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May 5, 2022

City of Topeka to donate 1,200 desktop computers to qualifying residents

TOPEKA, Kan. – The City of Topeka's new digital equity program, TSC – Get Digital, is giving out 1,200 desktop computers to qualifying applicants.

The desktop computers are available for 60 and older residents living within the City of Topeka city limits. To qualify, residents must receive SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension Benefit Program, or have a household income that is less than 200% of federal poverty guidelines on an annual basis.

"As we are living longer, our world is becoming increasingly digital. Information and communication can enable healthy and active aging by facilitating access to information, health and healthcare, socioeconomic participation and other factors that promote full engagement and participation as we age," said Monique Glaude', Director of Community Engagement and Ombudsman for the City of Topeka. "Although many older adults are frequent users of information and communication technologies, many still lack access, and the pace of digital innovation is yet to be inclusive of their needs. We are appreciative of the donation from the Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging which will assist us in providing desktop computers to 1,200 of our 60 and older low-to-moderate income neighbors."

The funding for the computers was made possible thanks to a \$140,000 donation from the Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging (JAAA).

"Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging is pleased to be a part of the TSC – Get Digital Coalition and able to help support the efforts of Get Digital and extremely pleased that we will be able to assist such a large number of older adults gain access to technology that will enhance their lives in many ways from helping them stay connected socially with friends and family, to allowing for telemedicine visits, and much more," said Susan Harris, Executive Director, Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging.

Qualifying applicants should call 785-368-3098 to pre-qualify for a free desktop computer.

The TSC – Get Digital is a coalition made up of community members and stakeholders who want to help close the digital divide in Topeka. The TSC – Get Digital Coalition was made possible through a \$250,000 grant the City received from the Kansas Health Foundation.



Are you over the age of 60? If so, you may qualify for a FREE desktop computer!

Who is Eligible?

If you are 60 or older and reside in the City of Topeka city limits and receive SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension Benefit Program or have a household income that is less than 200% of federal poverty guidelines (see table to the right) per year, contact us 785-368-3098 to see if you qualify for a FREE desktop computer.

Qualifying Income-Based Assistance Programs

Documents must be dated within the last year and/or show current coverage at the date of submission.

- Adult and Child Mental Health Case Management
- Employment Services (Only if income-based in your state)
- Extended Foster Care
- Food Support (A dated letter showing current eligibility is required)
- Financial Assistance, such as GA, TANF, etc. (A Dated letter showing current eligibility is required)
- Head Start (LIHEAP)
- Medicaid or Medical Assistance (Bring a document that says "MA" or 'Medical Assistance" on it)
- The National School Lunch Program's Free or Reduced Lunch Program
- Section 8, Federal Public Housing Assistance, or Group Residential Housing (GRH)
- Social Security Disability (SSD)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Pell Grant

Qualifying Income Documentation

For households that qualify under the Net Income Test (200% Federal Poverty Level FPL) the following documentation will be acceptable as part of the application process. Annual benefits must meet the FPL guidelines (see table to the right):

- The prior year's state, federal or tribal tax return (W-2's forms, or pay stubs are not acceptable)
- A Social Security statement of benefits
- A Veterans Administration statement of benefits (VA cards alone are not accepted)
- A retirement/pension statement of benefits
- An Unemployment/Workman's Compensation statement of benefits
- Federal or tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance

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TSC – Get Digital (City of Topeka) requires photo identification and income documentation for program qualification. Acceptable documents for income documentation fall into 2 categories: 1) proof of current enrollment in an income-based government assistance program OR 2) documentation from a government source of current income under 200% of the federal poverty level (relative to household size). Please note we do not check citizenship or immigration status.

Acceptable Forms of Photo Identification

- Driver's License or state ID card for non-drivers
- Passport
- Formal ID card (such as Veterans or student)
- Company or work-issued identification

Household Income Guidelines

1 - \$25,760 • 2 - \$34,840 • 3 - \$43,920 • 4 - \$53,300 5 - \$62,080 • 6 - \$71,160 • 7 - \$78,240 • 8 - \$89,320 Each additional person add \$9,080

The Following Documents WILL NOT Be Accepted

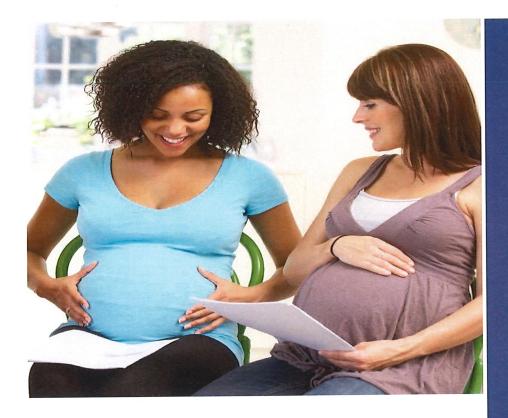
- Hand-written documents
- Tax returns where the applicant is claimed as a dependent
- Medicare
- W-2 forms or paystubs
- Bank statements with deposit records
- EBT app screenshots
- Notices to reapply for a benefit

*Any proof of eligibility is subject to approval by the City of Topeka. Additional documents may be required to unquestionably prove income or enrollment in a government assistance program.

Qualified applicants ONLY please call 785-368-3098.

Please note that we will not accept phone calls from non-applicants.

Individuals receiving equipment must be present to apply.



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Spots Available at Three Trails Summer Camp

Families still have time to enroll for five different camp sessions in Kansas City area.

Topeka, Ks. (May 6, 2022) There's still time for families looking to get their children out of the house for the summer to enroll in The Salvation Army's summer camp program at Three Trails Camp in Kansas City, Mo. Just a few minutes away from downtown Kansas City, campers will find a traditional, overnight summer camp experience, nestled in the trees of a suburban neighborhood. Campers will enjoy a ropes course, hiking, archery, gaga ball, pool, and a host of other activities during their time at camp, while parents will have the peace of mind of sending their children to a safe environment to meet and build relationships with other kids their age:

Kids Camp #1, June 13-16: Ages 7-12 Music Camp, June 18-25, Ages 9-17 Service Extension Camp, June 27-30, Ages 8-12 Sports Camp, July 5-8, Ages 10-14 Teen Camp: July 11-15, Ages 13-17 Kids Camp #2: July 18-21, Ages 7-12

Families can choose to attend any camp for which their child is eligible. Enrollment closes one week before each camp's start date.

After two years of uncertainty, research has shown camp can be a stress reliever for children. When surveyed by the Christian Camp and Conference Association, 62% of parents of high schoolers said their children's stress was "worse" to "significantly worse" than it was prior to the pandemic.

"Camp is a place for our families to send their kids to escape the stresses of life and have fun. Kids need camp more than ever," said Carrie Dixon, Three Trails Marketing and Guest Relations Director. "At Three Trails Camp, we are uniquely positioned to help kids from all social-economic statuses heal from the experiences of the last year and just be a kid again."

The cost to families is limited to \$25 per camp and transportation is available in each child's community to and from Three Trails Camp on a limited basis. Registration is open now and closes one week prior to a camp's start date unless all spots are taken early. Please visit



<u>ThreeTrailsCamp.org</u> for individual camp descriptions to register or call 785.233.9648 for local assistance in registering.

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About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army annually helps nearly 23 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction, and economic hardships through a range of social services. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army is doing the most good at 7,600 centers of operation around the country. In the first-ever listing of "America's Favorite Charities" by The Chronicle of Philanthropy, The Salvation Army ranked as the country's largest privately funded, direct-service nonprofit. For more information about the Kansas and Western Missouri Division, visit SalArmyMoKan.org. Follow us on Twitter: @SalArmyMoKan and #DoingTheMostGood.





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Media Release: Topeka Habitat for Humanity to host Women Build events May 17-26, 2022

(Topeka, KS May 10, 2022) Topeka Habitat for Humanity is excited to announce Topeka Habitat's Women Build Week 2022. Over the course of ten days, more than 100 women will join together with Topeka Habitat to learn and build. This event strives to create an inclusive and collaborative atmosphere specifically for women to help themselves and their community. Volunteers on the build site will work under the guidance of construction staff and alongside future Topeka Habitat homeowners to build homes and stronger, safer communities. In addition to volunteer opportunities, there will also be several educational opportunities including a *Home Maintenance 101* class and a *Women and Power Tools* workshop. Each year Women Build Week makes a huge impact, with hundreds of volunteer hours poured into our community, new skills learned, and meaningful relationships formed. Women Build volunteers will be at working at 2600 SW Buchanan Street, future home to our 113th Topeka Habitat Homeowner.

Women Build volunteers can be found on-site working, May 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th, and 26th. There are still a few volunteers slots open. To sign-up visit topekahabitat.org/women-build-week.

"This is such a rewarding experience for all involved. Our goals for Women Build Week 2022 are to empower, unite, advocate, and take action. We are providing the tools for women to empower and educate themselves, while taking action on the build site and advocating for safe and affordable housing in our community." said Nikki MacMillan, COO, Topeka Habitat for Humanity. "Women Build Week is one of our favorite events - it is an incredibly rewarding and powerful experience."

Topeka Habitat's Women Build Week 2022 is made possible thanks to a multitude of sponsors and volunteers including: Advisors Excel, Bob's Janitorial, Cohort Digital, Debacker's Inc., First Congregational Church, Horton's Tax Services, Jamie Hornbaker-State Farm Agency, KBS Constructors, MCP Group, Meadowlark Graphics, SIS (Sisters in Solidarity), Sloan Law Firm, and Vaughn Pediatric Dentistry.

A full schedule of Women Build events can be found below. More information can be found on our website at topekahabitat.org/women-build-week or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TopekaHabitat. Preregistration is required for all Women Build events.

About Topeka Habitat for Humanity

Topeka Habitat is a non-profit, community housing development organization that brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. Dedicated to ending substandard housing, Topeka Habitat builds and repairs homes in a partnership model. All of these efforts are additionally supported by the Topeka ReStore, located at 121 NE Gordon, which sells donated home improvement items at a discount to raise funds for Topeka Habitat. For more information visit www.topekahabitat.org or call 785-234-4322.





Women Build 2022 Schedule of Events

5/17/2022, 5:30 – 7:00pm 5/18/2022, PM Build Shift 5/19/2022, AM Build Shift 5/19/2022, PM Build Shift 5/20/2022, AM Build Shift 5/20/2022, PM Build Shift 5/21/2022, AM Build Shift 5/21/2022, PM Build Shift 5/23/2022, 5:00 – 7:00pm 5/24/2022, AM Build Shift 5/24/2022, PM Build Shift 5/26/2022, AM Build Shift

5/26/2022, PM Build Shift

Home Maintenance 101 Class @ ReStore
Home Depot Volunteers
Community Volunteers
Community Volunteers
Cohort Digital & KBS Constructors
Sloan Law Firm & MCP Group
Community Volunteers
First Congregational Church Volunteers
Women and Power Tools Workshop @ ReStore
Bob's Janitorial Volunteers
KBS Constructor Volunteers
Professional Women in Building
Advisors Excel Volunteers



Join Stormont Vail Health Dr. Tanjim



On May 21st, 2022 from 9:00-10:00 AM: Washburn University (East side of Lee Arena)

This doctor-led group is a fun and safe place to go for a walk, hear briefly about an important health topic, and enjoy a walk with a physician.

> The event is **FREE** and all are welcome! Ask your provider about upcoming walks!







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Join YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment Public Education Coordinator, Emily Steimel-Handy, all summer long for a series of FREE interactive and informative virtual lunch-hour presentations! All sessions are from 12:00-1:00 PM and will take place every other Tuesday, beginning June 7 until August 30.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7 - "OVERVIEW OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE"

TUESDAY, JUNE 21 - "NEUROBIOLOGY OF TRAUMA"

TUESDAY, JULY 5 - "OVERVIEW OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE"

TUESDAY, JULY 19 - "OVERVIEW OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING"

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 - " OVERVIEW OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE"

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16 - "NEUROBIOLOGY OF TRAUMA"

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30 - "OVERVIEW OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE"

Register for FREE at <u>www.ywcaneks.org/summerseries</u>. Once registered, you will recieve a confirmation email with details.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Emily Steimel-Handy emilys@ywcaneks.org (785) 354-7927











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Maria Anderson

From:

Rachelle Vega-Retana

Sent:

Monday, May 16, 2022 10:19 AM

Subject:

United Way of Greater Topeka - Board Leadership Training

Hello

United Way of Greater Topeka is excited to open registration for our July Class of Board Leadership Training. This training will provide community members opportunities to advance their leadership and service to the community, by becoming a stronger Board member. This general Board Leadership Training course is designed to be a basic introduction to all the important aspects of Board Leadership from meeting management to understanding your legal obligations of board service. Registration is open to all individuals, but we strongly encourage those who are new to Board Service or individuals interested in becoming a part of a board in their future.

July 13th and 20th from 8AM – 12:30PM at Washburn University

For more information about the program, please visit our website www.unitedwaytopeka.org/board-leadership-development

Registration is open and is limited to 40 participants, we expect our July class to fill, so don't delay.

Cost is \$75 for 9 hours of training, scholarships are available.

<u>Register Today:</u> Registration Link for July Board Leadership Training - https://andar.unitedwaytopeka.org/BLT

*Please confirm with your business and/or supervisor before registration, if you will be requesting the registration fee to be covered by your companies budget.

Currently we have a scholarship application form open, for individuals that might be interested in applying for a scholarship. As a reminder only one individual from any one agency will be eligible to receive a scholarship. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please follow the link below and complete the questionnaire.

Board Leadership Scholarship Application – July Session – Click Here

For more questions feel free to email Jess Barraclough at inb@unitedwaytopeka.org

In Service,

Jess

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Maria Anderson

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Rachelle Vega-Retana

Sent:

Monday, May 2, 2022 12:54 PM

Subject:

KHAF Program is Open!

The <u>Kansas Homeowner Assistance Fund (KHAF)</u> program is open for applications! Don't wait, apply today! Funds are limited.

The program's goal is to aid homeowners in <u>avoiding foreclosure</u> by assisting with homeownership related expenses.

Applicants must be at least 30 days past due on their mortgage or property taxes/charges to qualify for assistance types.

For application assistance - KHAF Call Center at 855-307-KHAF (5423) or complete the KHAF Contact Us Form.

Qualifications

- ➤ The household gross income must not be more than 150 percent (150%) of the area median income (AMI) for the County in which the property is located or 100% US Median Income. See KHAF Income Chart.
- > The property must be located within the state of Kansas.
- > The property must be the applicant's primary residence.
- > The applicant must be the owner of the property.
- > Applicants <u>must be at least 30 days past due</u> on their mortgage or property taxes/charges to qualify for assistance types.
- ➤ There must be a pandemic-related financial hardship after January 21, 2021 (loss of income or increase in expenses).
- > Original mortgage amount must be within conforming loan limits.

Eligible Properties

- > Owner Occupied, Primary Residences (second homes and investment properties are <u>not</u> eligible for assistance).
- ➤ Single Family Residences, One to Four Unit Dwellings, Condos, Manufactured Homes (affixed and unaffixed) and Townhomes.

Assistance Terms

> \$45,000 Max Assistance Amount (this is a combination of up to \$35,000 in mortgage reinstatement and payment assistance plus up to \$10,000 in property charges and utility/internet/broadband assistance) provided as a grant up to \$25,000 and a two-year forgivable loan for mortgage related assistance more than \$25,000.

Assistance Types

Mortgage Reinstatement Assistance

- Mortgage must be past due by at least 30 days.
- > Assistance up to \$35,000.
- Reinstatement assistance must bring the mortgage current by curing all past-due amounts.
- This assistance covers past due primary mortgage, second mortgages, reverse mortgages, and even non-traditional loans such as land contracts (contract for deed) or manufactured homes.

Mortgage Payment Assistance

- Must have current mortgage delinquency.
- > Combined assistance (including reinstatement) up to \$35,000.
- > Up to six (6) months of forward payment assistance paid directly to mortgage servicer.

Property Charges Assistance

- Property charges and/or taxes must be past due by at least 30 days.
- Assistance up to \$10,000 maximum (inclusive of utility/internet/broadband assistance when applicable).
- ➤ This assistance covers **past due** property charges including property taxes, insurance premiums (including homeowner's insurance and flood insurance), homeowner association fees, condominium association fees, cooperative maintenance, and common charges.

Utility/Internet/Broadband Assistance

- Must have mortgage or property tax/charge delinquency to qualify.
- > Assistance up to \$10,000 maximum (inclusive of property charges assistance when applicable).
- > This assistance covers **past due** electricity, water, wastewater, gas, home energy, internet, and broadband.

How do I Start?

To apply for assistance, <u>register for your online account and complete</u> an on-line application.

For questions, please contact the **KHAF Call Center at 855-307-KHAF (5423)** or complete the <u>KHAF Contact Us Form</u>.

Application status can be checked at any time by logging into your account.

KHAF Flyer
KHAF Application System
KHAF Fact Sheet
KHAF Application Checklist
Additional Resources



MARILYN STANLEY

KHAF Program Director

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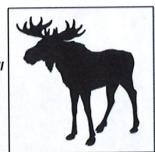
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We had a water main break last night outside of 515 S Kansas Ave in the southbound lanes. Currently, both southbound lanes are fully closed on S Kansas Ave between SW 5th St and SW 6th Ave. Crews are working on repairs to open a single lane of southbound within the next 48 hours. Overall the repair work will last 2 weeks.



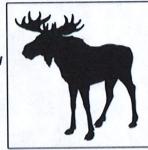
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Starting Monday, May 16th, KGE Construction will be closing the right eastbound lane of SW 8th St between SW Jackson and S Kansas Ave for repairs to the adjacent sidewalk. The project will last approximately 1 week, but will only be active from 7:00 AM thru 5:00 PM, after which traffic control will be moved aside to allow both eastbound lanes open.



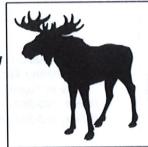
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Starting Wednesday, May 18th, NPL will be starting a gas line project around the intersection of SE 19th St and SE Adams St. Both southbound lanes of Adams St will be fully closed, with southbound traffic diverted into the center dual turn bay. This will extend roughly 300ft in both directions north and south from 19th St on Adams. This project will last approximately 2 weeks.



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There is a water main break on SW 7th St between Jewell and College, with 7th St being fully closed to thru traffic. Jewell and College remain open to north/south traffic. Work is expected to be completed within 3 weeks.





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