



May 2017

## Show Your Support for Topeka Nonprofits at Topeka Gives

The Topeka Community Foundation will be hosting its fifth annual Topeka Gives event this coming Tuesday, the 6th! The event will be hosted at Fairlawn Plaza Mall, from around 7 am to 6pm. At Topeka Gives, the Foundation doubles down on charitable giving by matching donations to nonprofits in the Topeka community. It's also a great opportunity for community members and organizations to network and create collaborations!



Community Resources Council is honored to be tabling at this event to provide our information and services. We are also very proud to say that 17 of our members will also be at the event! Come by to visit us and donate to your favorite organizations!

Donation forms will be available at Fairlawn Plaza as well as on the [Foundation's website](#), or by clicking the logo above! Although donors are free to give as much as they'd like, the Foundation will only match donations between \$25 and \$1000. Donations are matched on a prorated basis, not dollar-by-dollar, from a pool of \$83,250.



## Rotary Freedom Festival Just Around the Corner

The Rotary Club of Topeka has scheduled its signature event, the [Rotary Freedom Festival](#) on Saturday, July 1 in downtown Topeka from 9am - 10pm. Freedom Festival is a fundraiser for a \$20,000 grant to the Center for Peace and Justice to prevent conflicts and bullying among young people in the city.

The Rotary Club is extending an invitation to social service agencies to create a partnership and offering booth space on statehouse grounds to showcase what they do and network their services. If you're interested, contact the Freedom Festival Coordinator, Joan Wagon, for more information via their [website](#) or by calling the Rotary Club.

The Festival will feature planned activities from until 3pm, such as tours of the courtroom where Brown vs. Board of Education was first tried, the "I AM TOPEKA" Art Project from students at Highland Park High School, face painting, and other activities for children and families. There will be food trucks along Kansas Ave, Mater Dei Food Court near the Capitol, and concessions at Consitution Hall. Beginning at 4pm, the Rotary Beer Garden opens and Topeka bands will be performing throughout the evening. And don't miss out on the [ticket raffle](#)! The winner receives a \$5,000 Dream Vacation to their choice destination!

Check out the Facebook event [here](#).

## Topeka Mural Project Seeking Artists

ARTSConnect, Inc. announces their 2017 mural projects in collaboration with Shawnee County Parks & Recreation and the Master Gardeners. The first project, initiated last fall at the Rip-On Skate Park in Shunga Glen, is seeking new artists to contribute! ARTSConnect is accepting applications and willing to reimburse for paint supplies. To apply, use [this link](#) to submit your previous work. Initial paint days are scheduled for June 17th and 24th. Shawnee County Extension Master Gardeners are also creating a mural on their storage container adjacent to the Shunga Trail, south of the Expocentre. For more information, find ARTSConnect [online](#) or on [Facebook](#)!

## Members

[American Tax Service](#) | [Brewster Place](#) | [Caring Pregnancy Options](#) | [CASA of Shawnee County](#) | [City of Topeka Fire Department](#) | [Community Advocates for Social Enrichment](#) | [Community Action](#) | [Cornerstone of Topeka](#) | [Doorstep](#) | [Downtown Topeka](#) | [E2 Communications](#) | [Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce](#) | [Harvesters](#) | [Heartland Visioning](#) | [Housing and Credit Counseling](#) | [Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging](#) | [Kansas Expocentre](#) | [Kansas Volunteer Commission](#) | [KTWU](#) | [LifeHouse Child Advocacy Center](#) | Max Wilson | [Meals on Wheels of Shawnee County](#) | [Midland Care](#) | [Mirror](#) | [Neighborhood Opportunity for Wellness](#) | [Prevention & Recovery Servies](#) | [Positive Connections](#) | [Shawnee County Health Agency](#) | [Shawnee County K-State Research and Extension](#) | [Topeka LULAC Senior Center](#) | [Topeka Metro Transit Authority](#) | [Topeka Rescue Mission](#) | [Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library](#) | [Valeo Behavioral Health Care](#)

