd., Kansas City KS 66160

[www.physiciansforhumanrights.org](http://www.physiciansforhumanrights.org); [kumc.phr.chapter@gmail.com](mailto:kumc.phr.chapter@gmail.com) 785-218-7280

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

Harriet Duff, President [lwvjoco@yahoo.com](mailto:lwvjoco@yahoo.com) [www.lwvjoco.org](http://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.

### **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 themselves 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

Pat Kenoyer [patkenoyer@gmail.com](mailto:patkenoyer@gmail.com) 816-531-4620

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**

5960 Dearborn Suite 213, Mission, KS 66202 PO Box 861086 Shawnee, KS 66286-1086

[admin@mainstreamcoalition.org](mailto:admin@mainstreamcoalition.org); [www.mainstreamcoalition.com](http://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**

5000 West 134<sup>th</sup> St., Leawood, KS 66209

[www.maisondenaissance.org](http://www.maisondenaissance.org) , [info@maisondenaissance.org](mailto:info@maisondenaissance.org) 913 402-6800 x 650

Jim Grant, Ex. Dir.

Sponsor of a Birthing Home in Haiti

The mission of Maison de Naissance is to serve a destitute group of women and children in Haiti with FREE, competent and compassionate health care. The services of a modern maternity center and community health program are offered at no cost 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, affordability, and cultural acceptability.

### **Metropolitan Energy Center**

3810 Paseo Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64109

[office@kcenergy.org](mailto:office@kcenergy.org) 816-531-7283; 816-835-7593 Robert Housh

[housh@kcenergy.org](mailto:housh@kcenergy.org); Cristil Miranda [cristil.miranda@kcenergy.org](mailto:cristil.miranda@kcenergy.org)

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

Jean Zeldin, Executive Director [jeanz@mchekc.org](mailto:jeanz@mchekc.org) 913-327-8190; 913-327-8192

[www.mchekc.org](http://www.mchekc.org)

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**

6320 Brookside Plaza, Ste. 185, KCMO 64113

[www.madpmo.org](http://www.madpmo.org) 816-931-4177 Kathleen Holmes, State Coordinator,

[Kathleen@madpmo.org](mailto:Kathleen@madpmo.org)

A 501(c)(3) corporation with a web page 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. For info on meetings please see our website.

## **MORE2**

207 West Linwood, #23, Kansas City MO 64111

[www.more2.org](http://www.more2.org) 816-808-6604 Lora D.H. McDonald, Ex. Dir [loramore2@yahoo.com](mailto:loramore2@yahoo.com)

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. 21 congregations are members.

## **MoveOn.Org - Kansas City**

10338 Pflumm Rd, #1018 Lenexa KS 66215

Nancy Talley [ntally@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ntally@sbcglobal.net) 913-227-0089

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 Missouri**

9520 James A Reed Rd, #F Kansas City, MO 64134

[MASKC@maskansasCity.org](mailto:MASKC@maskansasCity.org) [www.maskansascity.org](http://www.maskansascity.org) 816-522-9697 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.

## **National Lawyers Guild**

1627 Main, Suite 900 Kansas City, MO 64108

[www.scimlaw.com](http://www.scimlaw.com) Fred Slough, [fslough@swbell.net](mailto:fslough@swbell.net) 816-531-2224; fax 816-531-214

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

Don McClain [dmmclain@kc.rr.com](mailto:dmmclain@kc.rr.com) 816-444-2152

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.

### **National Organization for Women – Johnson/Wyandotte Counties NOW**

Chapter Contacts: Pres. Anne Pritchett, [Pritchett.anne@gmail.com](mailto:Pritchett.anne@gmail.com), V.P. Sharon Lockhart, [slockhart@kc.rr.com](mailto:slockhart@kc.rr.com) 913 642 1614

NOW works to eliminate discrimination and harassment in the workplace, schools, the justice system, and all other sectors of society; secure abortion, birth control and reproductive rights for all women; end all forms of violence against women; eradicate racism, sexism and homophobia; and promote equality and justice in our society.

### **Office of Human Rights - Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph**

20 West 9<sup>th</sup> St., KC MO 64105, PO Box 419037 KC MO 64141-6037

[huntz@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:huntz@diocesekcsj.org) 816-756-1858; 1-800-246-1850 Jude Huntz, director;  
[www.diocese-kcsj.org](http://www.diocese-kcsj.org)

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](http://www.outreach-international.org) 816-833-0883; fax 816-833-0103; 1-888-833-1235

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://owwckc.org>; [owwckc@gmail.com](mailto:owwckc@gmail.com) Greg Hall, president

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 River ways (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.

### **Partnership for Children**

4049 Pennsylvania #20, KC MO 64111

816-521-9200 Charron Townsend, President [townsend@pfc.org](mailto:townsend@pfc.org) [www.pfc.org](http://www.pfc.org) ,

Laura Lyon Melo, [lyonmelo@pfc.org](mailto:lyonmelo@pfc.org)

Our Belief: Children are the conscience of a community and the care a community expresses for a child becomes the simplest and most meaningful measure of that community's regard for itself

Our Vision: Children and youth will be regarded as Missouri's most valued asset as evidenced by public policy and practice

Our Mission: To focus Missouri's energy on enhancing life for children and youth

How We Fulfill Our Mission: To positively impact life for children and youth, Partnership for Children:

- Advocates for public policies and practice.

- Researches and analyzes critical issues, identifies gaps and ensure they are addressed.

- Mobilizes public support for specific initiatives and interventions.

### **Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbian and Gays of KC (PFlag-KC)**

PO Box 414101 Kansas City, MO

Carolyn Finken-Dove, President Cell:816 510 4921 [www.PFLAGKC.org](http://www.PFLAGKC.org)

[pflagkcpres@yahoo.com](mailto:pflagkcpres@yahoo.com)

Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays 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

816-444-2152 Don McClain dmclain@kc.rr.com www.igc.org

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 Committee, Rainbow Mennonite**

1444 Southwest Blvd Kansas City, KS 66103

[office@rainbowmennonite.org](mailto:office@rainbowmennonite.org); Phil Rhoads [philrhoads@gmail.com](mailto:philrhoads@gmail.com) 913-236-8820

Phillips Rhoads, chair www.rainbowmennonite.blogspot

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., Suite 234, Lee’s Summit, MO 64086

Contact Rev. Lori Woodley lori@peacematters.com 816 251 4565

www.peacematters.com

We teach and practice Nonviolent Communication, as well as offer mediation services, and much more. Our Mission is to: Assist (and teach) others in transforming conflict. Support others being heard the way they want to be heard. Teach the language and consciousness of Nonviolent Communication.

Offer an open-minded environment to explore Self, Spirit, & Connection.

### **PeaceWorks, Kansas City**

4509 Walnut Kansas City, MO 64111

www.peaceworkskc.org; 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 held 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  
[osscobolton@aol.com](mailto:osscobolton@aol.com) [www.posseyouth.com](http://www.posseyouth.com)

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  
[www.ptpi.org](http://www.ptpi.org)

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**

1865 S. Pyle St., KC KS 66103

Ann Sullentrop [annsuellen@gmail.com](mailto:annsuellen@gmail.com) 913-342-0587 [www.psr.org/chapters/kansas](http://www.psr.org/chapters/kansas)  
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 Claire Cook, Regional Field Organizer  
[Claire@promoonline.org](mailto:Claire@promoonline.org)

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](mailto:KC@ReclaimDemocracy.org) 816-885-9996

Mary Lindsay [www.reclaimdemocracy.org/kc](http://www.reclaimdemocracy.org/kc)

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

Fr David Altschul, [frpaisius@rs3101.org](mailto:frpaisius@rs3101.org); <http://www.rs3101.org> 816 931 4751

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.

### **ReEnergizeKC**

P O Box 45195 Kansas City, MO 64171

[www.ReEnergizeKC.org](http://www.ReEnergizeKC.org); John Fish-Kurmann [willowjohn@gmail.com](mailto:willowjohn@gmail.com) 816-269-2190,

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.

### **Shalom Catholic Worker House**

2100 North 13th St. Kansas City, KS 66104

[www.shalomcw.org](http://www.shalomcw.org) 913-321-2206 James Davidson [www.shalomcw.org](http://www.shalomcw.org)

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](mailto: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

816-517-5244 Claus Wawrzinek [claus@missouri.sierraclub.org](mailto:claus@missouri.sierraclub.org);

<http://missouri.sierraclub.org/thb>

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 issues related activist opportunities. Group has about 2000 members.

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

PO Box 300323, KC MO 64030-0323

Karin Page [gleankc@endhunger.org](mailto:gleankc@endhunger.org) <http://www.endhunger.org/sosawest>

[816 921 0856](tel:8169210856) cell [816 649 8166](tel:8166498166)

The Society of St. Andrew, a nonprofit, volunteer organization, salvages fresh, nutritious produce from local farms – perfectly good food that otherwise would be left to rot- and delivers it to local food pantries and agencies that serve the poor.

### **Social Workers for Peace & Justice**

3725 Valentine Kansas City, MO 64111

Alice Kitchen [Akitchen44@aol.com](mailto:Akitchen44@aol.com) 816-753-4424

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.

### **Southern Christian Leadership Conference**

1216 Brooklyn Kansas City, MO 64127

[www.kcscclc.org](http://www.kcscclc.org) [sclckc@att.net](mailto:sclckc@att.net) 816-241-8100; 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.

### **Stop Violence!**

400 East 6th Street, Parkville MO 64152

816-587-4100 Robyn Winner [rwinner@synergyservices.org](mailto:rwinner@synergyservices.org)

[www.synergyservices.org](http://www.synergyservices.org)

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 Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd. Prairie Village, KS 66208  
PO Box 732, Mission, KS 66201 [info@sustainablesanctuary.org](mailto:info@sustainablesanctuary.org);  
[www.sustainablesanctuary.org](http://www.sustainablesanctuary.org) (913)648-4659 Carol Meyer, Ex. Dir. 913 677-8672,  
Tom Anderson, Communications Coordinator, [toma@sustainablessanctuary.org](mailto:toma@sustainablessanctuary.org)  
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**

600 Broadway, Suite 200, KC MO 64015  
Chrissy Wolfersberger [wolfersberger.chris@epa.gov](mailto:wolfersberger.chris@epa.gov) 913 551 7864 or Amanda Graor  
[agraor@marc.org](mailto:agraor@marc.org) 816 701 8333 [www.marc.org](http://www.marc.org)  
Sustainable Skylines is a locally-led, EPA-supported, public-private partnership to reduce air emissions and promote sustainability in urban environments.

### **The Recipe Poetry Guild**

Co-Founded by Theodore "Priest" Holmes and Desmond "3-3-7" Jones  
[therecipekc@yahoo.com](mailto:therecipekc@yahoo.com) check out facebook.com and youtube.com as well.  
The Recipe combines poetry, acting, music, dramatic interpretation and rap to create an emotional connection with the audience in order to inform and comment on current social injustices to raise consciousness so that people can make informed decisions. (and they are very entertaining)

### **Troost Alliance**

415 East 12th 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, KC MO 64106  
Scott Burnett [burnett.scott@gmail.com](mailto:burnett.scott@gmail.com) <http://troostalliance.wordpress.com/> Philip  
Ross Beaudoin, [rossbeau@gmail.com](mailto:rossbeau@gmail.com)  
Troost Alliance was formed by Deacon Ross Beaudoin of St. James Catholic Church located at 39th 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.

### **Troost Village Community Association**

123 W. Armour Blvd., KC MO 64111

816-200-0731, 888-856-0099 Rae Petersen [rae@creativeprocess.net](mailto:rae@creativeprocess.net)

[www.troostvillage.org](http://www.troostvillage.org)

Troost Village Community Association, AKA, the Troost Folks, is a grassroots group working to build community and a fully self-sustained village in the neighborhoods surrounding 31st and Troost. Regular Meetings: Thursdays, 7:30pm at 3101 Troost. Troost Village Community Association (TVCA) meetings are 2nd Tuesday of month at 6:30 pm. Decisions are by consensus of the membership - to be considered for membership attendance at four introductory sessions meeting are required (6:30p on Thursdays prior to Troost Folks meeting) Troost Folks and the gathering of the village began with the First Troost Festival in 2005. The Festival was out of the pockets and "in-kind" donations of the first people who caught the possibilities of shutting down Troost and having a party to erase the racial dividing line that Troost had become over the last forty to fifty years.

Ninth Annual Troost Ave. Festival is April 20, 2013, 3100 block of Troost. Exhibitors and vendors welcome, check web site for more information.

### **True Blue Women**

P O Box 8065 Prairie Village, KS 66208

[www.truebluwomen.org](http://www.truebluwomen.org); [news@truebluwomen.org](mailto:news@truebluwomen.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.

### **United Nations Association**

6429 Holmes Kansas City MO 64131

[unagkc@aol.com](mailto:unagkc@aol.com) [una-kc.org](http://una-kc.org) 816-569-4523 [www.una-kc.org](http://www.una-kc.org)

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.

### **Unity Garden- Unity Church of Overland Park**

10300 Antioch Rd., Overland Park, Ks 66212

Brenda Brock [bbcreator86@yahoo.com](mailto:bbcreator86@yahoo.com) [garden@ucop.org](mailto:garden@ucop.org) [www.ucop.org](http://www.ucop.org)

For more information contact Brenda Brock or Kelly Sturgeon

913.609.0383/913.549.7412.

Unity Garden...Cultivating an end to hunger

We can make a difference for hungry children in our community. Hunger affects one in four children in Johnson County. All are invited to participate throughout the year in our

new Unity Garden project. For pictures and more information, please visit and “like” our garden Facebook page. To be a part of our exciting garden.

### **Urban League of Greater Kansas City**

1710 Paseo Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64108

Contact through website: <http://ulkc.org> 816-471-0550

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 socioeconomic 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  
[www.urckc.org](http://www.urckc.org)

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) [amandaplatter@gmail.com](mailto:amandaplatter@gmail.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**

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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**

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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.**

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The Whole Person is a private, nonresidential, non-profit 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**

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The Writers Place is Kansas City's largest literary arts nonprofit. We are 20 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**

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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. 63rd Street Patriots 9730 Madison Kansas City MO 64114

### **Youth Friends**

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Mission: YouthFriends connects students, teachers and schools with inspiring mentors and real-world learning experiences to promote success, encourage healthy behaviors and build stronger communities.

Vision: An engaged community helping young people to succeed.

Guiding Principles: The best youth development efforts strengthen community and encourage all to participate. Schools, as community focal points, are ideal locations to link young people with caring adults. At its core, YouthFriends is about engaging communities to help young people succeed by engaging adults in volunteerism with youth.