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USM Freshmen Head *Into the Streets*

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Don't be alarmed if random University of Saint Mary freshmen are wandering around your block—they're only out to help. As part of a university-wide orientation period, all USM freshmen will head *Into the Streets* of the Leavenworth community at 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Aug. 16.

Into the Streets is designed to help new University of Saint Mary students discover service opportunities in the Leavenworth community. Led by upperclassmen USM student, freshmen will break up into groups of six to 10, and provide service-oriented tasks for 16 different area agencies or organizations while getting acquainted with new people and a small taste of service opportunities at the university.

Into the Streets is also the first service-learning Learning Community freshmen can take. As part of *Into the Streets*, students will lead discussions about service projects and plans, and will write reflection papers about their experience.

Learning Communities blend two different academic areas into one class (such as philosophy and English, math and business, and psychology and government) to show how each are equally important in today's society. Learning Communities are taught by two professors, one from each discipline. *Into the Streets* blends the knowledge of the Service-Learning Center and Campus Ministry.

The 16 agencies USM and freshmen are working with for *Into the Streets* include:

Alliance Against Family Violence
The USM Ancilla Center for Children
Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Leavenworth County
Catholic Community Services
City of Leavenworth
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
Cushing Medical Hospital
Habitat for Humanity

Hospice of Leavenworth
Leavenworth Assistance Center
Ross Hall
Saint Vincent Clinic
V.A. School
Women's Community Y
Xavier Schools
Youth Achievement Center

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