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**Kansas City, MO 64114**

**When: Saturday, May 8th at 10:30 in  Outside Circle Drive**

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A person using a computer

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