

UNITED METHODIST OPEN DOOR, INC.

United Methodist Open Door began in 1965 as United Methodist Urban Ministry. It was started by a group of Methodist clergy and laity who felt that the church should be more responsive to the advocacy needs of society. In 1981, as the country entered a severe economic crisis and deep cuts were made in many social programs, the agency became more involved in direct service to members of the community. The name of the organization was changed in 2007 to better reflect its mission. For more information about United Methodist Open Door, call (316) 265-9371 or email administration@umopendoor.org.

COMMUNITY FOOD MINISTRY

(316) 267-4201

1611 N. Mosley

Monday through Friday

9 - 11:45 a.m. & 1 - 3:45 p.m.

This is the largest community-wide, food-box program in the Wichita area, providing emergency food assistance for individuals and families in need once per month. This program provides a box of food, which may include canned fruits and vegetables, meat, eggs, macaroni and cheese, soup and bread, when available. Families qualify at 130% of the federal poverty level, which for a family of four in 2015 is a monthly gross income of \$2,628. Spanish translation is available along with referrals to other Open Door programs and information regarding other agencies within the community. Donations of food and money to purchase food are always welcome. *28,365 boxes of food were served in 2014.*

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (316) 267-0511

1545 N. Mosley

Monday through Friday

9 a.m. - noon & 1:15 - 4 p.m.

This monthly food-box program for income-eligible people age 60 and older distributes food provided by the USDA through the State of Kansas to people in Sedgwick and 10 surrounding counties. More than 1,719 individuals receive boxes monthly that contain such items as canned juice, fresh produce, milk, meat, peanut butter, beans, cereal, pasta, grains and cheese. Elders qualify at 130% of the federal poverty level, which, effective April 1, 2015, is \$1,726 gross monthly income for two in the household. *In 2014, the CSFP served 20,622 food boxes in the 11-county area.*

KLOTHES KLOSET

(316) 265-9371

402 E. 2nd St.

Monday-Wednesday-Friday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

This program provides free clothing for infants, children and adults. Individuals and families with residences may shop once per month. Homeless individuals are eligible to shop twice per month. Gently used clothing donations are accepted Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - noon. *19,566 families were served in 2014.*

HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER

(316) 269-4250

402 E. 2nd St.

Monday through Friday

7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The day shelter for the homeless also provides case management, a daily meal, access to showers, laundry facilities and mail service. Individuals, churches and organizations provide the noon meal. In addition, several partner agencies such as GraceMed Health Clinic, Kansas Legal Services, VA, Shelter Plus Care, Hunter Health Clinic and the Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center offer services. *2,357 unduplicated individuals were served in 2014 with a daily average of 206 people.*

FAMILY RAPID RE-HOUSING (FRRH)

(316) 265-9371

402 E. 2nd St.

Monday through Friday

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

This HUD-funded program, started in January 2015, provides rental assistance and supportive services to literally homeless families, defined as at least one adult with a dependent child. Each family is assigned a case manager who provides support to address each family's unique barriers to achieving housing. The program's goal is to empower families to quickly regain stability in permanent housing and increase the family's self-sufficiency.

VISION QUEST

(316) 265-9371

402 E. 2nd St.

Monday through Friday

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

This is a home-based outreach program for families with children designed to prevent homelessness and help families break out of the cycle of poverty. Full-time employment and self-sufficiency are the main goals. Case management is provided to teach budgeting, life skills and job readiness. *109 families/359 individuals were served in 2014.*

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(316) 267-4201

Many volunteer opportunities are available with Open Door programs, such as sorting or sacking groceries or answering the telephone in the Community Food Ministry, packing food boxes in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, sorting clothing and helping people shop in the Klothes Kloset or preparing meals for the homeless at the Homeless Resource Center. Individuals, families, groups and students wanting to volunteer or needing community-service hours are scheduled on a one-time basis, monthly, weekly, daily or whatever best fits in with their lives.