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November 2022 Newsletter

November community service project

For our November community service project, we have chosen to volunteer at Pleasant Green Baptist Church through their Holiday Dinners program. They are part of the United Prayer Movement, founded in 1970 and composed of volunteers from various faiths, and this is a hunger relief outreach program.

The Holiday Dinners program has grown to be able to provide 2,700 meals delivered to an average of 850+ families by 600+ volunteers from 60 different churches, synagogues, and community organizations.

Please [sign up here](#) if you would like to help with the Thanksgiving dinner--preparing, serving, or delivering meals on 11/12 or 11/24. There is also a wish list of items needed for the Thanksgiving dinner. Please visit their website at unitedprayermovement.org for their wish list or to make a monetary donation. Questions? Please contact Sharon Mallin at smallin3@gmail.com.

Hanukkah social membership event

Sunday, December 11, 3-5 p.m.

Bring a friend and join our DIY Workshop at [Hammer and Stain](#) (7968 W. 151st St, Overland Park, KS) from 3-5 p.m. on **Sunday, December 11**. Join us and create a project (or just be social) while enjoying the company of NCJW Women.

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in advance (by 11/27) by [clicking here](#). After selecting your project, **please put this note in the comment box**: "PLEASE HOLD FOR PRIVATE PARTY ON 12/11/2022."

Snacks will be provided. Hammer and Stone provides all the materials, tools, and instruction. We hope to see you at this social event. Everyone is welcome—no purchase necessary. Send your RSVP or questions to Milisa Flekier at mflekier@gmail.com.

December community service project

In December, our community service project is volunteering at the Johnson County Christmas Bureau Shopping Store. The Johnson County Christmas Bureau helps nearly 12,000 low-income (<150% of the poverty line) Johnson County neighbors each year by providing warmth and support during the holiday season.

We will help in a number of ways: assisting shoppers, staffing tables, loading vehicles, etc. It is a great opportunity to help those less fortunate in Johnson County and celebrate the season.

The Christmas Bureau has a similar set-up to the Back to School Store but on a much larger scale, with not only clothing and holiday gifts but food, as well. We are fortunate to have signed up for three time slots on **December 8**: 12:00-4:00, 3:30-6:00, and 6:00-9:00.

Please sign up for a shift that will work for you on [this SignUp Genius](#).

In addition, there is a separate opportunity to adopt a family at Jewish Family Services. Here is the [link to the Hanukkah project](#) with JFS. If you have any questions, contact Susan Kivett at kivetts@gmail.com or 913-219-0823.

Helpers wanted: New student member initiative

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Mentorship program," in which NCJW can expose area students (high school juniors and seniors through college) to our mission and activities *while simultaneously* utilizing their perspectives and talents to better serve and reach our KC community. If interested or for more information, please contact Mirra Klausner at mirratodd@hotmail.com or 816-786-3877.

Seeking extra hands for an upcoming mailing project

We will soon be stuffing and mailing our Light Up a Life letters and would love your help around the last week of November/first week of December. Keep an eye out for exact dates, but in the meantime, please reach out to Lynn Schweig (lynn@everestkc.net) if you'd like to help out.

Empty nesters and retirees groups beginning soon

Have your kids left the house? Then let's talk.
Have you retired from your job? Then let's talk.

NCJW Greater KC Section is launching two new groups for members to meet and schmooze about the "joys and oys" they are finding at their current phase of life. Both NCJW members and non-members are welcome to attend these informal discussion groups.

The **Empty Nesters group** will meet for the first time on **Thursday, Jan. 12 at 9:30 a.m.**, place TBD. Please let Empty Nesters Group Leader Stephanie Herman (sjherman@mac.com / 913-579-4410) know if you plan to be there.

The **Retirees group** will hold their initial meeting on **Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.** at the Panera's at 11751 Nall Ave. in Leawood, KS. Please let Retirees Group Leader Nancy Kalikow Maxwell (nancykalikowmaxwell@gmail.com / 954-260-7696) know if

Distributing cards from Safehome: Love shouldn't hurt

Several years ago, NCJW and Safehome partnered to place Jewish Outreach on Domestic Abuse cards in restrooms in gyms, restaurants, and with other merchants. It has been a few years since the cards were distributed, and NCJW would like to restart the program. We are looking for volunteers to contact merchants, and distribute the cards. If you would like to help with this project, please contact ncjwofkc@gmail.com.

NCJW yearly calendar

We are publishing our yearly calendar on the NCJW website and Facebook. The calendar will be adjusted throughout the year as we add or change programs. The calendar will allow our members to know programming and events ahead of time and plan accordingly. Please check it out on our website [here](#).

A new storage location for Suitcase to Start?

For many years, we have been fortunate to receive a greatly discounted rate for our 10x10 storage unit at Storage Mart for the Suitcase to Start program. Suitcase to Start provides the basic necessities for teens aging out of foster care to move into their own place. Storage Mart is no longer able to discount our locker. We are looking for another location to store items for the program. If anyone knows of a storage unit or office space, please notify Carla Oppenheimer at coppenheimer@kc.rr.com.

Bakers needed for Circle of Life project

Our Circle of Life program is looking for more challah bakers! Through this program, we bake and deliver challahs for those

'We Believe' yard signs

Brighten up your yard with a sign that shows you believe in loving kindness, human rights, and science. NCJW's Greater Kansas City section is selling two-sided yard signs for \$18 to help support programs that improve the quality of life for women, children, and families in our community.

You can purchase the signs at the NCJW Greater KC Section office (5311 W. 75th St., Prairie Village, Kansas) Monday-Wednesday between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.



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