

FAITH WITH ITS SLEEVES ROLLED UP

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Topeka Rescue Mission to Honor FHLBank with Sleeves Rolled Up Award and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Topeka, Kansas — Thursday November 21st 2024— The Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka (FHLBank Topeka) has successfully completed a series of trauma-informed renovations at the Topeka Rescue Mission’s Hope Center. This major renovation aims to provide a safer, more supportive environment for those experiencing homelessness, incorporating design features that promote healing and recovery for individuals in crisis. These trauma-informed renovations are designed to foster emotional support and healing by integrating calming colors, improved lighting that support comfort and dignity. These changes will help guests feel safer, more supported, and empowered as they work toward self-sufficiency.

In recognition of FHLBank Topeka’s significant contribution to the project, the Topeka Rescue Mission will present a Sleeves Rolled Up Award at a ribbon-cutting ceremony to be held at the Hope Center on Thursday November 21st at 9 a.m. This special award honors the dedication and hard work of community partners who go above and beyond in supporting the Mission’s efforts to improve the lives of those in need.

La Manda Broyles, Executive Director of TRM, shared “Not only did FHLBank support this effort financially, but also paved the way for this project through year-long fundraisers and activities, helping to educate their staff about the importance of TRM and those we serve. Over the 2-year project, the provided over 100 volunteer laborers who committed their hands and hearts to create a warm inviting environment.”

Jeff Kuzbel, FHLBank Topeka President and CEO states ““For more than 30 years, FHLBank Topeka employees have come together to support a local nonprofit through our Community Affairs Committee in support of our housing mission. The Topeka Rescue Mission is an essential resource for our community and was the perfect partner for the last two years. I have enjoyed painting alongside our business partners at the past few workdays, and I commend TRM on the important work they do every day to improve lives.”

Troy McMaster, Chair of FHLBank Topeka’s Community Affairs Committee says of the renovations “Our two-year partnership was FHLBank’s biggest Community Affairs project ever.

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We are proud of the work we completed to transform the TRM Hope Center reflecting elements of trauma-informed design. We hope it's a secure, comfortable environment for TRM residents for many years to come."

Join us, Thursday November 21, 2024 at 9 a.m. at the Hope Center, to celebrate the power of working together to make the lives of those in challenging situations better.

Topeka Rescue Mission Ministries is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization working in the Topeka Community and surrounding Shawnee County. TRM works with community partners to reach those in need by bringing help and hope through serving those experiencing homeless and feeding the hungry. To learn more, please visit trmonline.org or follow Topeka Rescue Mission Ministries on Facebook.