



**SHARE**

## **Shawnee Mission East High School**

Dear Shawnee Mission East Families,

SHARE is SME's student-led community service program. It's been a cornerstone at East for more than 30 years, reflecting our administration, faculty, and community's commitment to helping students form a lifelong habit for giving back. We hope your student will consider becoming actively involved in this tradition.

### **A brief introduction to SHARE...**

- It's one of the largest student-run, school-based volunteer programs in the country.
- Student-run means eight seniors (SHARE "Execs") assist more than 70 project chairs, who run more than 50 projects and manage more than 750 student volunteers each year.
- At SME, volunteerism is cool! Service hours aren't required for graduation so our student body self-elects to volunteer. From athletes to honor students to musicians, our students serve the community and learn about philanthropy alongside friends and classmates. It's fun and it's tradition.
- Ideas and inspiration from parents and the community are welcome. But the program's integrity hinges on students initiating and adopting projects and mobilizing their friends to help, no matter how successful.
- Projects engage students in hands-on service for KC charities, but also include caring for peers in our own school and district, learning about philanthropy, fundraising and event planning. The purpose is to help students see and serve the need around them, and develop leadership skills for future success.
- SHARE track service hours for NHS, IB, the Presidential Service Award and the East Service Award. See the service hours form also included in the letter. More are available on our website or in our room.

SHARE is not a club. It's a program. **Every Lancer is welcome in the SHARE room** to present ideas and seek opportunities. Encourage your student to watch for more information when school begins. Or see our website at [www.smeastshare.com](http://www.smeastshare.com).

Finally, SHARE is community-funded! **Please consider sponsoring this fall's Renovation Sensation homes tour, the ONLY fundraiser for SHARE. Sponsorship has many benefits! Look for information coming this summer.**

If you have questions, don't ever hesitate to contact us!

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