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NEWS RELEASE

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**Keep America Beautiful-Topeka/Shawnee County
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A Great American Cleanup Project

Volunteers will gather Saturday, May 22, 2021, for

Keep America Beautiful-Topeka/Shawnee County's "Adopt a Piece of History" day

at the Topeka Cemetery, 10th and California.

We are back by popular demand at Topeka Cemetery, making this the 20th year our volunteers will help prepare Topeka Cemetery for Memorial Day.

Volunteers of all ages are needed to mow, trim, and do general cleanup. We ask that volunteers bring mowers, rakes, weed eaters, pruners and gloves. Volunteers will work from 9 a.m. to noon with a light lunch to follow.

Anyone interested should contact the Keep America Beautiful-Topeka/Shawnee County office at: (785) 224-0446 or kab@kabtopsh.org

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*"Please **STOP** Trashing Our Town!"*



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NEWS RELEASE

THE SALVATION ARMY OFFERS SUMMER CAMPS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 4, 2021

- WHAT:** The Salvation Army – Summer Camps for youth and adults
- WHEN :** Over the course of the summer months
- WHERE:** Three Trails Camp and Retreat Center, 16200 East U.S. Hwy 40, KC, MO
- WHY:** To help serve –

Many kids from low-income families rarely experience life outside their immediate neighborhood. That's why The Salvation Army's annual summer camp program is so important. Every year thousands of kids get a fresh perspective on life as they meet new friends, discover new activities, and get a taste of the great outdoors. As campers learn to swim, play sports, create music, make art and scout, their trained counselors help them navigate the complicated emotions and struggles often associated with their lives back home.

Costs: \$10 per camp/per child/adult. All camps are at Three Trails Camp, transportation provided by the Topeka Salvation Army. Registration forms can be access at www.threetrails.campbrainregistration.com, discount code, TOP1912

If a parent does not have a computer they can come to The Topeka Salvation Army, 1320 SE 6th Street, or call, 785.233.9648 and ask for Will or Shelley.

The Salvation Army is offering various summer camps during the months from June to July, 2021.

Kids Camp, ages 8 – 12, June 14 thru June 17th.

Music Camp, all ages, June 21st thru June 25

Teen Camp – July 12 thru July 16th

Due to Covid we will be not holding sports camp or fusion camp.



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INTERVIEWS Available with the following individuals:

- Captain Cristian Lopez, 785.233.9648 or 785.249.0488 (cell)
- Shelley Robertson, Development Director, The Salvation Army, 785-233-9648 or 785-408-9100 (cell)

ABOUT THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army is a religious and charitable organization that has been meeting human needs since 1865. The Salvation Army's mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. The Salvation Army provides many program and services for the needy including social services, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, transitional housing, citizenship classes, violence prevention classes and recreational activities. In Shawnee County, for over 130 years The Salvation Army has been assisting families and individuals through a holistic approach to ministry including the meeting basic human needs.

For more information, contact:

Shelley Robertson
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1320 SE 6th St, Topeka KS 66607
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785-408-9100 (cell)
Shelley_robertson@usc.salvationarmy.org
www.topeka.salvationarmy.us
Facebook – The Salvation Army of Topeka Kansas

Financial Help

New assistance plans are available.

Need help paying your bills? There are plenty of new funds from programs and organizations that partner with Evergy to help you pay bills. If you are already behind on your bill, we now offer payment plans. For more information, visit evergy.com/financialassistance or call 800-383-1183.



Renters Only

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program

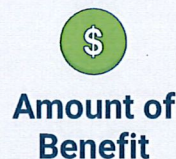
Consists of funds available (due to COVID-19) for **renters only** to pay rent and utilities. You're able to apply once every 3 months, up to 4 times.

To apply, visit kshousingcorp.org/emergency-rental-assistance.
Wichita residents visit wichita.gov/WERAPapplication.

You can also apply for LIEAP in addition to this program.



- Household income **at or below 80% of the area median income**
- Eligible for unemployment or experienced a reduction in income
- Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability



Funds cover **up to 12 months (past due to current)** and forward assistance may be available for rent for up to 3 months.



Low to Moderate Income

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

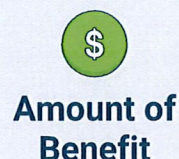
LIEAP provides a one-time per year payment to help with energy costs.

Applications are open until May 28.

To apply, visit dcf.ks.gov or call 800-432-0043.



- An adult living at the address must be responsible for paying the heating costs incurred at the current residence, payable either to the landlord or fuel vendor
- Have made recent payments of at least \$80 toward heating fuel costs
- Combined gross income (before deductions) of all persons living at the address **may not exceed 150% of the federal poverty level**



Benefit is paid once per year and levels vary according to Household income, number of people living at the address, type of dwelling and type of heating fuel.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

EITC helps low to moderate income workers and families receive a tax break.

For more information, visit [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov).



Eligibility Requirements

- Show proof of earned income
- Have investment income below \$3,650 in the tax year you claim the credit
- Have a valid Social Security number
- Claim a certain filing status
- Be a U.S. citizen or a resident alien all year
- EITC has special qualifying rules for military members, clergy members and taxpayers and their relatives with disabilities



Amount of Benefit

The average amount of EITC received nationwide was about \$2,461.

Project DESERVE

Provides emergency assistance on energy costs to people with a severe disability (children or adults meeting social security disability criteria), older adults (65 years+) and income-eligible households.

For more information visit [evergy.com/projectdeserve](https://www.evergy.com/projectdeserve).



Eligibility Requirements

- 65 Years or older or receives permanent disability income from SSI or SSD

OR

- Must meet the household income eligibility guidelines



Amount of Benefit

May receive a one-time payment of up to **\$100-\$300**, depending on eligibility, to be applied toward an energy bill over a rolling 12-month period.

United Way

Find additional support and resources through United Way by calling **2-1-1** or online at [211kansas.com](https://www.211kansas.com).

Prevent fluctuating bills

If you notice bills are much higher some months than others, check out our **Average Payment Plan** to help keep bills level and consistent year-round.

For further information visit [evergy.com/financialassistance](https://www.evergy.com/financialassistance) or call **800-383-1183**. Representatives are available Monday through Friday, 7am to 7pm.



EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT

HELPING HOUSEHOLDS CONNECT
DURING THE PANDEMIC

What is it?

A temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

The benefit provides:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband service;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.



Who is eligible?

A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain government assistance programs;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch or breakfast program;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

THREE WAYS TO APPLY

1 Contact your Preferred Participating Provider Directly

Ask your provider if they participate in the EBB, or use our online tool to find a participating company near you.



2 Online

Use the online application at [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)

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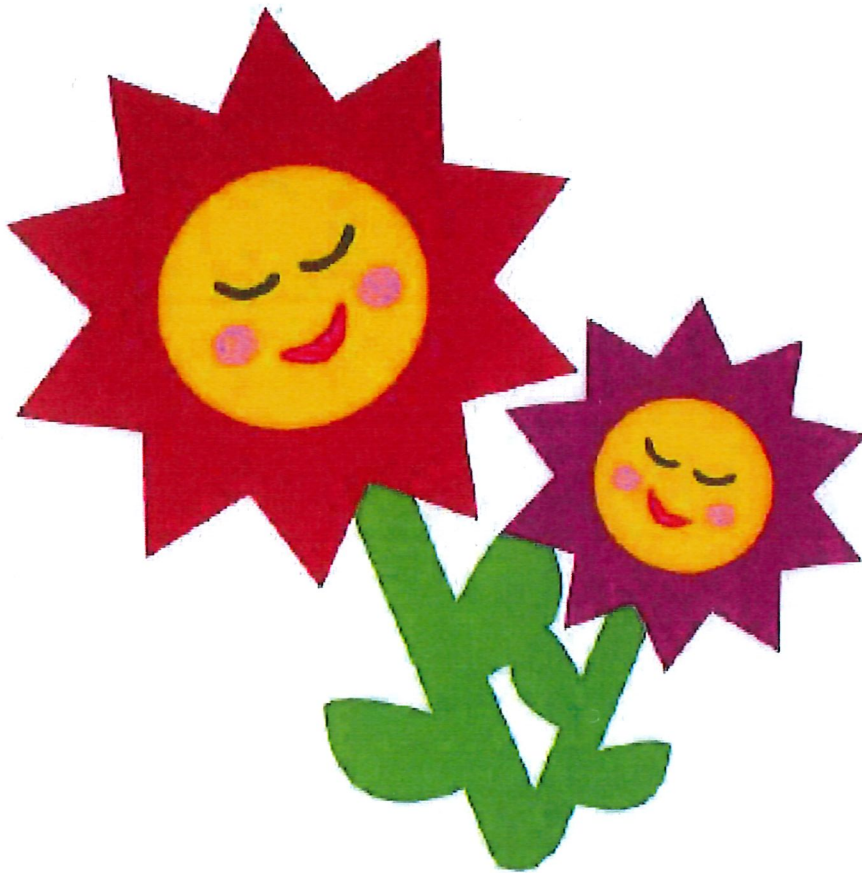
By Mail

Print an application in English or Spanish. Complete the application and send with proof of eligibility to:

Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742



For additional information, Call 833-511-0311, or visit [fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)



**LULAC SENIOR CENTER PLANT AND VEGETABLE
SALE! IN OUR GREENHOUSE-1502 NE SEWARD AVE**

JUNE 1ST AND 2ND 9AM-3PM BOTH DAYS!

***Please Contact Kathy Votaw 234-5809 with any
questions.***

***ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT SENIOR SERVICES AT
TOPEKA LULAC SENIOR CENTER! COME MEET OUR
LULAC FOLKS, AS THEY WILL BE WORKING THIS SALE!***

UPDATE FOR MAY Hi-Crest Market!

Join us from 9:00am-11:00am this Saturday at 455 SE Golf Park Blvd, on the [Community Resources Council](#) playground. For a minimal cost, you can fill a bag with the meat, dairy, and produce of your choice, and shop from several different vendors (Produce bags are \$10. Meat bundles are \$25, includes 11-12lbs. As long as weather permits, we'll host the Market on the blacktop. If inclement weather arises, we'll move indoors - enter the front door of the CRC building in case of bad weather.

NEWS

SENT Prep Academy Enrollment available for Hi-Crest families!

Fellowship Hi-Crest is hosting its Vaccine Clinic during the Market.

🌐 Walk up availability/no appointment needed. (9am-11am)

🌐 SPECIAL GUESTS

Meat from 🍖 🧀

[Leonard Meat](#)

Produce from 🥕 🍅 🥒

[Topeka Growers Group](#)

Highland Park High School Drumline 🥁

Kristin's Creations 🍪 🥞

[Kristin's Creations](#)

[Flavor Wagon 785](#)

Food Truck! (Bring 🍷)

Melissa Bishop's Paparazzi Jewelry - all Jewelry is only \$5!

Rec + Roll Van with

[Shawnee County Parks + Recreation](#)

[Girl Scouts](#)

Troop 2197 Sign ups

[Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka](#)

summer camp info

[GraceMed Health Clinic - Topeka](#)

healthcare info & resources

**Don't forget to stop by the resource table to get your "All In for Hi-Crest Families" fun! We'll have a basketball themed game and prizes for the kids focused on promoting healthy exercise.

Would you like to be a vendor?

We are always looking for vendors and resources! Please contact the SENT office at 785.783.2535 or email at info@sentopeka.com.

We will accept cash, Venmo, and Cash App payments.

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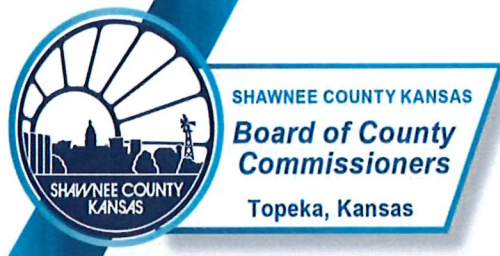
MEDIA RELEASE

New Shawnee County Health Department Director Announced

Topeka, Kan. – Today, May 6, 2021 the Shawnee County Board of Commissioners announced the new Shawnee County Health Department (SCHD) Director, Teresa Fisher, RN, BSN. Teresa has been serving as the Interim Health Department Director since December of 2020. Teresa began her career with the Shawnee County Health Department in 2005 as a staff nurse doing newborn home visits and working in the Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) clinic. She served as the Maternal Child Health Outreach Team Leader from April 2008 to September 2016 and has currently served as the Family Health Division Manager since September 2016. Prior to her time at SCHD, she worked at St. Francis Health Center in their nursing float pool on a number of different units.

Teresa is a 2001 Cum Laude graduate of Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Life Sciences and a 2003 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Washburn University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

“I am honored to be chosen to serve as the next Director for the Shawnee County Health Department. I will be leading an amazing group of staff members who are committed to Public Health. I am excited about the new opportunities that exist in our community to engage partners with the goal of creating a healthier community for everyone,” said Teresa Fisher. “I want to build on the strong foundation that has already



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been set by my predecessors and the work of the Health Department. The landscape of Public Health has been forever changed by COVID-19. I am ready for the challenges that lie ahead of us and ensuring that the impacts of Public Health remain at the forefront of the decision making processes in our community.”

Teresa has served in numerous leadership capacities in the Shawnee County community and for the SCHD in her 16 years with the county including the following:

- Administrator of the Nurse Family Partnership Program
- Chair of the Healthy Babies Workgroup for Heartland Healthy Neighborhoods
- Grant writer for the Fetal Infant Mortality Review Program
- Preceptor for Nursing Students for Shawnee County Health Department
- Member of the Baker University School of Nursing Community Leader Advisory Committee
- Member of the Ronald McDonald Clinical Coordination Committee
- Advisory Board – GraceMed Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative
- Advisory Group – Kansas Department of Health and Environment DAISEY
- Safe Sleep Instructor for the KIDS Network of KS

“I am pleased to announce Teresa Fisher as the Shawnee County Health Department Director.” Stated Commissioner Kevin Cook. “Teresa’s work at the Health Department demonstrates her abilities as the next Director of the Shawnee County Health Department. We are very excited to see changes and energy that she will bring to this department.”

Teresa will assume her role as the Shawnee County Health Department Director May 6, 2021.

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