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Inspiring Servant Leaders: TKA Sending 684 to Serve Those in Need at 12 Locations in U.S. and Abroad & Serving Our Local Community

SUNNYVALE, Calif, March 21, 2024— **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. Learn more at tka.org/spiritual-life/service.

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. The 2024 service theme, "One Voice," is from Romans 15:6, "so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Micaela McLaughlin, TKA's Service Outreach Specialist, 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."

While only high school students participate in service trips, the junior high students are serving as well. In 8th grade Bible classes, students participated in a new six-week curriculum in conjunction with [World Vision](#) in Guatemala. Students learned about global crises, learned about root causes of poverty, and had an opportunity to sponsor children in need. In the 6th and 7th grades, students will participate in service education and projects on campus. The students will be hosting a food drive to support the hot meal/grocery program at [Martha's Kitchen](#) and a book drive for the Gateway School in India, a ministry of the [Awakening Foundation](#).

Belize (36 team members): TKA will participate in local school and community projects with Jaguar Creek and [PathLight International](#), Christian organizations committed to the transformation of Belize through faith and learning.

Costa Rica (29 team members): The team will be partnering with [Servant Life](#) and La Montaña Christian camp in Costa Rica to help reach the youth of Costa Rica with the gospel.

Ecuador (30 team members): TKA will be working through [Inca Link International](#) to bring the gospel and the love of Jesus to unreached communities in the Amazon Basin of Eastern Ecuador. Partnering with the Ninawachi Mission School, they will minister through: construction, sports and friendship evangelism with teens, VBS with children, worship, and teaching among the jungle communities.

Japan (23 team members): TKA will partner with Ito Christ Center (ICC) and missionaries Peter and Jenny Oh. The team will support the ICC ministry through various planned programs, games, activities, and outreach.

Hazard, Kentucky (20 team members): Working through [Reach Global Crisis Response](#), the team will assist in disaster relief from the July 2022 Eastern Kentucky floods that displaced thousands. They will minister through construction, friendship, evangelism, and worship.

Paintsville, Kentucky (16 team members): TKA works closely with [Christian Appalachian Project](#), which serves people by building hope, transforming lives, and sharing Christ's love. Students will do construction projects, landscaping, painting, and cleaning to assist families in need.

Los Angeles (34 team members): The team will travel to the [Union Rescue Mission](#) in Skid Row, whose mission is to embrace people with the compassion of Christ. Students will participate in various urban outreach activities on Skid Row and service projects in the surrounding areas.

Lotus, CA (64 team members): TKA will partner with [Rock-N-Water](#) Christian camp. Students will engage in construction, maintenance, and revitalization of the campsite's facilities as well as assist local Christian organizations.

Navajo Nation, Arizona (45 team members): In conjunction with [Experience Mission](#), students will partner with a local church to serve on the reservation. Projects will be primarily construction and will focus on helping local families.

Philippines (49 team members): The primary outreach of the trip is to assist in building a Ministry Center run by [YWAM](#). The team will also participate in food distribution along with grocery bag distribution, Children's VBS, women's ministry, school outreach (handing out backpacks), clothes distribution and worship services with other believers in remote areas where people cannot come to church.

San Francisco (79 team members): With [San Francisco City Impact](#), a Christ-centered organization in the Tenderloin, students will serve through tangible acts of love and kindness such as feeding the hungry (Rescue Mission, Meal Deliveries), clothing the naked (Thrift Store), educating the children (School) loving our neighbor (Adopt a Building) and making disciples (connecting people back to the church).

Tecate, Mexico (259 team members): For 28 years, TKA has traveled as a school to help the underserved and poor in Tecate. This year, TKA will partner with [Baja Bound](#) which works with local pastors to identify families needing homes. Baja Bound, an organization that has been building houses in Mexico for 30 years, will come along side our team to build 12 houses this year.

The King's Academy, an independent college preparatory school for 990 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 2024-2025 school year.** For more information about TKA, please visit www.tka.org.

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