



## **Renewed Hope Food Pantry 2024 Annual Report**

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Renewed Hope makes a significant impact for good in our community by helping to solve the problem of food insecurity—lack of reliable access to affordable, nutritious food. We serve our neighbors with a desire to show the love of God. Located in Overland Park, KS, we bring food and hope to neighbors facing hunger throughout Johnson County and the greater Kansas City area.

Renewed Hope is operated by the New Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Kansas-Nebraska Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. We want to say a big thank you and recognize community partners who volunteer and dedicate countless hours to hunger relief in the KC metro area

- The Prince of Peace food rescue team makes a big impact for neighbors facing hunger by bringing weekly donations throughout the week from Hy-Vee stores, Price Chopper stores, and Target stores.
- The Mitzvah Garden KC provides beautiful vegetables straight from the garden, which we often distribute to guests of the food pantry the same day the Mitzvah Garden team harvests the vegetables.
- The Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church volunteers contribute as team leaders, with food drives and financial donations, and with faithful weekly volunteers helping pick up, sort and organize, and distribute food.

Many other area businesses, local churches, civic organizations, neighbors, partnering hunger relief organizations, donors, and community volunteers come together at Renewed Hope as neighbors helping neighbors. See list of donors and partners on our Web site at RHFP.org.

### **Ongoing Goals**

1. Provide the broadest array possible of healthy and diverse food with a high nutritional value, such as fresh fruits and vegetables, grains, nuts/seeds, and protein.
2. Meet the unique needs of a client base transcending all ages, cultures, and health conditions.
3. Provide food for individuals facing hunger in a caring and respectful manner.

## In 2024...

- The Renewed Hope team of volunteers gave food to many people facing hunger this year. How many? **85,062 person visits; 27,543 households**
- What portion of these visits were from the **Hope Bus program**? **19,636 person visits** and **5,646 households**
- How many meals were distributed for people experiencing homelessness? **4,434 meals**
- How many pounds of food did we distribute? **1,281,819 pounds of food**. Of all the food distributed in 2024, 127,882 pounds were distributed through the Hope Bus food pantry.
- 291 **volunteers donated 9,574 hours** for estimated value of \$295,001(data recorded in VOMO)
- Highlights:
  - In January, the team helped launch the New Haven church street outreach program supported with the food truck and meals and snacks for people experiencing homelessness
  - In December, the team purchased a refrigerated box truck to expand food rescue with capacity to pick up and distribute more refrigerated items
  - The mobile pantry continued to be our largest food pantry event, providing food assistance to about 300 to 350 families with the help of about 30 volunteers every Tuesday.

## Current Food Assistance Programs

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 2 to 3:30 pm curbside food distribution
- Tuesdays mobile pantry 10 to 11 am (or until all food is distributed)
- Fridays 4 to 5 pm (street friendly snacks for people experiencing homelessness; serve at Washington Square Park, KC, MO)
- Saturdays 1 to 2 pm (hot meal from food truck for people experiencing homelessness; serve at Johnson County Resource Library parking lot)
- Hope Bus food pantry on wheels (times and locations vary)

## Partnerships

The Renewed Hope team brings food and hope to many people, providing nutritious food during the mobile pantry, Sunday pantries, serving meals to people facing homelessness, and taking the bus out to neighborhoods where food insecurity is high. We continually praise God for providing all we need to share food and love with our neighbors.

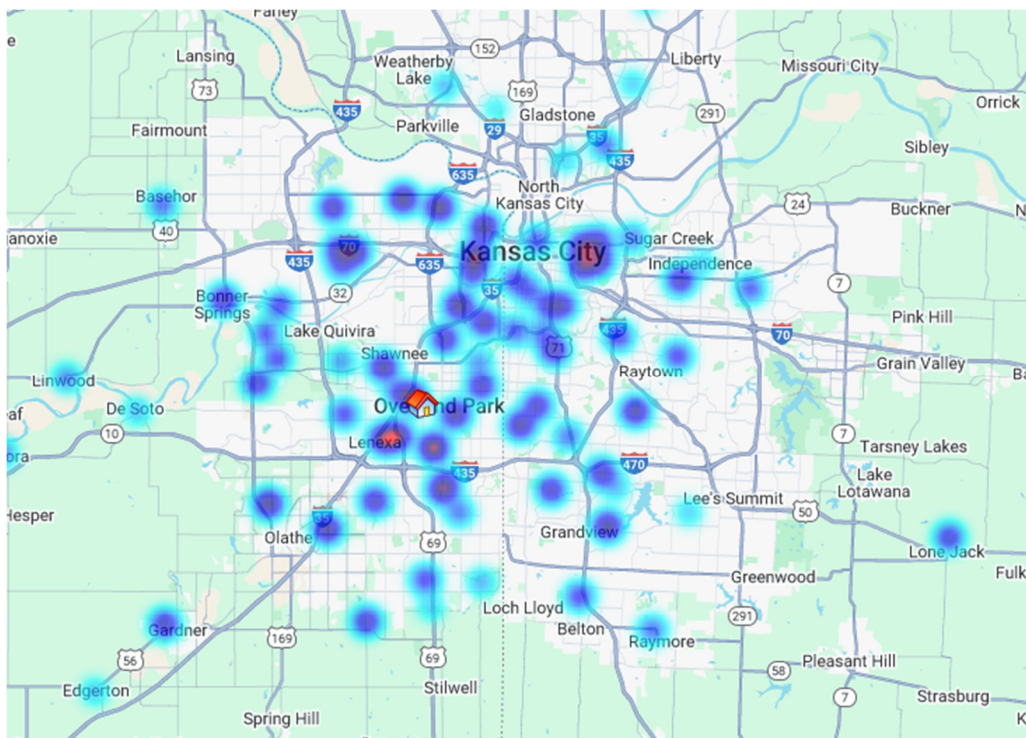
Renewed Hope Food Pantry is an Adventist Community Services agency and a Harvesters food pantry, serving people who face hunger throughout the Kansas City region. In Harvesters service area, 1 in 8 people (12.3%) and 1 in 6 children (17%) are at risk of hunger. Access to nutritious food is a challenge for people experiencing homelessness. The number of people living unsheltered in the KC area has increased dramatically over the past few years. About 1700 people in Kansas City are experiencing homelessness.

Renewed Hope is a partner with area community organizations that are working to help people experiencing food insecurity, economic hardships, and homelessness with food, housing and resources to thrive. We are a member of the United Community Services of Johnson County, the Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness, and the Kansas City Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD). With our focus on easing food anxiety, we can increase the success of workforce, mental health, and addiction recovery programs designed to help people thrive in life.

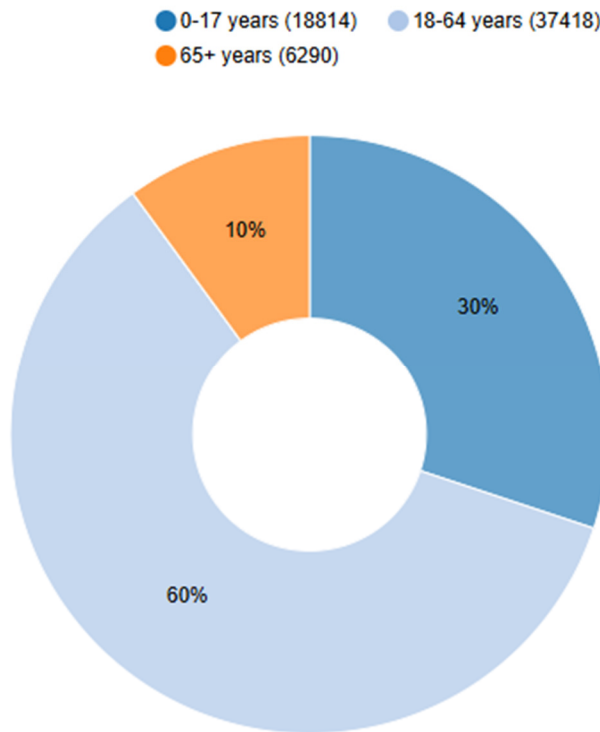
## Geographic Area

People visit Renewed Hope for food assistance from all over the Kansas City metro area. Darker areas on the map reflect a higher percentage of people visiting Renewed Hope from that zip code area.

### Visits to Renewed Hope main location (Tuesdays/Sundays) by zip code – 2024



### Age Groups Served (Tuesdays/Sundays)– 2024



### Languages – 2024

Renewed Hope guests represent diversity in race and ethnicity. The percentage of people from the Latino population coming to Renewed Hope for food assistance has grown substantially over the past 4 years. Of all clients in 2024, 39% report English as their primary language, 38% report Spanish, 2% French, 1% Russian; 1% Arabic. The primary language for 19% in the data set is unknown.

## Overview of the Hope Truck Kitchen on Wheels Program

The Hope Truck Kitchen on Wheels completed its 2<sup>nd</sup> year of operation, primarily serving at



Washington Square Park by Union Station. **Number of meals provided to people experiencing homelessness in 2024: 4,434**

In January 2024, New Haven SDA Church established a street outreach program to help people experiencing homelessness move from surviving to thriving. The Renewed Hope expanded focus to

street outreach. With the food truck, we served on average more than 100 people each week.



Beyond food and supplies, the street outreach team reaches out to those experiencing homelessness to build friendships, offer support, and identify and provide resources to those who are ready to work to build a life off the street and ultimately move into housing.

### Partners for street outreach and meals

- Eden Village of Kansas City <https://edenvillagekc.org/>
- The KC Beehive <https://beehivekc.us/> (a community service collaborative)
- Nourish KC <https://nourishkc.org/>
- Swope Health <https://swopehealth.org/>
- Care Beyond the Boulevard <https://www.carebeyondtheboulevard.org/>
- Reconciliation Services <https://www.rs3101.org/>
- Hope Faith (homeless assistance campus) <https://www.hopefaith.org/>
- Shelter KC <https://www.shelterkc.org/>
- RPOR Relentless Pursuit Drop-In Center <https://www.rpor.org/drop-in-center/>
- True Light Family Resource Center <https://truelightfrc.org/>
- Sarita Lynne Ministries <https://www.royalcommunitychristiancollege.info/>
- Hope City KC <https://hopecitykc.org/>
- God's Bucket Brigade <https://www.godsbucketbrigade.org/>
- Team Jesus <https://www.teamjesuskc.com/>
- Free Indeed Street Outreach <https://www.streetchurchkc.org/>
- Worship Wagon/Church Under the Bridge <https://worshipwagon.org/>
- Music for Jeremy's Cherubs Foundation <https://www.m4jc.org/>



## Overview of Hope Bus Food Pantry on Wheels Program



Individuals needing assistance with food walk onto the bus and make their food selections. In 2024, the team added locations, serving with the AdventHealth Shawnee Mission once a month and with AdventHealth Ottawa once a quarter. The team also formed a partnership to bring the Hope Bus to Literacy KC to serve refugees learning English.



### Fast Stats Comparing 2022, 2023 and 2024

	2022	2023	2024
# of Hope Bus food pantry events	37	133	118
Pounds of food distributed	46021	192,052	127,882
Average pounds of food per family	29	32	23
Total # of families served	1602	6063	5646
Average # of families per Hope Bus event	43	46	48
Total # of people served	6103	22356	19636

### Ongoing Hunger Relief

With high food prices and economic hardship continuing, demand for charitable food assistance is expected to continue at elevated levels. In 2024, stories of job loss and employment difficulties and health challenges remained commonplace with individuals who visit Renewed Hope for food assistance.

We anticipate food insecurity will increase in the coming years. Multiple factors lead to conditions that reduce the availability and affordability of healthy foods. Climate change and natural disasters, agricultural issues, supply chain interruptions, and social factors contribute to food shortages and rising food prices, making it more difficult for people to access nutritious food. In the face of these challenges, Renewed Hope Food Pantry will continue our work and collaboration with partners to combat food insecurity. We strive to ensure all people – children, families, single adults, working adults with low income, individuals with disabilities, people experiencing homeless, seniors -- have reliable access to nutritious food, so they have hope with support from neighbors who care and the ability to live healthy lives.