



# Testimonials:

"When we decided to retire at the end of 2017, we began looking at what we might do with our time when this happened. We truly believe we've been BLESSED and need to give back to our community. WOW, what an experience! We believe this program is exactly what retirees need to keep themselves active and productive for our community. We know there are many ways for retirees to get involved, but this program allows them to get familiar with the organizations. We learned a lot about our community and the non-profit organizations within our community."



~ **Laverne and Shirley Schell**

"I have been amazed at the needs in our community and the opportunities to help fulfill those needs. After a career in law enforcement, I feel I had developed an emotional shell that kept me from feeling empathy for those in need of help. This program has opened my eyes. The program you have designed is well planned and developed and will only get better. I hope many other retirees are able to experience this program."



~ **Mike Brazeal**

"From the Give 5 program, we received a highly skilled volunteer with a background in law enforcement. He consults with us about our shelter security, and as a result, we are making changes to make our shelter safer. He also volunteers to provide domestic violence education to high school students by speaking in the schools—a service that our staff has not been able to fulfill due to time and budget constraints."



~ **Ivy Shelden, Harmony House Volunteer Coordinator**

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[www.marc.org/give5](http://www.marc.org/give5)

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## Be Part of the Solution



# GIVE 5

## *Civic Matchmaking Program*

Looking for a place to match your skills and interests with nonprofit organizations in need of volunteer help?

**Give 5 may be the program for you!**



# About the Program:

**Mid-America Regional Council** is the proud coordinating agency of the Give 5 program for Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri.

Give 5 is a feel-good, social engagement program that connects skilled, passionate retired (or otherwise have the passion to commit) older adults with meaningful volunteer opportunities at select nonprofit organizations.

Participation in Give 5 requires commitment to five day-long classes and nonprofit site visits, three to five optional evening networking events, and a graduation ceremony, all spaced throughout a two- to three-month period.

MARC's Give 5 classes will focus on connecting participants with guest speakers and nonprofit organizations that work towards a **Healthy, Vibrant and Age-Friendly Kansas City.**

At the end of the program, participants are asked to consider committing to five hours of volunteerism per month to the cause(s) of their choice.

*"The communities that do the best job of "civic matchmaking" – linking retirees with one or more of their passions in the community – will have a massive competitive advantage over other communities by offering a higher quality of life to their citizens."*

~ Give 5 Executive Director Greg Burris

# How to Participate:

## Requirements:

- Must be 60 years old or better
- Must live in Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte or Ray counties in Missouri

To participate in Give 5, please complete the volunteer application at [www.marc.org/give5](http://www.marc.org/give5).

Nonprofit organizations interested in participating can fill out the nonprofit application at [www.marc.org/give5](http://www.marc.org/give5).

