

Tennessee Town NIA General Membership Meeting
6:30 p.m., Monday; March 11, 2019; Buchanan Center Conference Room, 1195 SW Buchanan

TENTATIVE AGENDA:

- I. Welcome
- II. Guests: Topeka Mayor Michelle de la Isla, Topeka City Manager Brent Trout
- III. NIA Executive Committee Meeting with Mayor de la Isla Report
- IV. City Council Report: Karen Hiller
- V. Lane Garden Update: Karen Hiller (also see pg. 8 of Reports of Officers)
- VI. Community Policing Report: Ofc. Derek Parrett
- VII. Property Maintenance Report: Carlos Hernandez
- VIII. Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) Report: Donald Fortin
- IX. Adoption of Agenda (vote)
- X. Approval of January 14, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes (vote; pgs. 2-4)
- XI. Reading and Acceptance of Treasurer's Reports (vote; see pg. 5)
- XII. Pedestrian Mid-Block Lighting Update
- XIII. SORT Streets Projects Meeting, Housing Rehab (pg 6-7); Habitat for Humanity Minor Rehab; Brush Up Topeka (pg. 11)
- XIV. NIA/National Night Out/Basketball Tournament Fundraising Committee Report (pgs. 8-9)
- XV. SPCP (Strengthening Police and Community Partnerships) Council, District One Meeting Report (pg. 10)
- XVI. "Food Oasis" Group to Establish Another Central Topeka Full-Service Grocery Store Update (pg. 6)
- XVII. Advanced Notice of Tax-Sale Properties Report (pg. 10)
- XVIII. Colored Women's Club Reopening, Brown v. Board Presentation, Topeka Black Leaders: Sandy Lassiter
- XIX. Doorstep, Inc. South Alley Meeting with Topeka Public Works Department Report
- XX. Reports of Officers: (pgs. 6-10)
- XXI. Old Business:
 - A. International Academy Update: Sandy Lassiter
 - B. Topeka JUMP, Heartland Visioning Updates: Joyce Revely
 - C. Momentum 2022 Update (pg. 7)
- XXII . New Business:
- XXIII. Kudos:
 - A. Tennessee Town Churches
 - B. Kudos from Attendees
- XXIV. Announcements:
 - A. "Brush Up Topeka" House Painting Program (pg. 11)
 - B. Cold Weather Rule, which helps ensure gas, electric and water service during the cold months, starts Nov. 1, 2018 and ends on Mar. 31, 2019. For more information, please contact the KS Corporation Commission at 800-662-0027.
 - C. Kansas Gas Service "Share the Warmth" Program provides one-time assistance with a gas bill. For more information, please call 816-756-5392, ext. 2.
 - D. Neighborhood Relations Programs: (1) *Emergency Program*: Intended to help homeowners make repairs to immediate health or safety hazards, (2) *Accessibility Program*: Provides modifications to residential homes for owners or tenants with disabilities. For more info. or to apply, please call 785-368-3711.
 - E. TOTO first-time homebuyers' assistance program: The program helps low-income families purchase their first home through HUD funding. The program helps Topeka residents become homeowners by providing education, financing, and home rehabilitation by partnering with Housing and Credit Counseling Inc. For more info., please call 785-234-0217, ext. 317.
 - F. Next Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Mon., May 13, 2019, Buchanan Center, 1195 SW Buchanan
- XXV. Adjournment

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Minutes of January 14, 2019 General Membership Meeting:

Attendees: President Michael Bell, Vice-President Pat DeLapp, Secretary-Treasurer Sandra Lassiter, City Council Member Karen Hiller, TPD Ofc. Derek Parrett; Property Maintenance Ofc. Carlos Hernandez, Robin St. James, Let's Help, Inc.; Emma Ray, Joyce Revely, John Lewis.

Bell called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Property Maintenance Report: Carlos Hernandez gave the report. He fielded questions about housing restoration. He said there would be grant money available soon to help with houses with code violations. Emma Ray spoke about 1185 SW Clay being a nuisance to the neighborhood.

Guest: Robin St. James, Let's Help, Inc.: St. James presented on Let's Help's programs designed to help older Kansans. She is the Older Kansans Employment Coordinator. She said the programming is funded by the State of Kansas and is directed to people 55+ years of age. St. James said the program's jobs aren't just minimum wage and that the program conducts mock interviews with its clients and helps them to write resumes. She also said Let's Help has help available for rental assistance (about \$100,000) and buying groceries.

City Council Report: Karen Hiller gave the report. She said a new deputy mayor had been elected (?). She also said that economic development organizations like Go Topeka and Downtown Topeka had been united under the umbrella "Greater Topeka Partnership." Hiller added that the governing body soon would consider a one-mill increase in the mill levy to pay for more Topeka Metro bus services.

Election of 2019 NIA Officers: The three current officers, President Michael Bell, Vice-President Pat DeLapp and Secretary-Treasurer Sandy Lassiter, all indicated that they would be willing to serve new terms. No one else indicated an interest in any of the positions.

Ray moved to retain the current NIA officers for 2019. Joyce Revely seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Community Policing Report: Ofc. Parrett gave the report. He said during the counting period Dec. 1, 2018-Jan. 14, 2019 there were three reported crimes (two burglaries to residences and one vehicle burglary). Parrett spoke on proposed ordinances pertaining to abandoned housing and "camping" (homeless people staying on public property). Ray mentioned the "Take Me Home" program (a database maintained by the Topeka Police Department for adults and children who may have difficulty communicating due to a developmental or cognitive disability. This database is only accessible to law enforcement personnel).

Adoption of Agenda: *Pat DeLapp moved adoption of the tentative agenda with Property Maintenance Report moved to Roman II. Ray seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*

Approval of Nov. 12, 2018 General Membership Meeting Minutes : *DeLapp moved approval of the minutes as presented. Ray seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*

Acceptance of Treasurer's Reports: *Revely moved acceptance of the operations/communications and Envista treasurer's reports. Sandy Lassiter seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*

2019 Sign Up for Community Resources Council's "Tier Two" Nonprofit Status: Discussion occurred on whether to renew the NIA's CRC membership to access its 501(c)3 nonprofit status. In 2018 the City's Department of Neighborhood Relations covered the \$100 cost. The NIA would have to cover that expense for 2019.

DeLapp moved to allocate \$100 from the NIA's 2019 operations/communications budget for the CRC's Tier Two nonprofit status. Ray seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

NIA/National Night Out/Basketball Tournament Fundraising Event, Committee: Bell said there was a need for the NIA to fundraise to do more in the neighborhood, including contributing to National Night Out and the Basketball Tournament. He asked for volunteers to serve to create a proposal for fundraising activities. DeLapp said he had items to donate so that the NIA could sell them. Revely said she would serve. Bell said he would send an email to his NIA email list asking for volunteers to serve.

SORT Housing Rehabilitation, Streets Projects Meeting; Habitat for Humanity Minor Exterior Rehab Programs: Bell said a meeting would be held at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 31, 2019, at Faith Temple church to discuss the progress made on SORT Housing and Streets Projects. Bell also reminded attendees about signing up for Habitat's Minor Exterior Rehab program.

NIA Meeting Frequency: Bell said that with the many activities in which the NIA is involved that he doubted that meeting monthly would mean smaller agendas. He said that meeting monthly would mean changing the NIA's by-laws. Attendees agreed to keep meeting every odd-numbered month but to revisit the issue in the future should the general membership decide to do so.

Lane Garden Update: Bell said the Shawnee County Commissioners still have final say about whether the NIA can make improvements to Lane Garden. Bell said newly elected Commissioner Bill Riphahn has been approached about bringing Lane Garden under the county's umbrella.

Mid-Block Lighting Update: Bell said he, DeLapp and Lassiter met with Neighborhood Relations Director Sasha Haehn, Public Works Director Jason Peek and other Public Works staff on Jan. 7, 2019 to discuss funding for mid-block lighting in the neighborhood (excluding Washburn and Lane Sts.). Both Haehn and Peek said there were no city funds available. Bell said he expected that answer and suggested that the parties look outside the city's budget for funding, including the KS Dept. of Transportation (which Bell had contacted before) and other public and foundation funding sources. Both Haehn and Peek gave a lukewarm endorsement to looking for other funds.

Former Colored Women's Club Renovations: Lassiter said donations had been received from churches, individuals and organizations for doors and windows for the former clubhouse, located at 1149 SW Lincoln. She said \$10,000 in donations had been invested so far in renovations. Lassiter said the newly renovated clubhouse would feature a museum. She also said St. Marks church had received a grant for a similar project and that Community First could apply for one, too.

Abandoned Tires Update: DeLapp said that he soon would be able to start collecting abandoned tires again after the City agreed to again honor the agreement he had with retired Property Maintenance Officer Dennis Boyles for the City to take the tires he collected.

"Food Oasis" Group's Meeting with City Manager Brent Trout and Deputy City Manager Doug Gerber to Establish Another Central Topeka Full-Service Grocery Store Update: Bell said the meetings have continued and have been productive. He said the group had made contact with the Kansas Healthy Food Initiative, which shares the Food Oasis's goal of establishing another full-service grocery store in Central Topeka and can provide its expertise and access to funds to help.

Reports of Officers: Bell referred attendees to the report in the meeting packet. Highlights included the NIA Officers' Meeting, Food Oasis group meetings, the NIA's Holiday Party, Habitat's Strategic Planning Meeting, and the Momentum 2022 Community Engagement Work Group Meeting.

Old Business: International Academy Update: Lassiter said things were going well with the kids and the program.

Old Business: Topeka JUMP, Heartland Visioning Updates: Joyce Revely gave the reports. She said JUMP had identified violence, elder care and predatory lending as its 2019 issues. She said 22 congregations now made up Topeka JUMP. Revely said JUMP encourages people to join its committees and that the group typically holds day-time meetings. She said she was a member of the predatory lending committee and that Asbury-Mt. Olive Pastor Harry Christian was the chair of the violence committee. She said JUMP is working with the SOTO program (the South Topeka program that makes available transportation to employers). Revely said the Affordable Housing Trust Fund request JUMP had made of the City's governing body was tabled due to lack of funding.

New Business: There was no new business.

Kudos: Bell thanked Sandy Lassiter and Faith Temple Church for hosting the 2018 NIA Holiday Party, where he shared “Twas the NIA Night Before Christmas” with attendees.

Announcements: “Brush Up Topeka” House Painting Program, MLK Birthday Living the Dream Activities, the Cold Weather Rule, Kansas Gas Service’s “Share the Warmth” Program, and Neighborhood Relations’ Emergency and Accessibility Programs were highlighted.

Adjournment: *Ray moved adjournment. Revely seconded the motion. The motion was approved.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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Treasurer's Report for Mar. 11, 2019 General Membership Meeting:
2019 Operations/Communications Budget**

Tennessee Town NIA 2019 Operations and Communications Budget:				
Date	Piece Count	Transaction Type	Withdrawal	Balance
1-1-19, 3-11-19	▶	▶	▶	\$1,078.94
TOTALS:	▶	▶	\$0.00	\$1,078.94

**The \$100 Community Resources Council membership cost to take advantage of its "Tier Two" nonprofit status will be deducted from the budget for the May 13, 2019 NIA meeting.

Treasurer's Report for Mar. 11, 2019 General Membership Meeting: Envista Account

Tennessee Town NIA 2016-2019 Envista Account:			
Date	Transaction Type	Deposit/Withdrawal	Balance
11-12-18	Balance Check	None	\$139.47
11-1-18, 12-1-18, 1-1-19, 2-1-19, 3-1-19	Dividend of \$0.01 paid each time	Deposit	\$139.52
TOTALS:	▶	▶	\$139.52

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Reports of Officers (Activities From Jan. 15, 2019 - Mar. 11, 2019):

A. “Food Oasis” Meetings with the Kansas Healthy Food Initiative:

Bell attended the teleconference meeting, held on Jan. 15, 2019, in the first-floor conference room of the Buchanan Center, 1195 SW Buchanan. Tennessee Town’s Joyce Revelly also attended the meeting. The group also met on Feb. 5 at City Hall.

KHFI’s Isabell said initial funding for the group’s efforts to establish another full-service grocery store in Central Topeka could come from the Kansas Health Foundation. She said the KHFI could provide options for the formation of grocery stores/providing healthy food options. A partnership would be formed with the IFF, a nonprofit community development financial institution that manages the loan/grant pool for food access projects across Kansas and provides financing to eligible applicants.

Oasis team member Clark Trammell pointed out the group isn’t looking to borrow money from a bank but instead wants a grocer to come in. Team chair Marge Ahrens mentioned the formation of a food co-op in one Kansas town while another town opted for a city-owned store. Those options would be alternatives to the traditional method of identifying a grocer to come in and operate the store.

Isabelle said the next step for the group would be doing a market study that identifies a specific address for the purposes of the study as well as the size of the store and other details. She said the group should identify someone familiar with the grocery business. Isabelle also suggested:

- Looking at nonprofit and for-profit models
- Finding out if tax incentives are available
- Matching the anticipated customer base with what a grocer does (wholesale grocers?), including respecting the finances of low-income people and families (i.e. WIC, SNAP)
- Consider the possibility of other businesses sharing space at the store (pharmacy, banking services, etc.)
- Look at local success stories (El Torritos in Topeka was a KHFI grant recipient)
- Land acquisition is a Network Kansas question
- Access the Greater Topeka Partnership (GTP, the consortium of Go Topeka; Downtown Topeka, Inc., etc.)
- Regarding eligibility, the Central Topeka area would qualify as a low-resource area
- Identify community partners like the Topeka Community Foundation and Momentum 2022

Brett Martin, formerly of the Community Strong Topeka group that organized immediately after the Huntoon Dillon’s closure, and Shawnee County’s Craig Barnes joined discussions at the Feb. 5 meeting.

B. SORT Streets Projects, In-Fill Housing/Housing Rehabilitation Meeting:

Bell, DeLapp and Lassiter attended the meeting, held at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 31, 2019, in the multipurpose room of Faith Temple Church, 1162 SW Lincoln.

City staff from the Public Works, Neighborhood Relations and Planning Departments were in attendance to present on streets projects. Curb, in-fill sidewalks water lines, and storm sewer projects were discussed, as well as how alleys and streets figured in the plans. Regarding SW 11th St., mill and overlay and curb replacement where necessary was discussed. It was agreed that Public Works would meet with Doorstep, Inc. regarding the poor condition of the alley at the south end of its building.

Cornerstone of Topeka's Director Chris Palmer was in attendance and discussed the partnership involving Cornerstone, Stormont-Vail and Habitat for Humanity where Stormont-Vail will donate land it owns in Tennessee Town to Cornerstone for the construction of two duplexes in the first 1100 block of SW Lane and to Habitat for the construction of new single-family houses. Palmer thanked Tennessee Town for contributing \$75,000 of its SORT housing funds to get the project off the ground, which enabled Cornerstone to find other funds for the Tennessee Town project and to commit to an affordable housing project in another neighborhood.

Neighborhood Relations' Director Sasha Haehn also was in attendance and revealed that, after a slow start, all of the SORT housing rehab funds had been accounted for through applications. Bell thanked Haehn for approaching the NIA's SORT Committee with the Cornerstone-Stormont-Vail-Habitat proposal.

C. Community Revitalization Fellowship Meeting:

Bell attended the meeting by invitation, held at noon on Feb. 13, 2019, at Topeka Habitat for Humanity, 120 NE Gordon.

The City's Department of Neighborhood Relations extended invitations to take part in fellowship, which is sponsored by the Center for Community Progress and "is a new learning opportunity to help cohorts of grassroots community leaders revitalize neighborhoods that are struggling with serious challenges related to vacancy, abandonment and disinvestment... Fellows visit each other's communities (three cities) and learn from each other's efforts. They build stronger relationships with local leaders at home and they tackle important projects and push for positive changes in their neighborhoods." The fellowship will last nine months and will include a stipend and covered travel costs (about two weeks of travel).

The City's Sheena Schmidt said \$14,000 would be available for neighborhood activities like Habitat's "Tool Bus" (think the old Tool Lending Library on wheels) and learning exchanges.

Habitat Director Janice Watkins spoke on her group becoming involved in housing rehabilitation and education/empowerment activities, as well as instituting a new "Aging in Place" program that will address the needs of seniors and the physically challenged. Watkins said one of the goals of the new program, which has AARP as a partner, is to replace citations with door hangers.

City Council Member Mike Padilla attended and encouraged the neighborhood people to be Fellows. Attendees were asked to complete a questionnaire and provide a bio and submit both by Feb. 15. Six Topeka Fellows will be selected to participate.

D. Communications Regarding Pedestrian Mid-Block Lighting:

On Feb. 14, 2019, Bell emailed the Kansas Department of Transportation regarding funds for pedestrian mid-block lighting. On Feb. 18, KDOT's Matthew Messina responded. He said the NIA's request might qualify for KDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program. He also provided information on other opportunities. He said the City would have to complete the application on the NIA's behalf. Bell thanked Messina and forwarded the email to Neighborhood Relations' Director Sasha Haehn, Public Works Director Jason Peek, Mayor Michelle de la Isla, and City Manager Brent Trout. Bell followed up multiple times on that email. On Mar. 9, Trout responded that he'd follow up with City staff.

E. Momentum 2022 Community Engagement Work Group Meeting:

Bell attended the meeting, held at 1 p.m. on Feb. 20, 2019, at the GraceMed Health Clinic, 1400 SW Huntoon.

Topeka Police Department Sgt. Cody Berger presented on the "See Topeka" Camera Mapping Program, which seeks to install cameras at participating businesses to help apprehend suspects and discourage criminal activity. He also talked about cameras on traffic lights and how downtown, the NOTO business district and USD 501 have cameras that the TPD can access. Berger said special lighting would be required for the cameras at businesses and that help paying for the lighting should be available.

Community Action, Inc. Director Tawny Stottlemire spoke on the agency's programming. She said a 3-year community evaluation recently had been completed involving income-qualified focus groups:

- Demographics and statistics were compiled during the 1st year
- The latest applicable research was compiled during the 2nd year
- Customer satisfaction/input was sought during the 3rd year

Stottlemire said a number of things were learned from the evaluation, mentioning participants wanting to be respected and being called "low income" versus being in poverty.

F. Meeting with GraceMed's Alice Weingartner regarding Lane Garden:

Bell attended the meeting with City Council Member Karen Hiller, held at 1 p.m. on Feb. 25, 2019, at GraceMed, 1400 SW Huntoon.

Discussions involved talking about recent efforts to make improvements to Lane Garden, located at SW 12th and Lane Sts., and identifying ways to approach the GraceMed board about adopting Lane Garden and the vacant lot immediately north of Lane Garden at 1194 SW Lane so that improvements could be made. Discussions have centered on the creation of a pollinator garden with amenities like benches, tables and a solar-powered light that would allow the interaction of nature and people in a placid place.

Hiller discussed the partnerships that have been formed, most notably with the family of Marge and Barney Heeney. For many years Marge Heeney paid to maintain Lane Garden and was known for her love of parks. Other partnerships include Ogden Publications, Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners, Keep America Beautiful Topeka and Shawnee County, a gentleman from the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, the Tennessee Town NIA, and neighborhood people. Those partners would cover the establishment of the pollinator garden and the maintenance of the entire park. GraceMed adopting Lane Garden would put to rest the ownership issues that have stymied improvements in the past.

Weingartner asked the Lane Garden group to produce a document that outlined the short- and long-term expectations for GraceMed, including maintenance and included a behavioral health component to tie in with GraceMed's mission. Hiller and Bell both mentioned how Lane Garden could positively address behavioral health issues and would be a nearby way for GraceMed clients and staff, as well as neighborhood residents and visitors, to do so.

Bell is working on the document.

G. NIA Fundraising Committee:

Bell attended the meeting with Emma Ray and committee members Joyce Revely and Christine Allen, held at 5 p.m. on Feb. 25, 2019, at the Buchanan Center.

The committee took two tracks regarding the fundraiser. The first was discussing ongoing fundraisers, or those fundraisers that could be held throughout the year. The second was discussing one-time fundraisers, or those held on one date.

Ongoing fundraisers:

Cookbook:

- Make a hard-copy version (find a printer willing to donate or discount copy services), spiral bound.
- Solicit recipes from Tenn. Town residents, business employees, and others
- Have a historical piece in the cookbook (city's first NIA, 1976; 2019 is Tenn. Town's 140th birthday)
- Mike Bell will design cookbook
- Decide how much to charge, make payment available through traditional methods (check, money order) and online methods (PayPal, etc.)

Yard/Parking Lot Sales:

- Participants can donate what they want
- Donate leftovers to Mission, thrift store or
- Have participants pay a fee to bring their stuff; if stuff is left over, owner takes it home with them
- "Gently used" items
- Locations: GraceMed (Ray held a parking lot sale there last year for National Night Out, Faith Temple parking lots; Buch. Ctr north field (bathrooms?))
- Hand-made items OK
- Bake sale goods OK

Film Night:

- Charge a small admission fee (\$5, maybe slightly more for a family?)
- Where to find a projector?
- Betty Phillips has access to a large screen
- Offer popcorn, soda (vendors come, distribute and make money)

Trivia Night:

- Partner with a bar, restaurant or other social establishment
- Percentage of proceeds that night go to NIA
- Solicit donated prizes from businesses
- Identify a moderator

Sell Candy Bars/Food Items:

- Can make a lot of money doing this (people love to eat)
- Find out costs of items (keep costs low)
- Done on honor system

50/50 Raffle:

- The prize is 50% of the money taken in by the raffle ticket sales.
- The other 50% is retained by the nonprofit group holding the raffle

Car/Dog Wash:

- Water source?
- Partner with a car wash or pet grooming business ("x" amount of proceeds goes to business and to NIA)
- Can we find enough volunteers? (Faith Temple, 1st Church of the Nazarene, A-MO youth programs)

Restaurant Night:

- Percentage of restaurant's sales go to NIA (GraceMed did this with Jason's Deli)

Food Trucks:

- Expensive
- Percent of receipts go to NIA

Gospel Fest:

- Ray organized one last year for National Night Out
- NIA does flier and organizes distribution
- People in community volunteering to sing and play music
- Low-cost event

One-Time Fundraisers:

Carnival/Battle of the Bands/Dog Training/For and Non-Profits Set Up Tables to Visit with Community

- People in community volunteering to sing and play music
- Small cover charge
- Band shell?
- Ask for donations to offset costs

H. Strengthening Police and Community Partnerships Council, District One Report:

Bell attended the event, held at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 25, 2019, at the Central Park Community Center, 1534 SW Clay. District One City Council Member and NIA member Karen Hiller attended, as did NIA members Emma Ray and Joyce Revelly.

Topeka Police Chief Bill Cochran led the discussion. He talked about the TPD being publicly accountable for its actions, doing meaningful, consistent and lasting outreach into the community to actually work for all of the various constituencies that make up Topeka; and being committed to deescalating situations before they become violent.

Bell asked about the TPD's "Cultural Competency" initiative, which involves the TPD becoming educated about the cultural differences between residents. Bell said in a macro world that's a laudable goal, but on a micro level we know that most of the conflicts between TPD and the community have involved native-born people of color. He said to the Chief that it was his hope that his concerns as a black resident didn't get lost in this initiative.

The chief also discussed making "civil contacts" with the community. Bell said that the oppressed are always asked to be civil while the oppressors are not. Cochran assured attendees and the public that the TPD would be just as responsible for those civil contacts as the public.

I. Advanced Notice of Tax-Sale Properties Report:

During an email exchange between Bell and the Shawnee County Counselor's Office's Megan Barrett and in the interests of "making a more concerted effort to keep the neighborhood associations apprised of properties going through the tax sale process in their areas."

She said her office does maintain an email list for anyone interested in being notified of future tax foreclosure auctions and when that email notification is sent out it does contain a list of all the properties that are still up for sale. Barrett said those emails typically are sent out about 4-6 weeks prior to the auction being held. She added the NIA's executive committee to the email list.

If you'd like to be added to the list, please let Bell know and he'll make the arrangements.

Brush Up Topeka

The City of Topeka is partnering with Group Work Camps Home Repair Program. Work camps are intensive one-week trips that help people grow in Christian faith through service. Individuals and youth from around the country will spend July 7-13, 2019, in our community performing home painting projects for elderly, low-income, and disabled families.

The work at each home will be done by five young people and at least one adult leader representing many Christian denominations. This program will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Eligibility

To be eligible, your home must meet the following guidelines:

- Applicant must be the registered home owner
- The home is single story and does not exceed 28 feet
- An adult 18 years of age or older must be present during time of work
 - Must not exceed the income guidelines:
- 1 occupant: \$38,450
- 2 occupants: \$43,950
- 3 occupants: \$49,450
- 4 occupants: \$54,900
- 5 occupants: \$59,300
- 6 occupants: \$63,700
- 7 occupants: \$68,100
- 8 occupants: \$72,500
- No occupants can be listed on the Kansas offender registry

Project must be able to be completed in 1 week

Apply

If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please call Shane Wilson at 785-368-4492 for more information, or [fill out a PDF application](#). You may also apply in-person at:

620 SE Madison St.
Topeka, KS