



Community Partner Directory – August 30th

Fab Lab Tulsa

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Representative: Nathan

Overview: The Hardesty Center for Fab Lab Tulsa is a non-profit entity located in the Kendall-Whittier neighborhood of Tulsa that has assembled a diverse collection of personal digital fabrication tools into one workspace as a community center for innovation, education and entrepreneurship. Fab Lab Tulsa is the 100th MIT chartered Fab Lab to be launched worldwide and the first in the southeastern region of the United States. Furthermore, at 3,500 square feet, the Tulsa facility is one of the largest Fab Labs in the world.

Opportunities: Volunteers, Public Service Internships

Iron Gate

<http://www.irongatetulsa.org>

918.582.4128 ext. 122

Representatives: Laura Robertson, Deborah Underwood, Matt Mitchell

Overview: Our mission is simple but vital: to provide food in a friendly environment every day for the hungry and homeless of Tulsa. Iron Gate provides food for anyone in need, regardless of their race, color, creed or religious affiliation. Weekday mornings, a hot nutritious meal is served. On weekends and holidays, sandwiches, fruit and coffee are served. Each Friday, approximately 80 grocery bags of food are distributed to needy families- an especially critical service for families with children. Iron Gate is located on the south side of Trinity Episcopal Church at 501 S. Cincinnati in downtown Tulsa, OK. Iron Gate provides food for the hungry every morning, 365 days a year Weekday mornings 8:30 am to 10:30am

Opportunities: Serve food, prepare sandwiches, bagging and distributing groceries, distributing personal hygiene kits, collecting and distributing hats, gloves in cold weather, and bottled water in hot weather, and socks year round, items for kid's packs

Emergency Infant Services

<http://www.emergencyinfantservices.org>

918.592.2229 ext. 105

Representatives: Marsha Bukofzer

Overview: Emergency Infant Services is a non-denominational, non-profit organization which assists over 1000 infants and toddlers each month. Funded through the generosity of the community, staff and volunteers work together to make sure that infants and toddlers have the essentials they need. We have no waiting periods or income qualifiers, operating on the theory that a hungry child cannot wait.

Opportunities: Public Service Internships, Community Service Work Study Positions, Volunteers

Laura Dester Children's Center

<http://www.okdhs.org>

918.728.6707

Representatives: Forrest Carpenter

Overview: The shelter is a short-term emergency care facility for use while child welfare specialists conduct investigations into alleged abuse and neglect and to hold children while staff looks for suitable foster care placements for those coming into state custody. Services available to children include shelter, food, clothing, medical, dental, ophthalmic, developmental, educational, psychological and psychiatric services, speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and recreational activities.

Opportunities: Public Service Internships

National MS Society

www.nationalmssociety.org/oke

918.488.0882

Representatives:

Overview: The mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is to end the devastating effects of MS. We are a statewide organization meeting the needs of those affected by Multiple Sclerosis.

Opportunities: Volunteers



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TARC

<http://www.ddadvocacy.net>

918.582.8272

Representatives: Aaron Brown and Mandy Cothorn

Overview: TARC is committed to ensuring a high quality of life for Oklahomans with developmental disabilities and their families through education, empowerment, support and advocacy. The agency was founded in 1952 by the parents of children with disabilities who faced lives in which few options existed beyond institutional care. Those parents were passionate about creating programs and services so their children could live satisfying lives in their own communities. TARC remains as committed today to

fostering the well-being, dignity, and rights of citizens with developmental disabilities and their families as did the pioneering parents of more than a half-century ago. TARC believes all people: Should be valued and recognized, Have basic rights, desires, and strengths, Are entitled to choices that increase their independence and quality of life, Have the right to make informed choices regarding where they live, where they work, how they participate in the community, and how they interact with others.

Opportunities: ARCcorps, Family Support, Oklahoma Advocates Involved in Monitoring, Outreach/Service Management, Self-Advocacy, Special Events

Tulsa Metropolitan Environmental Trust

<http://www.metrecycle.com>

918.584.0584

Representative: Shelley Umezawa and Annie Brady

Overview: The M.e.t. is a public trust authority set up to handle solid waste issues in the Tulsa County-metro area. We have two main operating programs. The first program is our recycling depots. We currently have 12 sites in and around the Tulsa Metro area. Our second main event is the Household Pollutant Event which is held at the Tulsa Fairgrounds twice a year. The M.e.t. is involved in many other environmental events throughout the year as well.

Opportunities: Community Service Work Study Positions, Public Service Internships

True Blue Neighbor Volunteer Center

www.utulsa.edu/volunteer

918.631.3535

Representatives: Kathy Shelton, Mike Mills, Natalie Stompoly

Overview: The Student Volunteer Center seeks to nurture a culture of service within the University, advocating community service and social responsibility for all members of the TU community. The SVC serves as a clearing house of resources and referrals on community agencies, service opportunities, service learning, and other public service initiatives. We promote the awareness of social issues, connect the resources of the University with community needs and strengths, and empower students, faculty, and staff to develop a life-long commitment to service.

Opportunities: Work Studies, Volunteers, Public Service Internships

Tulsa County Conservation District

<http://www.tulsacountyconservationdistrict.org>

918.280.1595

Representative: Scott Grant

Overview: Our Mission: To provide leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain, and improve our natural resources and environment

Our Charge: Conservation districts are the only local unit of government charged with the responsibility of conserving our natural resources.

Our Purpose: To conserve, protect, restore, and improve Tulsa County's natural resources for the citizens of Tulsa County.

Opportunities: Public Service Internships, Community Service Work Study Positions



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Tulsa Garden Center

<http://www.tulsagardencenter.com>

918.746.5136

Representatives: Dyane Lewis

Overview: Tulsa Garden Center, located in historic Woodward Park, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide a variety of horticultural and environmental education opportunities for the community and to serve as horticultural headquarters for the Tulsa area. A primary goal is to promote learning about plants through educational and recreational programs, while preserving the heritage of its historic building. Tulsa Garden Center fulfills its role as part of a larger botanical community by advocating responsible stewardship of plants and their habitats and frequently sponsors lectures, classes, shows and special events. Nearly 30 affiliated organizations call Tulsa Garden Center home for horticultural and environmental activities. The Center is open to the public with no admission cost on Tuesday through Saturday 8:30am - 4pm. Visitors enjoy the collection of photographs displayed throughout the facility which depict the home as it was during the Travis, Hull, and Snedden days. Many of the rooms still retain the craftsmanship and charm of the original home. The extensive woodcarvings, the flamboyant gold leaf ceilings and the dramatic marble floors are just a few of the original or near original elements preserved. Tulsa Garden Center is proud to have one of the finest horticultural libraries in this part of the country. With over 5,000 volumes on horticulture, botany, landscaping and related subjects, the library is a resource for gardeners and students of horticulture. Tulsa Garden Center members enjoy library book checkout privileges, while the general public is invited to use the library as an onsite resource center. The Library is located on the lower level and has elevator access.

Opportunities: Docents, Library, Mailing, Gift Shop, Rose Garden/Woodward Park, Children's Programming, SpringFest, An Evening of Wine and Roses

TSPCA

<http://www.tulsaspca.org>

918.428.7722

Representative: D'Ann Berson

Overview: Tulsa SPCA was founded in 1913 by a group of volunteers dedicated to the welfare of animals. The Tulsa SPCA is a private, nonprofit organization supported solely by contributions from the public, bequests, grants and some fees for services.

To promote a quality of life for domestic animals, who provide companionship to people in the greater Tulsa area, through rescue, rehabilitation, education, advocacy and community service.

Our shelter facility opened in the 1940s and the on-site veterinary clinic was built in the late 1980s. We offer shelter and care to hundreds of dogs and cats every year, take in and treat many abused and injured animals, and watch over their welfare while looking for the best match for pet and person.

As the largest and longest-running animal rescue organization in the area, we work hard to offer second chances to pets who are no longer wanted, were abused, neglected, abandoned or dumped, or their people can no longer care for them.

We provide many vital services for people and pets such as positive behavior training to enhance the pet's adoption opportunities, investigating animal cruelty and neglect, educational programs for children and adults, and a nursing home visitation program.

Our goal every day is to save lives of dogs and cats and help create the caring bond between pets and their people.

We look forward to a time when there are no more homeless animals.

Opportunities: Community Service Work Study Positions, Volunteers, Public Service Internships