

TOPEKA RESCUE MISSION MONTHLY REPORT MARCH 2018

Topeka Rescue Mission • 600 N. Kansas Avenue • Topeka, KS 66608-1240

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

FACILITIES: 785-354-1744

Hope Center for Women & Families #8

Men's Shelter #0

Distribution Center x366

Thrift Store 785-235-9094

TRM Boutique on the Blvd 785-478-5744

Children's Palace 785-730-8810

PROGRAMS: 785-354-1744

Dining Services x322

Food Distribution x366

Education & Mentoring x338

Volunteer Services x393

COMMUNITY:

NET Reach 785-783-2535 x106

Operation Street Reach 785-230-8237

DONATIONS:

Monetary: 785-354-1744 x316

Material: 785-357-4285

Food: 785-357-4285

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MEET KEEGAN FUNNELL

2017
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Keegan first checked into the mission on June 30th, 2015 as a single male guest. Just the day before, while at Valeo Recovery Center, he had given his life to Christ and knew he wanted a new start in an encouraging place. Then, 23 days after checking in, on 7/23/15, he joined the Servants-in-Training program and also began pursuing a two-year certification from the Center for Biblical Leadership Development. Both programs are a part of education services offered through TRM Ministries. After a year of consistent effort and progress in these programs, Keegan was able to regain custody of his two children. They immediately all moved into the Hope Center as a family! Keegan continued his studies while caring for his kids as a single dad.

When the Children's Palace was preparing to open, Keegan applied for and was hired into a staff position on the facilities management team. Children's Palace Director, Jessica Hosman said, "Keegan is amazing! He's a superb worker, has a fantastic sense of humor and the staff, parents

and palace kids all love him." While pursuing his advanced certification in Biblical studies, Keegan bumped into a woman he had initially met in high school. She also had a child of her own. They fell in love and married on July 1, 2017. He and his two kids moved out of the mission and into their home – making a new family of five.

Since marrying and getting back onto his feet, Keegan has graduated from CBLD. When we see Keegan at work, he always has a great smile on his face, joy pouring out of his heart, and he sets a wonderful example of a servant leader. Work and life are going really well for their new family. They recently moved into a larger home and we just learned their family will grow to six later in 2018!

With your support and Christ's inspiration, guests are coming to know Jesus as their Savior, growing closer to Him, and working their way back onto their feet every day. On behalf of Keegan and so many more guests like him, thank you. For Keegan and his family, you have made all the difference! †

IT WAS A GREAT YEAR!

After a lot of prayer and planning, early in 2017 Barry challenged our employee teams with the goal to be the best rescue mission in the country. We worked hard and made significant progress toward that goal. There is still much to be done and opportunities to serve the homeless and hungry are growing. Many of the guests we serve are hungry for much more than a good meal—they long to understand and experience the peace, love and hope that comes from knowing Jesus.

Every day we see God's hand of provision and protection along with your generous support keeping these doors open. This organization began nearly 65 years ago with volunteers offering coffee, donuts and prayer. It continues today as a grassroots-supported non-denominational ministry fueled by prayer, volunteers and donors. Did you know that the value of volunteer time at Topeka Rescue Mission Ministries for 2017 was more than \$1.2million? Please read on for more numbers and to see the Annual Report inside this issue. We are so grateful for each of you. It is humbling and encouraging to see the many ways you make a difference to so many people we feed, care for and shelter here.

In this issue, we also want to share the new ways you can access information about the story that Jesus is writing here and how others you share that story with can join you to help write part of that story. To help share the story that Jesus is writing here and to better serve the Topeka community, we have developed a number of new tools, including a **new website**. Please take the time to visit us online at www.trmonline.org and learn more about how your support makes

a difference every day. We have worked hard to make the website a tool that helps and encourages people and shares the good news of Jesus Christ 24 hours every day.

To go along with the new website, a **new e-newsletter** is available. The e-news delivers just before this printed version. It contains video of the stories of Hope and links to news stories and other information in the community, in addition to what we include in this printed version. If you'd like to sign up, please send an e-mail to trm@trmonline.org and write "E-news signup" in the subject line. Many people still get both a printed newsletter and the e-news. After they read them, they pass them on to co-workers, friends and neighbors.

Soon we will launch the very first **Topeka Rescue Mission App** for smartphones and tablets. It will offer rich media like video, links to the very latest news and new prayer requests. A calendar will help app users to see what is happening here and a daily Bible reading plan will be available. The app will be updated frequently. People who use the app will also be able to report a tip to the homeless hotline when they spot someone

in the community that we may be able to help—all right on the app.

We maintain several different pages on Facebook. If you are on Facebook and haven't stopped by any of those pages, please search for Topeka Rescue Mission Ministries. We also maintain a TRM Boutique on the Boulevard page and a Topeka Rescue Mission Thrift Store page. These are all regularly updated. **If you enjoy shopping or collecting, the two stores often post items that are available on Facebook and there are some amazing items available. Please like and follow us and share our pages with your friends on Facebook. Every time you spend \$1 at either store, you help to feed 7 people a meal!**

We have recently signed up with Pushpay and can now offer giving via text message. Many of you will recognize that Pushpay helps churches accept donations. They are now reaching out to ministries, like us, to streamline giving and make it easier and quicker for supporters. **Send the keyword TRMgive in a text message to 77977.** They'll send a link in a reply—click on the link and they will help you from there.

There are options to give a recurring or one-time gift and to designate the gift if you choose. It is secure, very quick, mobile-ready and easy.

Lastly, there are several ways to maximize giving to TRM Ministries without any extra cost to a supporter. **Kroger stores (Dillon's) frequent shoppers can donate every time they shop by picking the mission. Amazon Smile members can select TRM Ministries to support at no cost to them. Azura Credit Union is also a fantastic partner! They have an account setup so that every time shareholders swipe that card for a transaction, a small donation from Azura helps to feed and shelter guests here.**

I think you might agree—2017 was quite a year! Thank you again for your support. We are grateful for each of you and can't do this without you. Please remember, every time you give \$5, you feed 35 people a meal. Our daily focus isn't on the 586,000 meals total that we serve in a year—it is the one person right in front of us who is hungry. Because of you, we can feed him, shelter her and help them rebuild their lives while sharing the love of Jesus. †



4022 people were served during Christmas. They were given 11,685 gifts. 615 people joined us to celebrate with a meal on Christmas Day – the most ever



The Children's Palace became operational on July 24, 2017. Those kids ate 2,399 meals and 2,648 snacks

WAYS TO HELP WRITE THE STORY AT THE MISSION

1. Volunteer
2. Pray
3. Donate food or other items from the current needs list
4. Give financially through the website, text message, the app (when available), mail, by phone or in person at either store or the main shelter. We love in-person donations as we get a chance to thank you warmly.
5. Leave an estate gift for the mission.



586,574 meals were served and distributed into the community last year – up more than 44,800 meals in 2016

- Volunteers worked 55,029 hours in 2017 – up almost 2500 hours from 2016
- The Restore Hope team intervened in the lives of 131 different people – up from 92 people in 2016 and 45 people in 2015.
- 96,648 total nights of shelter were provided – up more than 5,440 nights in 2016

Every Dollar you spend at the TRM Boutique helps feed 7 people a hot meal



\$5.00

off your purchase of \$25 or more

Present to Cashier at checkout

Not Redeemable for cash, cannot be combined with other coupons.
*Expires 4/13/18

TRM Boutique on the Boulevard

3400 SW Topeka Blvd

Mon - Sat 10am - 5pm



CATEGORIES

2017

GUEST TRACKING

Un-duplicated individuals who received shelter	2,106
Men	1,176
Women	620
Children	310
Total nights of shelter provided	96,648
Individuals sheltered on average each night	265
Highest number of guests on a given night	316 on Oct. 27

DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Individuals who received clothing through the clothing bank	1,273
Household items, including beds, furniture and major appliances given to households	11,816
Number of households that received items	1,990
School supplies given to those in need	761

FOOD SERVICES

Meals served from the kitchen	311,954
Meals distributed through food boxes	174,495
Meals supplied food to partner agencies	100,125
Total cost per meal	11 cents
Total meals served and distributed	586,574

CHRISTMAS

Children assisted with gifts, clothing and food	2,272
Total individuals (including children) who received gifts and food baskets	4,022
Total gifts given	11,685

DIRECT HELP

Occurrences of medical help, including visits in our clinic, as well as dental, vision and prescription assistance	1,482
Transportation vouchers (bus tickets, cab fare, etc.) provided	7,496
Occurrences of rental and utility assistance provided	24
Occurrences of additional direct help for miscellaneous items (phone cards, stamps, identification, etc.) provided	140

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Volunteer hours provided	55,029
Number of volunteers	1,850
Volunteer instances occurred on average each month	1,600
At \$22.14 an hour, these hours would have cost:	\$1,218,342

DOXAZO

3-on-3 Basketball (Monthly)

Average Participants	40
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Dare to Grow

Participants	120
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Mighty Men (Summer Program)

Kids	60
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Daughters of the King (Year Round)

Kids	65
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CaRE - CAREER READINESS EDUCATION

Total guests served	43
Total guests who graduated	30

SIT - SERVANTS IN TRAINING

Participants / Graduates	65 / 14
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RESTORE HOPE

Number of victims served	131
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NET REACH

Taco Tuesday

Meals served total	3,825
Average number of people served each week	85

Life Skills Classes & Workshops

Residents participating	58 classes
	1,160

NET Rewards Store

Total number of residents shopping	122
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Mentor Life Planning Meetings

	1,056
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Hi-Crest Homes Improved

	21 homes
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CHILDREN'S PALACE

Children enrolled	36
Number of family special events	26
Meals and snacks served	2,399 meals + 2648 snacks

EXPENSES BY SOURCE

Budget
Percentage

Programs – This includes shelter, meals, street outreach, rehabilitation programs, case management, housing referrals, and services provided through our Distribution Center.	71%
Repairs and Maintenance – Covers the upkeep of all the Mission's properties.	14%
Administrative – Includes donor system management, volunteer management, guest records and evaluations.	8%
Direct Help – Financial assistance provided for rent and utilities, medications, transportation, identification, stamps, phone cards and similar services provided to both guests and non-guests of the Mission.	3%
Public Relations and Advertising – Efforts used to acquire financial/material resources and volunteer recruitment. All efforts supported entirely by donations, no government funds used.	3%
Public Education – Information to the public on how to help the homeless.	1%

INCOME BY SOURCE

Income
Percentage

Individuals	70%
Businesses	11%
Churches	9%
Stores	7%
DC Recycling	2%
Associations	1%



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Matthew 19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said to them,
“With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

CURRENT NEEDS LIST



FOOD ITEMS:

Gallon Cans of Vegetables & Fruits / Coffee

Sack lunch items (ie. granola bars, fruit cups, pudding cups, snack crackers)

SUPPLY ITEMS:

Dish Soap / All Purpose Cleaner / Cold & Flu meds / Cough drops

CLOTHING:

Winter Clothing & shoes for Men, Women & Children / Linens & blankets all sizes

FURNITURE *(in good condition):*

Furniture – i.e. Couches, Recliners, Loveseats, Dressers, Tables, Mattresses and Box Springs, etc.

Large Appliances – i.e. Washers, Dryers, Ranges, Freezers, Refrigerators & Microwaves

