



Volunteering at Harvesters

Frequently Asked Questions

When are volunteers needed?

Kansas City Warehouse Volunteer Hours

Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (*Closes at 4 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day*)

Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Fridays and Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Sunday and Monday – Closed

Topeka Warehouse Volunteer Hours

Tuesday - 1 to 3 p.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday - 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Sunday and Monday - Closed

Are reservations required?

Yes. Please reserve your volunteer time at www.harvesters.org or call toll-free at 877.653.9516. In Topeka, please call 785.861.7750.

Do you require a minimum time commitment?

Volunteer shifts are scheduled for two hours. In order to ensure we are efficient with our operations we ask that volunteers stay for the entire shift.

How many people can I bring?

At our Kansas City facility, Harvesters can accommodate up to 120 people, based on availability. At the Topeka facility, we can accommodate up to 35 people, based on availability.

Do you need individual volunteers?

Most definitely! We only request that you schedule your visit in advance at www.harvesters.org.

Can young children volunteer?

We welcome children ages 8 and older, but do require adult supervision. For safety reasons, NO children under age 8 will be allowed in the warehouse.

- Ages 8 to 11 – 1 adult for every 5 children
- Ages 12 to 15 – 1 adult for every 10 children
- Ages 16 and over – no supervision required

Can you verify service hours?

Yes. Harvesters can verify service hours for non-legal purposes. Please notify staff when scheduling your reservation.

Can you accommodate volunteers with special needs?

Yes. Please let us know about your individual or group's special needs when making your reservation.

Can I bring food to donate?

Please do! If every volunteer brought just one nonperishable food item when they came to volunteer, in a year's time, Harvesters could provide an additional 65,000 meals. Check out our list of most-needed items at www.harvesters.org.

Do you have refreshments available for volunteers?

Water fountains and vending machines are available at both facilities.

Can our group bring in lunch?

Yes. You may bring lunch in at the Kansas City facility. For large groups, please let us know when making your reservation. In Topeka, please inquire about bringing in lunch when you make your reservation.



What should I wear?

Harvesters encourages volunteers to wear casual clothing (jeans and t-shirts) and requires all volunteers to wear close-toed shoes and long pants. **Open-toed shoes (including flip flops and sandals) are not allowed.** While the Volunteer Engagement Center is heated and cooled, it is a warehouse environment that is not as warm or as cool as a typical office or home. We suggest dressing in layers in the winter.

Are tours available?

We encourage your group to take a guided tour of Harvesters' warehouse during your visit. Tours must be scheduled when making your reservation.

Can I use my cell phone to call or text my friends while I'm volunteering?

No. To ensure everyone's safety, volunteers are not allowed to use their cell phones to make or receive calls while in Harvesters' warehouses. Volunteers are encouraged to take photos of their group and share on social media.

Where do I park when I volunteer at Harvesters?

At the Kansas City facility, volunteer parking is available in front of the building and in an overflow lot west of the building, across Topping Avenue. Parking is limited, so carpooling is strongly recommended. Guests should enter through the Volunteer Entrance under the red awning. At the Topeka facility, parking is available on the north side of the building and east of the building, across Quincy Street. Guests should enter through the main entrance with the red awning on the west side of Quincy.



For more information, contact Kansas City at getinvolved@harvesters.org or Topeka at fighthunger@harvesters.org

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