

## TAKE A TOUR

If you've yet to experience Filling The Void first-hand, schedule a personal tour with Kelly via text at 918.629.1037.

Opportunities are available August through November. Early mornings work best if possible. Allow for up to two hours.

Here's what people are saying about what they witness:

*"I was struck by the simple act of seeing them, listening to their stories and at times by the selflessness they displayed to others."*

*"Honestly, it's hard to process and come to grips with. I've seen desperation like this on the news in cities like San Francisco, but I was shocked to see it so close to home."*

## Filling The Void 4,000!

June 2023 began like any other month. The calendar was dotted with plenty of outreach days across our four cities, but there wasn't anything in particular that stood out.

Our really big months typically occur in Spring or Fall, especially in April, May or October. We always keep a close eye on historical trends to help us plan and prepare.

Our previous high for a month was 3,716 meals. In fact, we've topped the 3,000 plateau at least 10 times over the years. From January to May this year, we averaged 2,970 meals per month.

And then June happened. The phones rang. The email and text requests rolled in. We were overwhelmed with gratitude to God for all the opportunities and volunteer interest.

In Tulsa, we took a church youth group out to the streets three times. In Houston, an apartment complex for formerly homeless veterans welcomed 35 of our volunteers who fed 404.

In Denver, we started working with our friends at Open Door Ministries again to

greet and feed guests who arrive at their community room for a moment of rest or relaxation.

In Dallas, we now have outreaches that stretch across the Metroplex from Plano to Fort Worth in addition to our longtime sweet spot in the West End of downtown.

And in the early morning hours of Father's Day, 100 MPH winds ripped through Tulsa reducing trees and timber into tangled messes of limbs and power lines all over town.

Power outages were widespread, lasting for nearly a week. Tulsa Housing Authority called us to deliver 500 meals to residents who were mostly elderly or disabled.

Ultimately, our teams went out 45 times and served 4,761 meals! That's our biggest month ever and represents a 61% increase over June 2022.

Volunteers logged more than 550 service hours and prayed with approximately 650 people, including Ember who you see on this page. Thanks for making all these encounters possible!



Hope is stirring in Ember's heart.