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## **KANSAS CORPS TO LEND A HAND TO LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES**

Kansas long-term care facilities will benefit from the service of Kansas Corps volunteers on Dec. 12. Driven by their passion to serve the communities of Kansas, these students represent higher education institutions throughout the state. Students will entertain and engage with the residents of long-term care facilities through a variety of activities including games, crafts, and entertainment.

Events are planned for the following long-term care facilities: Wheat State Manor, Butler County; Golden Living Center, Crawford County; St. John's of Victoria, Ellis County; Garden Valley Retirement Village, Finney Co.; The Cedars, McPherson County; Lakewood Senior Living, Pratt County; Hutchinson Care Center LLC, Reno County; Good Samaritan Society, Seward County.

Participating Kansas Corps volunteers will come from the campuses of Butler County Community College, Pittsburg State University, Fort Hays State University, Garden City Community College, McPherson Community College, Pratt County Community College, Hutchinson Community College, Hesston College, Emporia State University, Baker University, and Seward County Community College.

The Kansas Corps mission is "to provide a pool of college student volunteers who can be mobilized to address community issues across Kansas", and is currently in its inaugural year. Kansas Corps assisted the community of Greensburg early this year in October. Pilot projects of Kansas Corps over the last two years have included building a hiking and biking trail for the city of Melvern and assisting with repairs associated with tornado damage in Chapman.

By establishing partnerships with long-term care facilities throughout the state, Kansas Corps volunteers hope to begin to address the social service needs of Kansans. Primarily, Kansas Corps' purpose is to unite student volunteers from Kansas' colleges and universities to serve the public service needs of the state of Kansas. With a single phone call, this group of college student volunteers can be mobilized to provide disaster recovery, social services and/or community development assistance to any region of the state.

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