

## **AUXILIARY OUTREACH**

### **2025-2026**

**Goals:** Build partnerships, help our communities, boost Auxiliary visibility, increase membership

**What is Auxiliary Outreach:** Partnering with other community organizations or agencies for the benefit of your community. It is a donation of time, not in-kind or monetary donations. Auxiliary Outreach can be done in all communities, rural and urban. It can benefit any group of people such as children, senior citizens, or those with disabilities. Outreach projects could also benefit animals, the environment, or public spaces.

Check with local organizations and helping agencies to find out what your Auxiliary can do to help. Remember, it is a donation of time, not money or in-kind donations.

Wear your Auxiliary attire (shirt, hat, or name badge) to let the community members know the Auxiliary is out in the community volunteering, it is also a good way to start a conversation about the Auxiliary and our programs.

Auxiliary Outreach projects should be approved by the Auxiliary and recorded in the meeting minutes prior to the project. In case of natural disasters or emergency situations the project may be voted on after the fact.

**NOTE:** Auxiliary Outreach is for projects NOT AFFILIATED with VFW or VFW Auxiliary programs. Volunteer work that is performed for the benefits of the Post or Auxiliary is NOT considered outreach.

**Need help finding opportunities to volunteer?** Check out **Volunteer Kansas** at <https://volunteerkansas.org>. This is a website that connects volunteers to Kansas charities that need help. They have created an extensive and diverse network of individual, corporate and non-profit contacts. They work with charities in many areas including education, children and families, animal welfare, violence and bullying, poverty, environment, health and fitness, disaster relief, human rights, and more. The website offers an online platform where Kansas charities can list their volunteer needs and volunteers can browse those volunteer opportunities to find a worthy cause in which to donate their talents and time. Users can search the site by keyword or phrase, range of dates, location, or charity name.

I would also ask that you review the information from the National Ambassador for Auxiliary Outreach, Sara Manke in the National Program Book.

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