

Thrivent Member Network – Kansas and Missouri Region

Network News

About the newsletter

Network News provides financial insights, local stories, local partnerships and upcoming events happening in your region.

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All about Thrivent Action Teams

Thrivent Action Teams empower clients with membership to put generosity into action

Where can you make a meaningful difference in your community? Identify a need, then apply to lead a fundraiser, service activity or educational event. Thrivent provides the resources, digital tools and inspiration you need to bring a Thrivent Action Team to life—including up to \$250 in seed money. Gather your friends, family or neighbors, and get started today!

We're making it even more meaningful to apply to lead a project this fall with a Thrivent Action Team Drive

\$250, \$500 or \$1,000 could go to a cause you care about!

If you have already completed, applied or will apply, for your action team project between October 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024, and your action team is approved, you will be automatically entered in a drawing for a chance to select a Thrivent Choice®—enrolled organization to receive a \$1,000, \$500 or \$250 donation from your Thrivent Member Network.

Get started and apply by visiting our [Thrivent Action Teams website](#).

Open to members of the Kansas and Missouri Thrivent Member Network, the sponsor of this program. All eligible members of the TMN who submit an action team application between October 1 and December 31, 2024, at 11:59 pm Central Time, will be entered into the drawing. Three TMN members will be randomly selected to make a non-binding recommendation that the TMN make a \$1,000, \$500 or \$250 donation to an organization in the Thrivent Choice catalog; no money or anything of value will be provided to any entrant. Odds of being selected depend on number of entrants. Drawing will be held approximately January 6, 2025. If a selected entrant does not respond within five calendar days of notification by email, or otherwise fails to cooperate, a new entrant will be randomly selected.



Thrivent Action Team ideas

Thrivent Action Teams are so easy!
There's three categories to choose from:



Service projects

Donate your time toward a helpful deed, useful labor or an act of kindness.



Fundraisers

Raise funds to benefit an organization, individual, family or cause.



Educational events

Donate your time toward a helpful deed, useful labor or an act of kindness.

Some ideas

- **Assemble backpacks for kids** who need school supplies, or launch an after-school snack program for kids dealing with food insecurity. Use the seed money to purchase snacks, backpacks and supplies. The fall and early winter are great times to replenish school supplies that have run out at this point in the year.
- **Put together a harvest festival** or Trunk or Treat with your church. Use the seed money to help purchase food for meals, supplies for games or candy and decorations for trunks.
- **Create and send Christmas cards** to troops overseas. Use seed money to buy card supplies and postage.
- **Shop for Bible Study materials** or social event supplies for a local Christian club on a high school or college campus near you.
- **Help an elderly neighbor** with yardwork or housework. Use seed money to buy cleaning supplies.
- **Host an adoption/foster support event** and raise funds for an adoption or foster agency. Spend seed money on food or activities for the event.
- **Go shopping to purchase goods** for a local food pantry or Thanksgiving dinner basket drive. Many pantries are consistently looking for hygiene and cleaning products, as they do not receive many of those types of items and families appreciate them greatly.
- **Host a workshop** to teach people in your community something new—anything from personal finance and budgeting to mental health awareness to self defense or even how to cook healthy, budget-friendly meals. Use the seed money to hire an expert, rent out a space, or for marketing and promotional materials.
- **Add some coziness** to a hospital room by gathering a group of friends to make blankets for patients at your local children's hospital. Use the seed money to purchase blanket materials and supplies.
- **Have a trivia night** to raise awareness and money for your favorite cause. Use the seed money to promote the event, purchase food and the trivia program or buy door prizes for donors.

Still need inspiration?

Get this list of [75 ideas for impact!](#)



Get your 2025 Thrivent calendar

Each year, Thrivent asks our membership to send us their original photos to include in the calendar that we offer as a membership benefit. This year's theme: "Everyday Blessings."

If you are a Thrivent client with membership, you can order one copy of the calendar at no cost to you. You can also download some of the digital images once they become available. Make sure to order your [beautiful calendar](#) today!



Go where the growth is

The financial advisor career is projected to grow more than four times the rate of real estate agents. People will always crave the purpose-based, human-to-human financial advice Thrivent financial advisors offer.

Learn more about this in-demand career: thriventcareers.com/outlook.

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Featured Thrivent Action Teams



**All for Moms
Foundation**
bringing peace home

All For Moms Foundation

Mission: To improve mental health outcomes for struggling moms and families by transforming cluttered homes and creating functional spaces to meet the unique needs of each family.

How have Thrivent Action Teams impacted All For Moms and the community?

Thrivent Action Teams were the catalyst that elevated All For Moms from a small community effort to a 501(c)3 impacting the entire KC Metro. You can see how the domino effect took place over the first six months of operating.

Allie Lohman, president of All For Moms: “At our second mission, we met a Thrivent client who introduced us to TAT cards. She submitted a request and was able to quickly provide us with four new cleaning kits filled with cleaning supplies. At this time, you have to imagine we were just two moms who decided to clean other moms’ houses for free. We were using our personal supplies and anything we purchased cost us our own money. I remember seeing the photo she sent us of the kits all laid out and thinking, ‘Wow—someone believes in this work.’ It was the first time that I had considered creating a non-profit, recognizing it as a legitimate business. I started to imagine what others might be willing to donate. By our third mission, we had those cleaning kits and had started to establish ourselves as a real organization—we decided to bring tables to set up the kits and create instructions for volunteers on how to use them. We had 19 volunteers at this mission, compared to our previous mission with just three of us. You can see how this small action gave us the energy to share and promote our work—and it paid off!”

Several months later, All For Moms was able to host its first volunteer appreciation event—someone donated the venue, but it left the challenge of finding catering. A Thrivent client used another TAT card to purchase charcuterie and provide a fun evening for the volunteers who have helped All For Moms get a foundation underneath them as a nonprofit. That month, they applied for their 501(c)(3) and were approved!

Allie reflects, “We then bought two pink vacuums with another TAT card. At this point, we were providing cleaning supplies and equipment. I NEVER thought we’d be here—with real supplies providing a service that people really needed. Those pink vacuums represented our brand of women helping women, but also showed us how incredible it feels to provide supplies to families who have none. In fact, we have grown to love that so much we now provide new decor and furniture as well. With the supplies TATs provided us and the oomph we needed to get started, we have been able to double our missions—helping over 30 families in the last two years. We now receive referrals from many local agencies including CPS, DCFS and mental health advocates who have clients living in extreme clutter with children at risk for rehoming. We have received 175 applications for services to date. Our operations have increased greatly, and all of it can be traced back to a simple act of kindness provided by Thrivent.”

What are some ways that Thrivent clients could use their TATs to help All For Moms?

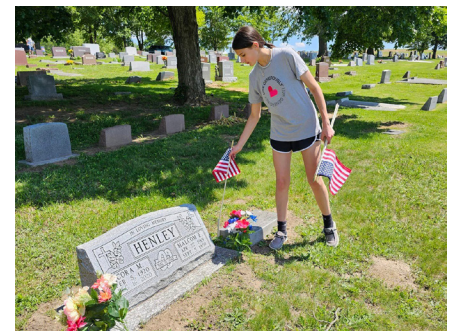
- TAT cards continue to be a pivotal tool to providing necessary goods and materials. Thrivent clients can purchase items off their [Amazon wish list](#) that includes recurring needs and supplies.
- Each mission has a cash budget of \$500, but they seek in-kind donations of furniture and decor, adding up to an average total value of \$3,000 per mission.
- They also love to provide food and beverages to their volunteers as well as appreciation gifts and awards. They are still 100% volunteer-run so this is important to keeping their team going!

- Marketing is also an ongoing need. Printing educational supplies and brochures helps to get the word out to local agencies about the work they do.

Sound like a cause you care about?
[Learn more](#) or [sign up to volunteer!](#)



Client Eric B. used his Action Team to donate and deliver items to the St. Joseph Pregnancy Resource Center. The items will be used for new moms in the community!



“God bless our veterans!”

Clients Gail S., Amber B. and Amanda S. used their Thrivent Action Teams to purchase 450+ flags and materials to place on veteran graves at Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Atchison, KS.

They recruited family, friends and members of the community to come help, including a group from Benedictine College!



What incredible stories of the impact Thrivent Action Teams can make! Thank you for making a difference in your community and in the lives of so many.

2024 Calendar of events

We love meeting friends and family. Invite and register them for an upcoming event! Thrive With Purpose™, together. For additional events, details or to RSVP, visit our website thrivent.com/member-network/kansas-missouri or email KansasandMissouriTMN@thrivent.com.

October

Coming this fall! Movies in the Phog

Coming this fall, we will be hosting a Thrivent family movie night in KU's Allen Field House. The event ticket will include an opportunity to participate in an autograph and photo session with several men and women players, a meal including a hotdog, popcorn and a drink, as well as a family-friendly feature film full-length movie. We will be asking everyone who attends to bring a non-perishable food item for Just Food and we'll be working on a hands on Action Team for 500 of our guests to participate in.

University of Kansas Allen Field House

Find more information and the the link to register on our [events page](#).

29 Maximizing Social Security with Mary Beth Franklin

Knowing when to claim may boost your benefits.

While Social Security is the foundation of retirement income, it may replace only about 40% of your pre-retirement paycheck. Learn the impact of eligibility requirements on your monthly benefit and discover the importance of creating a strategy that's right for you.

Join us for Maximizing Social Security with expert Mary Beth Franklin. When it comes to claiming benefits, your age, marital status and work history can make a big difference.

Virtual event 12 p.m. CT & 8:30 p.m. CT

[Register today!](#)

November

07 The Washington Update – Live!

How does what's happening in Washington affect your bottom line? During The Washington Update, get non-partisan analysis from expert Jeff Bush. His insights give perspective to the changing landscape in the nation's capital and its impact on taxes, investments and retirement planning.

Join us for The Washington Update and hear Jeff Bush speak live in person. The changing landscape in Washington can have an impact on your retirement plans and investment decisions.

Kansas City – TBD

Please see our [events page](#) for details on time, location and how to register.



Vote with purpose in fall board elections

This fall, Thrivent is holding elections for its national board of directors as well as the Thrivent Member Network regional boards. For more information on the elections and to vote, visit Thrivent.com/vote. The 2024 election dates are October 8 to November 26.

No products will be sold. For additional disclosures, see Thrivent.com/social.

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December

03 Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is a global movement focused on philanthropy and altruism. It takes place annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

Giving Tuesday was developed to counter those days' focus on consumption. Instead of encouraging people to collectively spend money on "hot deals," the initiative promotes radical generosity—a shared commitment to doing good and helping people in need. Many organizations, including Thrivent, celebrate Giving Tuesday as a meaningful cultural moment and an opportunity to amplify the impact of philanthropy.

There are two components to Giving Tuesday at Thrivent, both of which are open to everyone:

- **Donate!** This year we are featuring [HappyBottoms](#), whose mission is to collaborate with the community to empower, connect and impact families by alleviating diaper need.

Nearly 1 in 2 families with young children do not have enough diapers to keep their child clean, dry and healthy. (The National Diaper Bank Network Diaper Check 2023.) HappyBottoms wants to change that. Since 2009 they have been covering the amount of diapers a family is short each month, known as the diaper gap, in the Kansas City Metro Area.

- **Participate.** Thrivent Member Networks are hosting a variety of virtual and in-person events in honor of Giving Tuesday.

For more information on the Thrivent match, how to donate and registration for events, please see [our website](#).

05 Charitable Planning to Maximize Impact

Join us for an online workshop that introduces Thrivent Charitable and outlines the benefits of incorporating charitable planning into an overall financial strategy. Giving examples illustrate how Thrivent Charitable's giving solutions are created based on your financial circumstances and charitable interests.

Virtual event
11:30 a.m. CT

To register, please see [our website](#).

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