

PAY IT FORWARD

Travel can be a thrilling experience. Seeing new places and taking in the sights, sounds and atmosphere is exciting. But what if you could combine the thrill of travel with a feeling of joy and fulfillment? That's what you will experience when you **Pay It Forward!** Volunteering is easy, and can be a small part of your itinerary or the focus of your travel. Topeka has many wonderful organizations serving our community and the world, in a variety of ways. Whether you're passionate about hunger, healthful living, or childhood development, Visit Topeka can connect your enthusiasm with the perfect project.



Kansas Fourth in the Nation When it Comes to Volunteering

Kansas fourth in the nation when it comes to volunteering according to the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that helps Americans engage in volunteer activities. The Volunteering and Civic Life in America report says nearly 37 percent of Kansas residents volunteered in 2012. That amounts to nearly 808,000 volunteers giving 82.9 million hours of service. It also estimated the worth of that volunteer work at \$1.59 billion.

Community Organizations

Habitat for Humanity

Take part in building a home, or helping out in the Habitat for Humanity re-sale store.

Harvesters

Pack backpacks full of food for children who would otherwise not get a meal on the weekend.

Topeka Community Cycle Project

Help repair and build bicycles for children at the TCCP.
Give back in a unique way.

Trash Mountain Project

Learn how aquaponics has changed the lives of people in third world countries by providing fresh vegetables, fish and more.

Fall Leaf Farm

Learn how one family makes wishes come true everyday for children who have been diagnosed with cancer.

Make a difference. Leave a legacy.

First-class attractions

Tiffany Windows at First Presbyterian Church

Experience the breath-taking presentation of jewel-toned Tiffany windows in this beautiful downtown church.

Kansas State Capitol

See the newly renovated building, including the beautiful rotunda on this free tour.

Brown v. Board of Education

Gain an understanding of the role this 1954 Supreme Court Decision played in the Civil Rights movement. This interactive, experiential museum is located inside the historic Monroe Elementary School.

Great Overland Station

See Topeka's railroad heritage come to life at the historic Great Overland Station, home to the Union Pacific Railroad Station

Grace Episcopal Cathedral

This parish predates Kansas Statehood and currently houses a 63-rank Schantz pipe organ. The twin towers were modeled after Magdalen College in Oxford, England.

Sacred Heart – St. Joseph Catholic Parish

The beautiful towers on the Parish have become a Topeka landmark as they are one of the first visible things as you enter the downtown area.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

Located in Topeka's primarily Hispanic neighborhood, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church puts in an annual fundraiser that brings the masses to the church and community.

Angel Road

Be serenaded by Misty Burr and Beth LePage in the unique combination of the harp with Gospel, Bluegrass, Country music.

Delicious local dining

Annie's Place

Comfort food at its best! Don't forget a slice of pie!

Hanover Pancake House

A Topeka legend as far as breakfast goes, this place will start any day out right.

Jayhawk Corner Café

Located in the heart of downtown and in the historic Jayhawk building, lunch at the Jayhawk Corner Café will provide a great meal and great conversation.

Henry's Grill

Enjoy homemade barbeque at its finest at this historic cafe located above a Harley Davidson motorcycle shop and museum.



Contact Rosa Cavazos for your customized itinerary
800-234-1030
Rosa@VisitTopeka.com
www.VisitTopeka.com

