

Intercity Visit 2026: Kansas City

Please see below several volunteer opportunities that you can take advantage of prior to the official start of our 2026 Intercity Visit in Kansas City. Transportation is not provided.

Casual dress is suggested for the 1 pm tours.

Business casual attire is suggested for the 3 pm visit.

Volunteer Excursions

Monday, October 5

1 pm | Downtown KC

*Meet at: Lobby of the Loews Kansas City
1515 Wyandotte St, Kansas City, MO 64108*

Get a firsthand look at the urban core of Kansas City. We will start at their Loews Convention Center hotel and take a streetcar/walking tour through the heart of Downtown KC. On this tour you will experience Power and Light, KC's mixed-use downtown neighborhood, take the KC Streetcar and learn about the Crossroads Arts District – our home for the next few days. Space is limited, so sign up today.

Tour Guide: Downtown Council KC

1 pm | 18 & Vine Historic Jazz District

*Meet at: Kansas City MLB Urban Youth Academy
1622 E. 17th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64108*

Step into a story that should feel familiar. 18th and Vine is Kansas City's own Black Wall Street – a thriving hub of business and culture. The district is going through a transformative renovation through amazing public and private partnerships. See how this commercial corridor is being preserved and evolving into its next chapter. The tour will start at the RBI Baseball Academy before exploring some of the district's most famous landmarks.

Tour Guide: Kelvin Simmons, former Missouri state director of economic development and elected official turned developer.

3 pm | Care Beyond the Boulevard (Homeless Medical Respite Center)

Meet at: Care Beyond Boulevard

5100 Linwood Blvd. Kansas City, MO

Join us for an optional pre-Intercity Visit tour of Kansas City's low-barrier medical respite center for individuals experiencing homelessness. The facility, operated by [Care Beyond The Boulevard](#), supports people being discharged from area hospitals who need ongoing medical or mental health support and would otherwise be living on the street.

This facility, housed in a former hotel, allows for individuals to remain off the street while their health needs are met, thus reducing street homelessness. Individuals who stay here are successfully discharged to stable places 60% of the time. The facility will be in the early stages of doubling its capacity thanks to a City of Kansas City investment of more than \$7 million ([detailed here](#)) which will also allow the facility to add 24/7 staff.

This tour is facilitated by [Healthy Minds Policy Initiative](#), which has identified medical and behavioral health respite as a major gap in Tulsa's ability to address issues at the intersection of street homelessness and mental illness. Due to capacity limitations, we will cap attendance at the first 30 people who register.

Travel & arrival instructions:

Take rideshare or drive to 5100 Linwood Blvd. Kansas City, MO. Parking is available nearby on-street. Staff will greet us and lead us on a tour. Expect about 15 minutes of travel time to and from downtown Kansas City, MO. Please note that I-70 is expected to be closed between downtown and the facility, so you will use alternative routes. Travel time is still estimated at 15 minutes.