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Inspiring Servant Leadership: TKA Sending 680 to Serve Those in Need at 11 Locations

SUNNYVALE, Calif, March 30, 2023— One of the four core values of The King's Academy's mission is servant leadership. To that end, TKA dedicates a school week each year to send high school students, teachers, and parents to serve others both locally and globally. Service Week is an integral part of the educational and spiritual experience at TKA.

Now that pandemic restrictions have been lifted, TKA is excited to return to serving throughout the U.S. and Mexico during Service Week (April 1-7, 2023). Service exposes students to communities in need, challenges them to be representatives of God's love, and teaches them the meaning of sacrifice. The hope is that students are transformed and become invested in service for life. This year's service theme, "Serve One Another in Love," is from Galatians 5:13.

Rob Starke, TKA's Spiritual Life Director, explains the vision behind Service Week: "Service is not just a good thing: it is at the very heart of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. It is our prayer that as students serve, as they discover how their gifts and talents can make a radical difference in the world, their hearts and minds will be forever changed with a desire to serve others for the rest of their lives."

Anchorage, Alaska (52 team members): TKA will partner with Praying Pelican Missions in outreach activities to assist and encourage elderly individuals and the homeless population

Dinuba, CA (52 team members): Working with <u>Gleanings for the Hungry</u>, students will pack a nutritious food mix that will be sent to mission organizations in 40 nations. The team will also participate in maintaining and renovating Gleanings' facilities.

Kentucky (28 team members): TKA works closely with <u>Christian Appalachian Project</u>, which serves people by building hope, transforming lives, and sharing Christ's love. Students will assist families living in poverty with construction projects, landscaping, painting, and cleaning.

Los Angeles (27 team members): The team will travel to the <u>Union Rescue Mission</u> in Skid Row, whose mission is to embrace people with the compassion of Christ. Students will participate in various homeless outreach activities on Skid Row and service projects in the surrounding areas.

Lotus, CA (41 team members): TKA will partner with Rock-N-Water Christian camp and Angel Tree ministries to serve the children of inmates. Students will also participate in maintenance or renovation projects at Rock-n-Water Christian camp.

Navajo Nation, Arizona (41 team members): In conjunction with <u>Experience Mission</u>, students will serve on the reservation and participate in home and church repair projects, Kids Clubs, and church outreach programs.

San Francisco (45 team members): With <u>San Francisco City Impact</u>, a Christ-centered organization in the Tenderloin, students will participate in food preparation and service, food packing and delivery, street ministry, community outreach events, and prayer walks.

Seattle, WA (50 team members): Partnering with <u>Praying Pelican Missions</u>, students will work with small church plants, serve the homeless in various ways, and participate in street ministry.

Sunnyvale (121 team members): <u>Feed My Starving Children</u> is a Christian organization called to feed God's starving children, hungry in both body and spirit. Students will pack dry ingredient meals to be shipped around the world.

Tecate, **Mexico** (145 team members): Students will travel to Tecate, Mexico, to build seven homes for homeless people living in poverty outside of town, ultimately transforming their living conditions. The group will partner with three local pastors to provide housing and a vibrant connection to the churches living and spreading the gospel in that area.

Tulsa, **Oklahoma** (78 team members): Partnering with <u>Praying Pelican Missions</u>, the team will serve the Native American community. Students will participate in residential and church repairs, youth and kids outreach, and homeless ministry.

The King's Academy, an independent college preparatory school for 950 students in grades 6-12, is a Christ-centered school that inspires academic excellence, servant leadership, and enduring relationships. The King's Academy is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). **TKA is currently accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year.** For more information about TKA, please visit www.tka.org.

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