



ArtsTech Giving Tuesday: Frequently Asked Questions

"At ArtsTech, a warm meal and a fresh load of laundry can open the door to a new job, a new skill, or a new beginning."

What is Giving Tuesday?

Giving Tuesday is a global day of generosity that takes place every year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. It's a day when people around the world come together to support causes that make a difference in their communities. This year, Giving Tuesday falls on Tuesday, **December 2, 2025**.

What is ArtsTech?

ArtsTech is a Kansas City based nonprofit helping youth and young adults **design their future** through creative arts, technology, and workforce development. We serve young people ages **12–24** including those who are **justice-involved, unhoused, or disconnected from school** providing a safe and empowering place to learn, earn, and grow.

What is ArtsTech Giving Tuesday focus?

This Giving Tuesday, we're asking our community to support **youth resilience through warmth, work, and opportunity**.

Your gift will help ArtsTech:

- Operate our **Fresh Start Laundry & Drop-In Space** during the cold months.
- Keep our building open on **Saturdays for youth 16–24**, offering warmth, Wi-Fi, and support.
- Sustain our **Teens in Transition (TNT)** and **Junior Staff programs**, which give young people paid training, mentoring, and real-world job experience.

Together, these initiatives form the foundation of ArtsTech's *Youth Resilience & Opportunity Hub*, a year round system of care and empowerment.

Why are these programs important?

Many Kansas City youth face major barriers: housing instability, lack of work experience, and limited access to mental health care. ArtsTech bridges those gaps with hands-on opportunities and wraparound support.

Fresh Start @ ArtsTech

- Weekly laundry service, hygiene items, snacks, and basic needs support.
- Operates Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday evenings (4–8 p.m.).
- Each youth receives 4–5 mental-health sessions and resource referrals.

Teens in Transition (TNT)

- Serves high school youth in partnership with KCPD and KCPS.
- Builds conflict resolution, leadership, and civic engagement skills.
- Includes community service projects and creative arts training.

Junior Staff Program

- Paid part-time employment for youth 16–24.
- Teaches workplace professionalism, digital skills, and teamwork.
- Youth help run community events, manage labs, and support program operations.

Together, these programs teach youth how to **earn, learn, and lead** — while meeting immediate needs for stability and safety.

How will Giving Tuesday donations be used?

Your support will directly fund:

- **Laundry and hygiene supplies** for the Fresh Start program.
- **Weekend cold-weather hours** with food, Wi-Fi, and case management.
- **Youth stipends and wages** for Junior Staff and Teens in Transition participants.
- **Mental-health sessions and workshops** focused on resilience.
- **Training materials, technology, and workforce certifications.**

\$25 provides a week of laundry and meals.

\$50 funds a youth's participation in a creative or digital workshop.

\$100 supports one counseling session and a stipend for a Junior Staff member.

\$250 sponsors a Teens in Transition participant for one month.

How many youth does ArtsTech serve?

Each year, ArtsTech serves **500+ youth and young adults** through its year-round programs.

During winter months, our Fresh Start and weekend space serve **up to 75 youth weekly**, ensuring no young person faces cold weather alone or without support.

How can I give?

Online: www.artstech-kc.org/donate or <https://square.link/u/e1a6u6Oh>

By Mail: ArtsTech, 1522 Holmes St., Kansas City, MO 64108

In Person: Drop off donations or supplies (detergent, snacks, socks, hygiene items).

Why Giving Tuesday?

Because every act of giving—big or small—keeps a young person warm, confident, and hopeful. Your gift helps youth **build resilience, find stability, and step into leadership** through ArtsTech's creative, compassionate community.

Warm hearts. Fresh starts. Real opportunities.

Support ArtsTech's youth this Giving Tuesday — from clean clothes to career goals.

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