



TOPEKA NORTH OUTREACH, INC. (TNO) 2024 Annual Report Summary

Our Mission: Reaching Out To Our Neighbors In Need With The Love Of Christ.

TNO shares God's love with people who are struggling by helping to meet some of their basic needs. Chartered in 1971 as a 501(c)3 organization, this all-volunteer group serves residents of the Oakland and North Topeka communities. The group comprises approximately 18 churches from these communities which have united to extend a helping hand to those in need.

Below is a summary of major activities and programs for 2024:

Caring Committee

TNO provides emergency assistance to families who are facing crisis situations. We provided utility, rent and medical assistance to 259 families (total of 494 people: 247 adults and 247 children). A total of 600 calls were received and 277 transactions were processed, with TNO paying \$42,177.88 for this assistance.

TNO churches also collect and donate food to Topeka Rescue Mission (TRM), to be shared in food boxes for the community.

Christmas Adoption 2024

TNO member churches adopted 49 families (total of 174 people, 73 adults and 101 children under 18) from North Topeka, Silver Lake, & Oakland areas from the Christmas Bureau in 2024. The families were blessed with gifts provided by the individual churches who adopted the families; plus handmade quilts stitched together with love from the ladies at Second Presbyterian Church; towels & washcloths donated by Northland Christian Church, and hygiene and cleaning items donated by North Fairview, Northern Hills and Elmont Elementary Schools. A food basket for a Christmas meal was provided by TNO which included canned and boxed items donated by the member churches and perishable items of ham, a dozen eggs, milk and bread purchased by TNO. Bibles were handed out by the Gideon's. Seaman Middle School donated funds of \$5,000 from a fundraising carnival which was used to purchase the groceries of around \$1,100. The distribution was held at Northland Christian Church on Saturday December 14th, 2024 from the hours of 9 to 11am.

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Hygiene Ministry

Hygiene items were donated by the individual churches and West Indianola completed a donation drive at Christmas time. We no longer have a budget for hygiene items, so inventory is limited, but we were able to donate approximately 20 hygiene kits to Logan Elementary School at the start of the 2024 school year. That was the only donation made in 2024 because of limited inventory, but we currently have some inventory to build a few hygiene kits to hand out in 2025.

JAM (Jesus and Me)

This after school mentoring program met on Friday afternoons and served an average of 7 kids each week in grades K-middle school. Bible stories, activities, games and snacks were provided. Total meetings at Garfield were 44 and average attendance was 7. We celebrated Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter and Valentine's Day with special parties.

Operation Backpack Program (OBP)

The OBP works to alleviate childhood hunger by providing weekend food sacks filled with nutritious, kid-friendly food items to children in need. Sacks are sent home with children on Fridays and the day before holidays to ensure the children have food every day of the week. The OBP provided approximately 30,000 weekend food sacks during 2024, at a total cost of \$107,202.44.

School Supply Giveaway

Book bags and school supplies were given away to 78 families (197 students) at this event held in August at Seaman Community Church.

VIP Senior Ministry

A free lunch especially for those ages 55 and over is held every Wednesday at Topeka Church of the Brethren. Bible study begins at 10:30 am, and a delicious homemade meal is served at noon. TNO Member Churches and Celebration Villa take turns providing the meal. Attendance averaged about 47 people per week and the free will offering at about \$97 per week. Approximately 2,400 meals were served to seniors in 2024.

All of this was accomplished with a lot of prayer, and a lot of help from many caring, cooperative and hard-working individuals, churches, and organizations; but most importantly, by the amazing grace of God!