

TOPEKA JUMP

NEHEMIAH ACTION 2020:

PAVING THE ROAD TO A BETTER FUTURE



This way to
Affordable Housing

This way to
**Great
Transportation**

This way to
**Fair Payday
Loans**

This way to
A Safe City

Topeka JUMP Member Congregations

Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ

Asbury Mt. Olive UMC

Berryton UMC

Central Congregational Church

Countryside UMC

El Shaddai Ministries Community Church

First Baptist Church

Gethsemane Worship Center

Grace Episcopal Cathedral

In God's House

Inward Faith Outreach Ministries

Lowman UMC

Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church

New Hope and Love Community Church

New Hope Community Baptist Church

New Mt. Zion MBC

Southern Hills Mennonite Church

St. John AME

Tecumseh UMC

Temple Beth Sholom

Topeka First UMC

Trinity Presbyterian Church

University UMC

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2020 NEHEMIAH ACTION AGENDA

MONDAY APRIL 27, 2020

7:00 **Building Brick by Brick**

Father Greg Hammes

7:05 **Seeking Public Commitments from Officials**

Rev. Harry Christian

7:10 **JUMP Campaigns**

Rev. Anne Flynn, Deacon

Housing

Steve Schiffelbein and Alicia Newberry

Transportation

Anton Ahrens

Violence

Pastor Lorna Boden

7:25 **Call to Action**

Rev. Raymond Berry

2020 Nehemiah Action Proposal: Affordable Housing

FACT SHEET

Rental housing in Topeka is not affordable.

The 2019 Topeka Housing Market Study found that in Topeka, you need to make at least \$16 an hour to afford a decent two-bedroom apartment. In other words, someone would need to make over \$33,000 a year, much higher than the average salaries of janitors (\$24,704), nursing aides (\$26,376) and retail salespeople (\$24,310). As a result:

- ❖ In 2011, 45% of renter households spent more than 50% of their income on rent (*Consolidate Action Plan Topeka. 2016 p.20*).
- ❖ Topeka has a shortage of 3,260 rental units for families making \$15,300 a year or less. There is also a shortage for working families making less than \$16 an hour.
- ❖ In 2019, Topeka Rescue Mission sheltered 2,108 un-duplicated individuals (trmonline.org)
- ❖ Housing programs through Topeka Housing Authority, Cornerstone and Community Action provide safe and affordable housing for roughly 2,000 renter families (*Consolidate Action Plan Topeka. 2016 p.36*) and have another 2,300 families on a wait list.
- ❖ Affordability impacts families working full time, minimum wage jobs; young professionals just starting out; the elderly; people with disabilities; and veterans.

Rental housing in Topeka is not safe.

Almost half of the housing stock in Topeka was built before 1978 which means lead poisoning is prevalent in Topeka.

- ❖ The city estimates that 7,316 families earning less than \$20,000 a year are living in units that have a lead based paint hazard. (*Consolidate Action Plan Topeka. 2016 p.55*)

The City of Topeka's substandard housing definition includes any structure or a premise that has any of the following conditions or defects: any block of egress, safe walking surface, items not anchored, dilapidation of structure, unsafe for occupancy, neglected, not with in code requirements, unsanitary, threat to life and or safety.

- ❖ An estimated 10,596 renter households have at least one unsafe housing condition. (*Consolidate Action Plan. Topeka 2016 p. 54*)

WHAT WE WANT

The Housing Study (<https://www.topeka.org/neighborhoodrelations/citywide-housing-market-study-strategy/>) confirmed the gap in what is available for people like Alicia Newberry. Furthermore, the economic effects of COVID-19 on working families will create more demand for affordable rental units. The study also recommends the Housing Trust Fund as one strategy to address the gap! We want the Topeka City Council to invest \$2 million a year from the city budget into the Housing Trust Fund.

2015-2016 Research and Coalition Building

12/16/15 Topeka Workforce Center
 01/06/16 Council Member Karen Hiller
 01/07/16 Habitat for Humanity
 01/08/16 Housing and Credit Counseling
 01/14/16 KS Housing & Resource Corp
 01/15/16 Community Resource Center
 01/20/16 Topeka Rescue Mission
 01/21/16 Topeka Housing Authority
 01/22/16 Neighborhood Relations
 01/26/16 Cornerstone
 01/27/16 City Planning
 02/08/16 City Code Unit
 02/17/16 Mayor Wolgast
 02/17/16 Council Member Sandra Clear
 02/19/16 Community Action
 02/23/16 Council Member Jeff Coen
 02/29/16 Council Member Karen Hiller
 03/03/16 Mayor Wolgast, J. Colson & staff
 03/17/16 Shawnee County Landlord Association
 03/23/16 Council Member Johnathan Schumm
 03/30/16 Council Member Brenden Jensen
 04/04/16 Council Member Elaine Schwartz
 04/04/16 Neighborhood Relations
 04/04/16 Council Member Michelle De La Isla
 04/13/16 Topeka Police Department
 04/14/16 Topeka Rescue Mission
 04/15/16 City Manager Jim Colson
 04/25/16 City Member, Mayor, Deputy Mayor
 05/16 Follow-Up Post NA with Mayor Wolgast
 06/16 Housing Task Force Meeting
 07/16 Housing Task Force Meeting

2016-2017 Research and Coalition Building

08/16 Housing Task Force Meeting
 09/16 Housing Task Force Meeting
 10/16 Housing Task Force Meeting
 11/16 Housing Task Force Meeting
 12/06/16 Topeka City Council Meeting
 12/12/16 Mayor Larry Wolgast
 01/17 Task Force Revenue Subcommittee
 01/10/17 Pioneer Group Inc.
 01/12/17 Capitol Federal Savings Bank
 01/13/17 St. Francis Health
 02/17 Task Force Revenue Subcommittee
 02/15/17 Michael Anderson, Center for Community Change
 03/17 Housing Task Force Meeting
 03/27/17 Council Member Karen Hiller
 04/17 Task Force Revenue Subcommittee

2017-2018 Research and Coalition Building

11/20/2017 Pioneer Group
 12/12/2017 Topeka City Council Mtg
 12/19/2017 Topeka City Council Mtg
 01/09/2018 Topeka Housing Authority
 01/25/2018 City Manager – Brent Trout
 01/26/2018 Council Member Karen Hiller
 02/19/2018 Mayor Michelle De La Isla
 02/28/2018 Lexington, KY Housing Services
 03/14/2018 Council Member Michael Lesser
 03/27/2018 Council Member Mike Padilla,
 03/27/2018 Mayor Michelle De La Isla
 04/05/2018 Housing Task Force Meeting
 04/12/2018 City Manager Brent Trout
 06/06/2018 Revised Ord Discussed by City Council

2018-2019 Research and Coalition Building

09/25/2018 Mayor Michelle De La Isla
 10/10/2018 Greater Topeka Partnership
 11/09/2018 Heartland Visioning
 11/12/2018 Pioneer Group Inc.
 01/10/2019 Heartland Visioning
 01/24/2019 City Manager Brent Trout
 01/29/2019 Habitat for Humanity
 02/26/2019 Mayor Michelle De La Isla
 03/12/2019 Mayor Michelle De La Isla & City Manager Brent Trout
 03/14/2019 Private Donor for Affordable Housing Trust Fund
 03/10.2019 Council Member Brenden Jensen
 03/14/2019 Council Member Karen Hiller
 03/21/2019 Council Member Michael Lesser
 03/27/2019 Council Member Jeff Coen
 04/08/2019 Cross Sector Collaboration on HTF

2019-2020 Research and Coalition Building

09/17/2019 Kick-Off the Citywide Housing Market Study and Strategy
 Prepared for the City of Topeka by Development Strategies
 10/22/19 Conference Call with Development Strategies Staff
 12/10/19 Development Strategies Interim Presentation
 12/10/19 Mayor Michelle De La Isla
 01/16/20 City Manager Brent Trout
 03/18/20 City Manager Brent Trout

Data Sources

1. Census Data 2010
2. Topeka Consolidated Action Plan 2016
3. Topeka Housing Authority Official Webpage
4. 2019 Housing Market Study and Strategy <https://www.topeka.org/neighborhoodrelations/citywide-housing-market-study-strategy/>

2020 Nehemiah Action Proposal: Transportation

FACT SHEET

Many people without cars are limited to minimum wage jobs near bus routes opposed to living wage jobs at major employers outside the city limits.

- ❖ Kansas Works—the state employment agency—reported that nearly 1 in 3 people they serve have transportation barriers.
- ❖ Major companies outside the city limits pay much better wages than jobs near major bus lines within the city limits. Wages at the Target Distribution Center, for example, pay two and half times what people can make at service jobs in the City. That is a huge difference. A full-time job with benefits like health care is life changing.
- ❖ In 2017, public transit had the following limitations:
 - Topeka Metro is on the road from 5:45am to 7:30pm Monday-Friday and 8am-6pm on Saturdays.
 - The Metro does not run on Sundays.
 - Topeka Metro does not run outside the city limits.

All of the above are still true. However, due to Topeka JUMP, Topeka Metro, and GO Topeka, new workforce focused transportation programs SOTO and NETO gave 31,939 rides December 2017-March 2020

PROPOSAL

JUMP proposes, that JEDO Members direct GO Topeka to put at least \$100,000 annually in their budget for at least five years for SOTO and NETO.

Council Member Mike Padilla: Will you make a motion at the May 13, 2020 JEDO Meeting that SOTO and NETO be funded with least \$100,000 annually for at least five years?

County Commissioner Kevin Cook: Will you second the motion at the May 13, 2020 JEDO Meeting that SOTO

Topeka JUMP Transportation Campaign Meeting List

11/13/2018	Go Topeka & Topeka Metro	11/23/2019	SOTO Bike ride demonstration
12/12/2018	JEDO Meeting	12/9/2019	GO Topeka Barbara Stapleton
01/17/2019	Shawnee County Commissioner Kevin Cook	12/11/2019	Topeka Metro General Manager
01/28/2019	Topeka City Council Member Mike Padilla	12/11/2019	JEDO Meeting
01/30/2019	United Steelworkers (USW) Local 307 (Goodyear Union)	12/16/2019	Topeka Metro Board Meeting
02/04/2019	Topeka City Council Member & JEDO Member Tony Emerson	1/21/2020	Topeka City Council Member Spencer Duncan
02/12/2019	Topeka City Council Meeting	1/30/2020	Topeka City Council Member Hannah Naeger
02/14/2019	Go Topeka & Topeka Metro	2/10/2020	Topeka City Council Member Christina Valdivia-Alcala
03/06/2019	Society for Human Resource Management	2/12/2020	Topeka City Council Member Neil Dobler
03/12/2019	Topeka City Council Member Aaron Mays	2/26/2020	Topeka City Council Member Mike Padilla
03/18/2019	Greater Topeka Partnership & Go Topeka	3/1/2020	Shawnee County Commissioner Aaron Mays
03/18/2019	Topeka City Council Member Tony Emerson	3/1/2020	Shawnee County Commissioner Bill Riphahn
9/5/2019	GO Topeka	3/1/2020	Shawnee County Commissioner Kevin Cook
9/11/2019	JEDO Meeting	3/25/2020	Topeka City Council Member Mike Padilla
10/21/2019	County Commission Meetings	4/9/2020	Shawnee County Commissioner Kevin Cook
10/24/2019	Topeka City Councilmember Tony Emerson	4/20/2020	Topeka Metro

2020 Nehemiah Action Proposal: Violence – SAVE Our County

FACT SHEET

In 2017 and 2018 47 people were brutally murdered in Topeka. In 2019, 84 people were shot. Enough is enough. The violence must stop.

The following statistics were provided by Topeka Police Department:

Year	Killings	Shooting victims
2017	30	62
2018	17	60
2019	16	84

- ❖ Between 2016 and 2018, 50% of Murder Suspects were under the age of 26.
- ❖ In 2018, 80% of murder incidences were related to gangs or a drug deal gone wrong.

Psychological trauma from exposure to **violence** has been scientifically shown to increase a person's risk of adopting violent behavior. This means that violent behavior transmits, and spreads based on exposure – **just like an epidemic disease**. (Citation: <http://cureviolence.org/understand-violence/violence-as-a-health-issue/>)

Group Violence Intervention (GVI), a community-based approach, is a strategy that has reduced violence in cities across the country. In Cincinnati, OH gang murders dropped by 41%. (Citation: <https://nnscommunities.org/our-work/strategy/group-violence-intervention>)

Since the 2019 JUMP Nehemiah, all local law enforcement agencies are working in conjunction with a group of stakeholders to implement the strategy. This executive council named the strategy SAVE (Strategies Against Violence Everywhere).

PROPOSAL

County Commissioner Aaron Mays: We want \$80,000 for a SAVE project manager salary and benefits and \$20,000 for street team program. Will you ask for \$100,000 to be added to the 2021 proposed budget for the county?

Topeka JUMP Violence Reduction Campaign Meeting List

12/17/18	Topeka Police Department	5/17/19	Shawnee County Sheriff	10/8/19	SAVE Executive Council Meeting
1/8/19	Topeka USD 501 Police Department	6/7/19	Healing Gun Violence Event	10/17/19	Street Team Meeting
1/9/19	One Topeka Family	6/24/19	Topeka Police Chief	10/22/19	SAVE Executive Council Meeting
1/15/19	Family Service and Guidance Center	8/25/19	Peace Walk	10/28/19	Shawnee County DA speaks at Topeka JUMP CPA
1/16/19	Washburn Rural USD 437 Police	9/2/19	Topeka City Manager and Topeka Police Chief	11/19/19	SAVE Executive Council Meeting

Topeka JUMP Violence Reduction Campaign Meeting List (Continued)

1/17/19	Shawnee County Commissioner Kevin Cook	9/4/19	Social Service Stakeholders Meeting	11/22/19	Freedom NOW Meeting (Human trafficking)
1/22/19	Safe Streets	9/10/19	Law Enforcement Stakeholders Meeting	12/3/19	SAVE Executive Council Meeting
1/24/19	The University of Kansas Health System St. Francis Campus	9/12/19	Street Team Meeting	1/6/20	Shawnee County DA, County Commissioner Bill Riphahn and Topeka Center for Peace and Justice
1/28/19	Kansas Bureau of Investigation	4/24/19	Shawnee County District Attorney	1/6/20	Shawnee County DA, County Commissioner Aaron Mays and Topeka Center for Peace and Justice
1/28/19	Topeka City Council Member Mike Padilla	5/14/19	Shawnee County Corrections	1/6/20	Shawnee County DA, County Commissioner Kevin Cook and Topeka Center for Peace and Justice
2/13/19	Shawnee County Sheriff	5/17/19	Shawnee County Sheriff	1/14/20	SAVE Executive Council Meeting
2/19/19	Shawnee County District Attorney	6/7/19	Healing Gun Violence Event	1/21/20	Topeka City Council Member Spencer Duncan
2/21/19	University of Illinois at Chicago - Intro to Cure Violence Webinar	6/24/19	Topeka Police Chief	1/30/20	Topeka City Council Member Hannah Naeger
2/26/19	National Network for Safe Communities	8/25/19	Peace Walk	2/10/20	Topeka City Council Member Christina Valdivia-Alcala
2/28/19	Centers for Disease Control - Cardiff Model Team	9/2/19	Topeka City Manager and Topeka Police Chief	2/12/20	Topeka City Council Member Neil Dobler
3/14/19	KDHE	9/4/19	Social Service Stakeholders Meeting	2/25/20	SAVE Executive Council Meeting
3/18/19	Cure Violence Kansas City	9/10/19	Law Enforcement Stakeholders Meeting	3/10/20	SAVE Executive Council Meeting
3/18/19	NNSC (South Bend, IN)	9/12/19	Street Team Meeting	3/16/20	Street Team Meeting
3/25/19	Topeka Police Department	9/24/19	South Bend Indiana Street Team Director	3/17/20	Shawnee County DA (phone meeting)
4/2/19	Stormont Vail Hospital	9/24/19	SAVE Executive Council Meeting	4/16/20	Shawnee County Commissioner Aaron Mays (phone meeting)
4/24/19	Shawnee County DA	9/25/19	Meeting with Shawnee County DA	4/17/20	Shawnee County DA (phone meeting)
5/14/19	Shawnee County Corrections	10/8/19	Family Service and Guidance Center research meeting	4/21/20	National Network for Safe Communities

2020 Update on the Predatory Lending Campaign

FACT SHEET

Payday loans charge too much interest and are a debt trap for borrowers.

Four in ten Americans have no savings to help them weather a financial emergency. For Kansas residents facing a financial emergency, having bad or no credit history can leave them with limited options. They often turn to pay day loan institutions, getting trapped into paying up to 391% interest. The nature of the pay day loan product is misleading and predatory.

- ❖ 175,000 Kansans a year use payday loans.
- ❖ In 2017, for every one McDonalds Restaurant there were three pay day loan shops in the State of Kansas.
- ❖ Payday loan reform will save hard-working Kansans more than \$100 million a year.

Typical High-Cost Loan Prices and Availability by State

State	Typical cost to borrow \$300 for 5 months* from payday loan company	Auto Title Loans
Arkansas, Montana, South Dakota	Restricted by law	Restricted by law
Colorado	\$80	Restricted by law
Ohio	\$170	Restricted by law
Oklahoma	\$450	Restricted by law
Iowa	\$495	Restricted by law
Nebraska	\$530	Restricted by law
Kansas	\$450	Unlimited
Missouri	\$563	Authorized

*Typical payday loan borrower is in debt for five months of the year.

Citations:

- https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2019/02/21/does-america-have-savings-crisis/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.1b71e723633c. Accessed March 28, 2019.
- PEW Charitable Trusts
- “Payday Lending Abuses and Predatory Practices” Center for Responsible Lending. Accessed March 28, 2017.

PROPOSAL

These loans are meant to be a bridge during hard times and not an inescapable trap. In 2019, JUMP joined 24 other organizations to establish Kansans for Payday Loan Reform. The coalition is a grassroots movement across the state of Kansas who support bipartisan legislation that will protect Kansans from predatory lending practices and usury while maintaining access to credit.

JUMP also seeks to locally develop alternatives for borrowers here in Shawnee County.

Public Official Contact Information

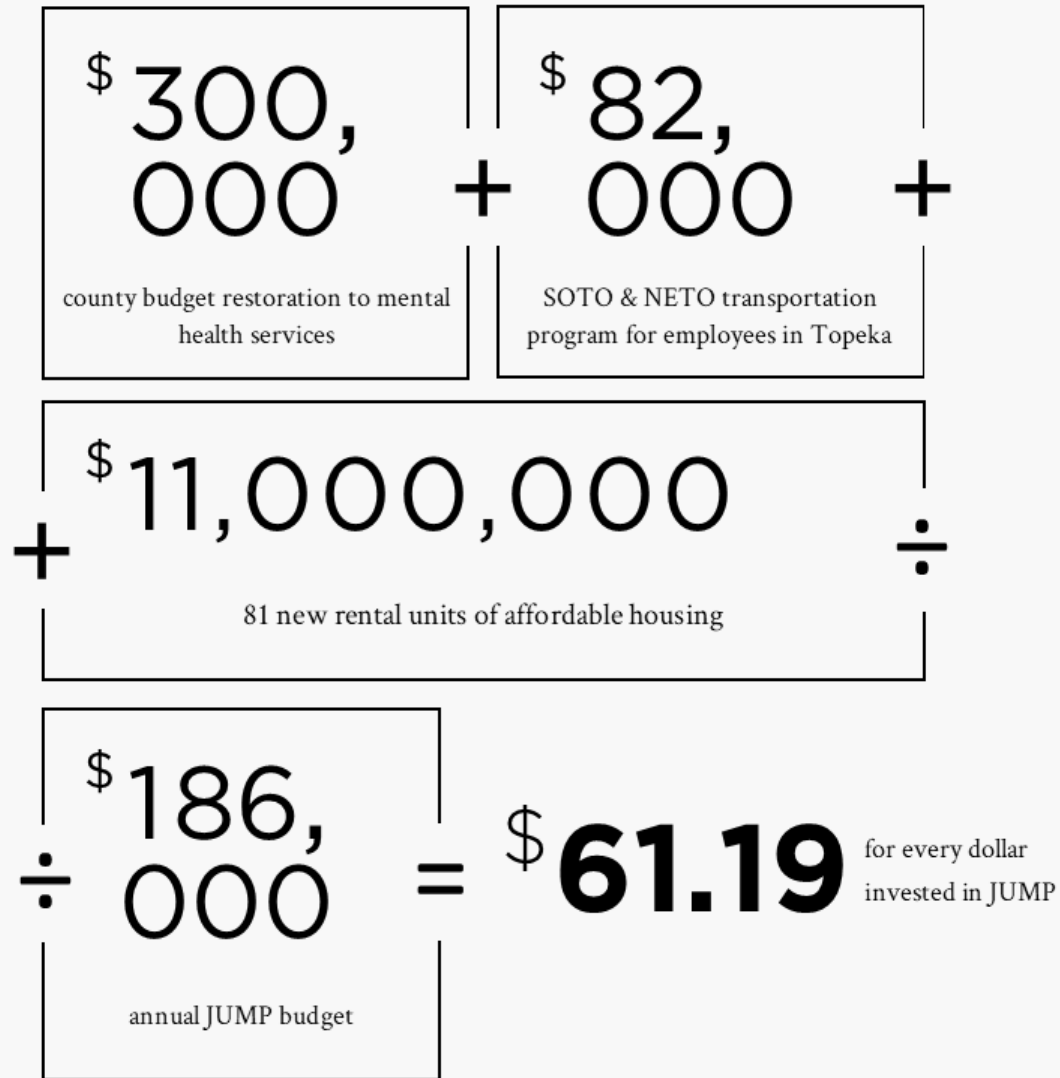
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Topeka City Council Michael Padilla	District 5 JEDO Voting Member	785-304-3532 mpadilla@topeka.org
Topeka City Council Hannah Naeger	District 6	785-422-0018 hnaeger@topeka.org
Topeka City Council Neil Dobler	District 7	785-274-9085 ndobler@topeka.org
Topeka City Council Spencer Duncan	District 8	785-207-8985 sduncan@topeka.org
Topeka City Council Michael Lesser	District 9 JEDO Voting Member	785-249-1475 mlesser@topeka.org
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City Manager Brent Trout		785- 368-3725 btrout@topeka.org
County Commissioner Bill Riphahn	JEDO Voting Member	bill.riphahn@snco.us
County Commissioner Kevin Cook	JEDO Voting Member	kevin.cook@snco.us
County Commissioner Aaron Mays	JEDO Voting Member	aaron.mays@snco.us

Community Resource Contact Information

Housing and Credit Counseling Services, Inc. (HCCI)	785-234-0217 1195 SW Buchanan St # 101, Topeka, KS 66604
Catholic Charities Kansas Loan Pool Program	913-433-2050 catholiccharitiesks.org

WHAT IS YOUR INVESTMENT WORTH?

LEVERAGE CALCULATIONS: The cost of the programs implemented because of our campaigns divided by our annual budget.



2019 CORPORATE INVESTORS

Gold Level—\$5,000—\$7,999		
Pioneer Group Inc.		
Silver Level—\$2,000—\$4,999		
Advisors Excel Equity Bank KU Health, St. Francis	Reser's Fine Foods Security Benefit Stormont-Vail HealthCare	Target Distribution Center U.S. Bank Walmart
Bronze Level—\$1,000—\$1,999		
Azura Credit Union	Polo Custom Products	Strathman Sales Company

WHAT DOES JUSTICE MINISTRY MEAN TO YOU?

2020 INVESTMENT TESTIMONIES



“I’m **Steve Schiffelbein from Mother Teresa Catholic Church**. Justice Ministry is important to me because Christians must love others, everyone without reservation or hesitation. Love can best be done in person and that means locally in my community. Because of this I’m investing **\$1,000 in JUMP this year.**”

“I’m **JoAnne Smith from Asbury Mt. Olive UMC** Justice Ministry is important to me because it is a way to for me to live out God's mandate to do justice. By joining with others in my congregation and with other congregations I am able to make a difference in systems and people’s lives that I would not be able to do by myself. Because justice ministry is so important to me, I am investing **\$250 in Topeka JUMP.**”



“I’m **Betsy Wiens from Berryton UMC**. Justice Ministry is important to me because through volunteering in several different mercy ministries, I see so much need. The need for food, safe housing, consistent transportation to jobs, and life without violence is **CRUCIAL** for many in Topeka. We can pass out food and we can provide a temporary safe place to stay **BUT** we need systemic method to bring about change so that everyone has decent housing, transportation and safety. Topeka JUMP provides that method and I am honored to be a part of it. Because justice ministry is so important to me, my husband and I are **investing \$500 in Topeka JUMP at this time.**”

We invite you to **join us in owning our power!** Please make your check out to **Topeka JUMP**. You can mail your check to 3033 SW MacVicar, Topeka KS 66611 or pay electronically (<https://www.topekajump.com/invest>).