Media Release

For Immediate Release

Contact: HealthAccess 785-235-0996 office

Physician Musical Talent to Benefit Low-Income Uninsured for 20th Year Anniversary

"Music, Just What the Doctor Ordered", a benefit concert to assist low-income uninsured residents of Shawnee County served by HealthAccess is returning after a two year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The concert and 20th Anniversary celebration will be held at 3 PM on Sunday, April 24, at First United Methodist Church, 600 Topeka Blvd. The benefit concert has no admission fee, but a free will offering will help raise funds, along with corporate sponsors of our event.

The event will feature the musical talents of the Dr. Grace Morrison, Dr. Scott Teeter, Dr. Steve Crouch, and Dr. Mary Franz. The event celebrates the Shawnee County medical community’s volunteer response to assisting low-income uninsured residents of our community in accessing health care. Corporate sponsors of the event are Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, Federal Home Loan Bank, the Shawnee County Medical Society, Minor Med, CoreFirst Bank and Trust, Cosmopolitan International, and Security Benefit Group.

'We are proud to have worked together to enhance the safety net health system for needy people in our community not eligible for other programs.' says Scott Teeter, MD, Board President, 'HealthAccess has created synergy from volunteers in the physician, nursing, dental, eye care, hospital, and ambulatory care communities. Industry leaders in the health insurance, pharmacy, corporate and local government, along with individual charitable donations help provide funding for HealthAccess to continue to provide Shawnee County residents access to care and medications on a short-term basis in times of need to those in our community who need is most. This benefits us all.'

The Shawnee County Medical Society HealthAccess program exemplifies the power of local collaboration to provide for individuals falling through the cracks in our healthcare delivery system. Local physicians, hospitals, clinics, and pharmacies generously provide charity care. Although the volunteers receive no reimbursement, claims are submitted to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas who donates processing to track the care. Since the program began, 16,749
low-income patients have received care and over $212 million in donated care has been recorded.

Approximately 1,550 patients are enrolled each month. Both local hospitals and over 300 Shawnee County medical providers volunteer. Additional program partners include the Kansas Optometric Association and the Prescription Network. The HealthAccess program compliments and enhances the work done by our local safety net by increasing access to specialty care and assisting with funding for prescriptions. The Shawnee County Commission and the City of Topeka provide financial support for generic medications. Administrative funding for the program comes from the Topeka Community Foundation, United Way of Greater Topeka, and private donations. For more information about HealthAccess or the benefit concert, please contact Megan Skaggs, Executive Director at 235-0996 or mskaggs@stormontvail.org.

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Music,
Just What the Doctor Ordered

Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 3pm
First United Methodist Church
600 SW Topeka Blvd. Topeka, Kansas
Free Will Donations Accepted
Celebrating 20 years of the
Shawnee County Medical Society
HealthAccess program!

THANK YOU to our sponsors!
PRESCHOOL APPLICATION FOR
2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Apply online starting April 4, 2022. For assistance, please call 785-438-6899.

Visit topekapublicschools.net and click the
2022-2023 Registration button.

CHILD MUST BE AGE 3-4 PRIOR TO
SEPTEMBER 1 TO APPLY FOR PRESCHOOL.

Please upload required documents during
the application process, or send them by:

EMAIL:
preschool@tps501.org

MAIL:
Preschool Enrollment Coordinator
1155 SW Seabrook Ave
Topeka, Kansas 66604

APPLYING FOR:
SHELDON HEAD START • SCOTT DUAL LANGUAGE • PINE RIDGE PREP
PRESCHOOL INTERVENTION PROGRAM • STATE PRE-K
TUITION BASED AT SHANER (OPEN TO ALL SHAWNEE COUNTY RESIDENTS)

PLEASE PROVIDE THESE DOCUMENTS

- Child’s immunization records
- Child’s legal birth certificate
- Current physical exam
- 2021 tax return / W-2

In general, please provide 12 full months of income documents including
child support, scholarships, grants, TANF, SSI, W-2s/all employers, 2021 tax return.

Families will be notified of placement in July of 2022.

These institutions are equal opportunity providers.
SOLICITUD DE INSCRIPCIÓN PARA PREESCOLAR - AÑO ESCOLAR 2022-2023

Presente su solicitud en línea a partir del 4 de abril. Si necesita ayuda, llame al 785-438-6899.

Visite topekapublicschools.net y haga clic en el botón de Registro 2022-2023.

EL NIÑO DEBE TENER 3-4 AÑOS CUMPLIDOS ANTES DEL 1° DE SEPTIEMBRE PARA INGRESAR A PREESCOLAR

Por favor, suba los documentos solicitados durante el proceso de inscripción, o envíelos por:

EMAIL A:
preschool@tps501.org

CORREO AL:
Coordinador de la Inscripción de Preescolar
1155 SW Seabrook Ave
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RECIBIMOS SOLICITUDES PARA:
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POR FAVOR, PROVEA ESTOS DOCUMENTOS

- Registro de Inmunizaciones del niño
- Certificado de nacimiento del niño
- Examen físico actual
- Impuestos 2021 / W-2

En general, proporcione 12 meses completos de documentos de ingresos, incluyendo la manutención de los hijos, becas, subvenciones, TANF, SSI, W-2s/ todos los empleadores, declaración de impuestos de 2021.

Se notificará a las familias de la ubicación en julio de 2022.

Estas instituciones brindan igualdad de oportunidades.
Don't miss the Hi-Crest Market on Saturday, April 9th! Join us from 9:00 am-11:00 at 455 SE Golf Park Blvd, inside!

 وأضاف FOOD BUNDLES
Pre-bundled packages of Meat and produce will be available for $30 each - Thanks to Leonard's Meat and Topeka Grower's Group!

VENDORS & COMMUNITY RESOURCES
✓ SENT Prep Academy Info Table
✓ SENT Merch for sale!
✓ More vendors TBD!

ABOUT THE HI-CREST MARKET
→ The Hi-Crest Market is every month on the 2nd Saturday
→ Vendor fee is $15 // Community Resource Table = Free
→ Use your SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance) benefits EBT Card to purchase food bundles.
→ Questions? ☎️ 785.783.2535 or 📧 info@sentopeka.com
Community Wellness: https://bit.ly/3liv4EE
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#AffordableHousing #Education #HolisticTransformation #ShawneeCounty

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April 5, 2022

City aims to close the digital divide with new e-cycle event

TOPEKA, Kan. – The City of Topeka and PC’s for People, an area technology refurbishing company, are partnering together to host a free digital e-cycle event. The event will take place on Saturday, April 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Stormont Vail Events Center, in Parking Lot #1.

During the event, area residents will have the opportunity to dispose of unused household electronic devices, while making a difference in the community.

Devices that are being accepted include desktop computers, laptops, monitors, and tablets. The devices can be in working or non-working condition. After collection, PC’s for People will reset and repair the devices. They will then be provided to individuals in Topeka who are in need of digital devices.

“This is event is a terrific opportunity to help connect our low to moderate income neighbors, and work towards the City’s digital equity goals,” said Monique Glaude’, Director of Community Engagement and Ombudsman.

This event is a part of the City’s new digital equity program, TSC – Get Digital. TSC – Get Digital is a coalition made up of community members and stakeholders who want to help close the digital divide in Topeka.

"Recycling, refurbishing and getting quality unused computers into the homes of our lower income neighborhoods, is clearly one of the most effective ways of increasing internet adoption and bridging the digital divide," said Lazone Grays, TSC – Get Digital Coalition Member. “This event highlights the continued commitment by the TSC – Get Digital Coalition to our Topeka community, and I look forward to even greater accomplishments ahead."

“TSC – Get Digital is collecting as many laptops and desktops as possible in order for these to be refurbished and provided to qualifying members of our community,” said Scott Gowan, TSC – Get Digital Coalition Member. “Digital Equity is a necessary tool for success in learning, socializing, and seeking support in today’s digital world. Our neighbors who do not have these resources need your support to help them bridge that digital divide."

The TSC – Get Digital Coalition was made possible through a $250,000 grant the City received from the Kansas Health Foundation.
Other electronic items can be disposed of at the Shawnee County Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 131 NE 46th St. There is no charge for disposal with the exception of CRT TVs and monitors. For additional information, please contact the County at 785-286-4381.
DIGITAL E-CYCLE EVENT

April 16th
8am - noon
Stormont Vail Events Center
1 Expocentre Dr.
Parking Lot #1

FREE EVENT
After collection, PC’s for People will reset and repair devices that will then be provided to individuals in need of digital devices in our community.

For more information, contact Monique Glaudé at 785-368-4470 or mglaude@topeka.org

DEVICES ACCEPTED:
- Laptops
- Desktops
- Tablets
- Monitors
## April 2022

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**Mobile Clinic Hours:** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**To Schedule an Appointment:** Call: (785) 270-4440.
## Location Color Key

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- **Oakland**: Green
- **Central Topeka**: Red
- **Hi-Crest**: Orange
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Stormont Vail Health
MOBILE CLINIC
In Your Neighborhood

Make Your Appointment
If you do not have a primary doctor, please call (785) 270-4440 to reserve your appointment. Walk-in appointments only available if there are openings in the schedule.

Services Provided
- Blood pressure check
- Diabetes screening
- Routine lab work
- Annual screenings
- Immunizations (including flu shots)
- Care for on-going chronic conditions

Payment Options
We accept insurance and offer free or reduced pricing for uninsured and low-income patients.

We’ll Come to You!
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Reserve an appointment time:
(785) 270-4440

Date: __________________________

Time: __________________________

Location: ________________________

Additional notes for my appointment:

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La clínica móvil cumple las reglas de accesibilidad de la ADA y cuenta con un proveedor de prácticas avanzadas y una enfermera registrada bilingüe.

**Haga su cita**
Si no tiene un médico de atención primaria, llame al (785) 270-4440 para reservar su cita. Se aceptarán consultas sin cita previa dependiendo de la disponibilidad.

**Servicios Ofrecidos**
- Control de la presión
- Prueba de diabetes
- Análisis de laboratorio de rutina
- Exámenes anuales
- Vacunas (incluyendo vacunas contra la influenza)
- Atención para las condiciones crónicas

**Opciones de pago**
Aceptaremos seguros y ofrecemos precios gratuitos o reducidos para pacientes sin seguro y de bajos ingresos.

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LA CLÍNICA MÓVIL
en su comunidad

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KANSAS VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

Tuesday April 12th, 2022

Scan the QR code to access ksvotes.org

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KANSAS
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Contact for further information: Gretchen Spiker, Director of Communications, gspiker@topeka.org

April 1, 2022

**Topeka water had a minor cloudiness violation in March, officials say it remains safe to drink**

TOPEKA, Kan. – During the month of March, the City of Topeka temporarily had higher-than-normal cloudiness in its water.

The cloudiness, officially referred to as turbidity, was caused by conditions of the Kansas River due to recent rainfall.

City staff self-reported the information to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). KDHE considered the turbidity levels a minor violation. KDHE and City staff were in regular communication, and agreed the water remained safe to drink throughout the period of turbidity.

“We are alerting the public to this information to be transparent, and to also assure them that the water in Topeka is safe to drink,” said Braxton Copley, Director of Utilities. “While turbidity temporarily exceeded normal levels, cloudiness does often occur after the first heavy rainfall of the year. I am very proud of our Utilities staff who worked tirelessly to resolve this situation.”

The City’s turbidity levels were out of compliance with KDHE regulations for approximately 13 hours.

The City’s water remains in compliance with KDHE standards in all aspects.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
04/01/2022

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Mobile: (785) 670.0473

MEDIA RELEASE

Sewage Release into Lake Sherwood

Topeka, Kan. – The Shawnee County Department of Public Works is advising residents to avoid contact with Lake Sherwood, especially in the area of the southeast cove located between SW Aylesbury Road and SW Chelmsford Road. Late yesterday evening, a call from the public was received concerning the effluence of wastewater from manholes located on the west side of the cove. City of Topeka, Water Pollution Control staff responded to the call and, after some investigation, discovered a large blockage in the gravity line under the southeast cove which feeds the pump station on the east side of the cove. The collection system to the west of the blockage filled and, after some unknown period of time, overflowed from the manholes. The sewage then flowed downslope into the cove. The total volume of the discharges into the lake are unknown at this time.

Samples of the lake are being collected. City of Topeka staff have successfully removed the blockage, which consist of “disposable wipes/towelettes”. A notice has been pushed out to the users of the Sherwood Treatment system advising them to avoid disposing of the wipes by flushing.

As a precaution, residents as well as pets are advised to avoid contact with the lake until further notice.

The Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) is being notified.

The gravity line presently blocked is being lined as part of a series of upcoming projects within the Lake Sherwood Sanitary Sewer Treatment System, which are being funded by a $7,000,000
KDHE loan. The loan repayments will be paid for over the next 20 years by users of the Sherwood Treatment System. The likelihood of a blockage of this type in the line under the cove would not be appreciably reduced by the upcoming loan projects.

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Drug Trends Training
Wednesday April 20, 2022 | 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Shawnee County Health Department, 2600 SW East Circle Drive
$99 | Advance Registration Required

6.5 hours toward CEUs for attending
• Current drug trends and rates of use
• Widely used and designer drugs, marketing and paraphernalia
• Risk factors, social norms and availability
• Prevention of substance use and associated behaviors

DRUG TRENDS TRAINING REGISTRATION

Name ____________________________________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________
City __________________ State _____ ZIP _________

Business ___________________________________________ Phone _______________________

E-mail Address _________________________________________________

Cost is $99 per person, only lunch and bottled water provided

Amount Enclosed _________

Dietary restrictions ________________________________

Registration due by Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Send registration to PARS, 2209 SW 29th Street, Topeka, Kansas 66611-1908.
Questions? Call 266.4606 or email jwilson@safestreets.org

Registration will not be refunded if cancelled 5 or fewer days before program.

ACCOMMODATIONS: If you need accommodations, please call 266.4606 for arrangements.
Work for Success
Cultivating Hope, Redefining Lives

Are you interested in finding a job and keeping it?
Are you interested in becoming a better parent?
Are you interested in having better relationships?

If you answered “yes” to ANY of these questions, keep reading!
We offer an exciting opportunity for unemployed or underemployed families in need.

*We also offer services to anyone who is unemployed, receiving DCF services and needs help.*

**Employment Skills Training**
- Dressing for success
- Resume building
- Mock Interviews
- Completing job applications

**Healthy Relationships**
- Communication enhancement
- Stress management
- Effective co-parenting
- Conflict resolution
- Emotional intelligence inventory

**Community Resources**
- Help obtaining Kansas ID’s and driver’s licenses
- Housing and employment referrals
- Transportation assistance and bus passes
- Referrals to community agencies
- Housing assistance for sober living housing

**Parenting Education**
- Child development
- Parenting confidence
- Parental rights and responsibilities
- Peer support

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Strong Families Make a Strong Kansas

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The next 4-week training session starts April 11th.
Call 785-246-8737 for more info!