

The Gift of GIVING

SM East students reflect on the importance of volunteering during the holidays and their personal ties

TO: Uplift KC

Freshman Nate Brown has enjoyed building connections with people he meets with at Uplift KC



NATE BROWN
FRESHMAN

VOLUNTEER HISTORY

- Volunteered at Uplift since sixth grade
- His dad is a driver & his mom works at the warehouse
- Hands out lemonade on routes
- Volunteers on the first Saturday of every month

WHY SHOULD STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT UPLIFT?

"Not only do you get your service hours, but it's a very big community, because not only are the volunteers around a community itself, but even with the people we serve, it's our own community. And there's always someone who knows someone at each stop, and we're always talking, and it's a very fun time to learn new things and just listen to other people's stories."

UNWRAPPING the STATS

A statistic about the amount of volunteers during the holiday and where to sign-up



65% OF PEOPLE
VOLUNTEER DURING
THE HOLIDAY SEASON

**Instagram poll of 152 votes*

SCAN ME LINK



Scan the link to the left to view a list of places to volunteer during the holidays.

TO: Angel Tree

Since elementary school, sophomore Hayes Helvey has utilized her love to gift giving, to buy Angel Tree gifts



HAYES HELVEY
SOPHOMORE

GIFT GIVING HISTORY

- Her elementary school had an Angel Tree in the nurses office, and she would take a tag every year
- After she graduated grade school, her and her family continued their tradition of buying presents for kids through Angel Tree

WHY DID YOU VOLUNTEER FOR ANGEL TREE?

"Growing up, our elementary school in the nurse's office, they always had a tree with little wishes hanging on as ornaments. And so me and my siblings would always go and each pick one or two off the tree to do it with my mom and dad each year."

Q Where can I volunteer?

An explanation of volunteer organizations

★ UPLIFT KC

Drive a van through the Kansas City metropolitan area to distribute clothing, food, hygiene and more to the homeless community.

★ ANGEL TREE

Salvation Army's program provides gifts to children every year. After registering as a child's "angel" on their wishlist, presents can be purchased and dropped off at Salvation Army. At SM East, there is a Christmas tree located outside of the office, where students can take a tag and buy the suggested present, and later return it taped onto the gift underneath the tree.

★ JOHNSON COUNTY CHRISTMAS BUREAU

The JCCB supports families during the holiday season through donations and volunteer events. For example, the Holiday Shop is an annual event where low-income families can benefit from receiving groceries, hygiene items, clothing and more free of charge. People can volunteer at the Holiday Shop or donate items.

