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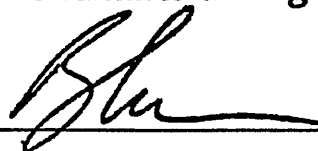
The City of Andover, Kansas

Homelessness, although often hidden, is a harsh reality for many persons in Butler County and in our community. It affects not only individuals who have made poor life choices, but individuals and families who find themselves homeless due to circumstances beyond their control. The main causes of homelessness are poverty and lack of affordable housing. With the poor economy, job loss, and growing number of foreclosures during the last several years, many who never thought it could happen to them have found themselves homeless.

We recognize that homelessness adversely affects not only those families and individuals who experience it, but the entire community; and when the community supports efforts to help individual residents and families gain stability and a better quality of life, the community as a whole will prosper and become stronger. Therefore, the City of Andover supports

Butler Homeless Initiative

In their efforts to open and maintain a shelter and provide support, guidance, and encouragement for homeless individuals and families throughout Butler County.



Ben Lawrence, Mayor