



Multiplying the Ministry

Back in 2003, our whole world was Tulsa. Then God led us to a friend who started our first two official FTV affiliates in Denver in 2010 and Dallas in 2012 to do the same work in new cities.

Now, that same hero to the homeless is hitting the streets in Houston. And over the years, we've also served a few sack lunches in Phoenix, Seattle, San Diego, San Francisco, Spokane and Portland, Oregon.

After 14 years and 120,000 meals, there's a lot more work to do and people to reach. Hunger and homelessness know no bounds. All of this led us to a striking realization.

Our scope has outgrown our structure. Our original entity (Filling The Void Inc.) is trying to do two things at once: run Tulsa outreaches *and* develop the infrastructure that's needed to expand further. So we're making a subtle, important change. We're carving out the Tulsa ministry from the founding organization to make it another affiliate just like we did with Denver and Dallas.

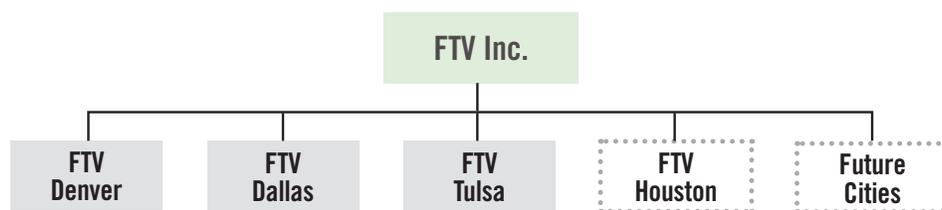
This adds more leaders and helpers to run Tulsa outreaches, focuses the original Inc. entity on the long-term vision, and gives our donors a new option for designating their financial gifts.

Starting November 1, 2017, gifts to **Filling The Void Tulsa** will be used for sack lunches in Tulsa – just like how gifts to Filling The Void Denver and Filling The Void Dallas support those cities.

Gifts to **Filling The Void Inc.** will be applied broadly to strategic needs, including support for affiliates, startup work in new cities, developing a concept for larger-scale outreaches and necessary administrative resources common to any non-profit.

This is about building a model to sustain our critical work for decades. Part of the process involves telling and marketing our story better than ever to engage more people in helping the homeless. For example, Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) called us this summer. They asked for "b-roll" of what we do, which is broadcast-quality video. We had to say "sorry" rather than jumping on the opportunity.

Wherever you give, Filling The Void is a lean, mean ministry machine. We are charged with a clear calling to reach needy souls far and wide. Meals and a message of hope – that won't ever change!



Highlights

- ✓ We served 16,256 meals in 2016.
- ✓ Through the first 9 months in 2017, we've served 12,290 meals.
- ✓ Earlier this year, we served sack lunches No. 110,000, No. 115,000 & No. 120,000.
- ✓ Our all-time tally should surpass 125,000 meals near the end of 2017.
- ✓ We set a new record for a single outreach, serving 260 people on Aug. 25 in Tulsa.
- ✓ We've already done 131 outreaches in 2017, including 11 in Houston.
- ✓ Denver FTV is up 15% in meals served vs. 2016.

Two can accomplish more than twice as much as one, for the results can be much better.

Ecclesiastes 4:9 (TLB)

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