

Thrive-in-Action Programs

[Relay for Life](#)

The world's largest, most impactful fundraising event to fight cancer is at KSU! Sign up today to participate in KSU's American Cancer Society Relay For Life event. By participating in the Relay For Life movement, you'll be gaining valuable leadership and community service experience, while supporting the fight against cancer. Thanks to the support of student volunteers at Relay For Life events, the [American Cancer Society](#) is helping to save more than 500 lives from cancer every day. www.relayforlife.org

[Smith Gilbert Garden](#)

The mission of Smith-Gilbert Gardens is to serve as a resource for conservation, education and the enjoyment of horticulture, fine arts and historic preservation. United by woodland paths, the Gardens consist of separate groupings with individual elements of fascination. These include the Bonsai Exhibit, Palladino Camellia Garden, tea house and waterfall area, Rose Garden, and Conifer Display. Smithgilbertgardens.com

[PowerMyLearning](#)

Successfully launched in Atlanta in 2007 with the goal of helping teachers, students, and parents in high-poverty school communities harness the power of digital learning to improve student achievement towards college and career readiness. Our programs address student learning in all environments, including both the classroom and the home. Operating in the most disadvantaged communities throughout the Atlanta metropolitan area, PowerMyLearning has served over 7,300 students, and their families and teachers in 16 schools. Powermylearning.org

[Center for Civil and Human Rights](#)

The Center for Civil and Human Rights in downtown Atlanta is an engaging cultural attraction that connects the American Civil Rights Movement to today's Global Human Rights Movements. Our purpose is to create a safe space for visitors to explore the fundamental rights of all human beings so that they leave inspired and empowered to join the ongoing dialogue about human rights in their communities. Civilandhumanrights.org

[Mentoring for Leadership](#)

Marietta Mentoring for Leadership engages the community to open doors for students and empower them to look beyond graduation and to fulfill their dreams. By matching the skills and passions of each mentor to the needs and desires of the student, we encourage each to become active, contributing citizens.

[FOCUS](#)

Since the inception of the Drug Free Cherokee initiative in 2004, Cherokee FOCUS has brought together concerned citizens, local business, youth, law enforcement, government agencies, alcohol and substance abuse related organizations to develop a strategic plan that addresses the needs of Cherokee County related to substance abuse prevention. Cherokeefocus.org

[KSU Care Center](#)

The Campus Awareness, Resource & Empowerment (CARE) Center offers support to students who are dealing with homelessness or are at-risk of being homeless, food insecurity and/or students previously or currently in foster care. The CARE Center provides both on and off campus resources, operates the campus food pantry, provides personal care items and assists in accessing temporary and/or permanent housing. studentsuccess.kennesaw.edu/care

[American Democracy Project](#)

KSU is proud to be one of the founding institutions of the American Democracy Project. Now at more than 240 campuses, ADP strives to prepare students to be informed, engaged citizens who are active participants in democratic decision-making. At KSU, ADP plans and implements the annual Constitution Week festivities, Pathways to Peace lecture series, and a variety of events, activities, and advocacy opportunities. kennesaw.edu/american democracy

[Mostly Mutts](#)

Since 2004, Mostly Mutts has been working to reduce the number of animals euthanized at local shelters in metro Atlanta. We work closely with animal control

officers to save adoptable dogs that are often moments away from being put to sleep. Often, these dogs are sick and injured and require rehabilitation. Mostly Mutts provides housing, health care, training, and physical and emotional care to them until they can be placed in a new home. We hold weekly adoption events to help each dog find their "fur-ever home." mostlymutts.org