

# NEWS FROM PEACE CONNECTIONS



SPRING 2020

## SEAKing to Serve

In these uncertain times, the importance of community and connecting with others is a valuable treasure. With high hopes and increasing enthusiasm, Peace Connections looks forward to implementing the second year of SEAK 2.0! This revamped program provides Summer Enrichment Activities for Kids & Families. Through continued partnerships with the USD 373 Free Summer Meals program and neighboring churches (Shalom Mennonite, New Creation Fellowship, and First Mennonite Church), we aspire to serve more families in more ways in 2020. We hope to surpass the SEAK 2.0



numbers of 2019, which included over 700 meals served to over 75 children and families. Through service and dedication of community volunteers, these meals were paired with weekly presentations and daily activities which evoked feelings of excitement and gratitude from parents, caregivers, and youth.

***“I wish I could hang out with you every day!”*** ~ child attending last year’s SEAK 2.0

## Community Coming Together

A few weeks ago, my father expressed his frustration and anxiety about the negative outcomes that may result from our current health crisis. His fear was paralyzing, as he struggled to see past the unending possibility of ‘*what ifs*’. I gently said, “you might be surprised by the good that comes from this.”

We are reminded of Fred Rogers heartfelt recollection of his mother’s words, “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.”

Oh, how the helpers have sprung up. Throughout our community (nay, the world), people have connected, coordinated, and cooperated to help each other. From shopping and home delivery, to window visits, to sidewalk art, and constant online encouragement.

This truly is a time of hope! Of promises yet to be fulfilled! We want to know what you are doing in your community and how Peace Connections can do more. Share your thoughts at [www.peaceconnections.org](http://www.peaceconnections.org)

## *SEAKing to Serve continued*

This year's Summer Enrichment Activities for Kids & Families will be held at the playground of New Creation Fellowship, located at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Pine Street. SEAK 2.0 will run Monday - Thursday from 12-Noon to approximately 1:00 PM, with USD 373 providing sack lunches from 11:30 AM to noon. SEAK is a free program of Peace Connections, open to the public, and made available through grants and support of donors like you. Additions to this year's program include complimentary lunches for parents and/or caregivers attending with youth, and weekend snacks sent home every Thursday. These added benefits have been made possible by Women's Community Foundation and the Kiwanis Club of Newton.

If you would like to donate to SEAK 2.0, please visit [www.peaceconnections.org](http://www.peaceconnections.org) or call 316-284-0000. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Just across the street from SEAK 2.0 is the Red Door Community Partnership and the Little Red Library / Pantry. This little red box serves the community by providing a variety of books, dry goods, garden seeds, and lots of other goodies, which can be accessed by anyone who opens the door. This is also a place for community giving, where neighbors and residents can drop off new or gently used books and non-perishable food items to be shared within the larger community.



**"I've never seen him smile and laugh and tell me he has had fun. He's making new friends."**

*~ SEAK Parent*

FOURTH ANNUAL PAUL E. OSWALD

# MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

To benefit Harvey County Circle of Hope



## SATURDAY, JUNE 13

### 4 Person Scramble – 8AM Shot-Gun Start

Hesston Golf Course, 520 Yost Drive, Hesston, KS

Includes: Golf Cart, Range Balls, Lunch & Dessert  
*(by Water's Edge Restaurant & Arleta's Catering)*

**Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & Last Place Teams**  
**Mulligan Balls & Hole Prizes!**

### ENTRY / SPONSOR FORM

Player 1 (Team Captain and Contact Person)

Phone #

Email

Player 2 — Name & Email

Player 3 — Name & Email

Player 4 — Name & Email

\$75 Per Player / \$300 Per Team Early Bird Fee - Due May 30

\$90 Per Player / \$360 Per Team Regular Registration - Due June 6

**Sponsorship Opportunities** (See Back for Details)

**TOTAL DUE \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail checks to Peace Connections, P.O. Box 1147, Newton, KS 67114 or register online at [www.peaceconnections.org](http://www.peaceconnections.org) Call 316-284-0000 for more info



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**Getting Ahead  
Classes start  
in August**

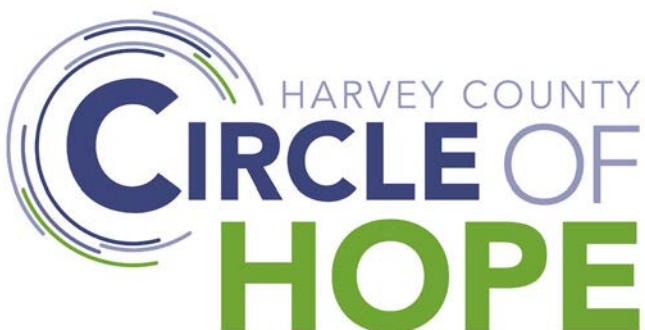
**Volunteer  
Allies Needed**

## WAYS TO GIVE

**Monthly Giving** is our sustaining grace. Call or come by for details on how to set up a convenient monthly automatic gift.

**Secure Online Donation** through PayPal is available anytime at [www.peaceconnections.org](http://www.peaceconnections.org)

**Volunteering** is a wonderful way to give. Our volunteers provide nearly twice the value of all other donations combined.



## WHY TO GIVE

**\$15.00 buys one (1) Getting Ahead stipend** to help families get to and from weekly meetings!

**\$35.00 buys three (3) New Books** for a child participating in Summer Enrichment Activities for Kids (SEAK 2.0) program!

**\$50.00 provides one (1) Graduation Gift** for a Getting Ahead graduate!

**\$100.00 provides one (1) day** of community engagement and learning for parents and children attending Summer Enrichment Activities for Kids (SEAK 2.0)!

**\$150.00 provides one (1) month of Childcare** for families participating in Circle of Hope weekly meetings.

**\$500.00 creates a two (2) year investment in a local family** through a 15-week Getting Ahead class, coaching support, and 18-month Matched Circle.