**KANSAS HOME EDUCATORS – FURTHER INFORMATION**

 **KSHE Board Objectives**

* To educate families, educators, elected officials, the Church and the general public on the laws and merits of parent-directed, home-based education.
* To monitor state and national legislation affecting home educating.
* To regularly publish a newsletter for homeschooling families.
* To promote and assist independent homeschool support groups.
* To sponsor an annual regional convention, graduation ceremony and various other events beneficial to the homeschool community.

**KSHE History**

TPA began in May, 1983 as the Home Teachers Association; later that year the name was changed to Teacher-Parent Association. It began with a constituency of only 88 families and focused primarily on the Sedgwick County area. Some of the initial issues facing the early organization had to do with questions surrounding the legal legitimacy of home educating in the state of Kansas. On January 1, 2020, TPA officially became Kansas Home Educators (KSHE) to better reflect the services and outreach to all homeschool families in Kansas.

Since that time we have been a part of shaping both the legislative and public perceptions of home educating through many of its sponsored activities, such as the Annual Homeschool Convention.

The first TPA homeschool convention was held in 1986 at Central Christian Church and was attended by 500 people.  Due to rapid growth, in 1996 the convention was moved to Century II Convention Center and had an average attendance of over 2,000 adults.  The convention further expanded by adding a children’s ministry which was well attended.

Many children attended the convention with their parents, so TPA created a children’s ministry which was designed to build on the faith base they already had.  This was done through Biblical lessons, games, and drama.