



## THE SALVATION ARMY

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To whom it may concern,

The Salvation Army has a strong desire to be involved in the solution to this growing issue of homeless in El Dorado. We serve all of Butler County via our office and would like to share some significant difficulties we are facing in the future, in regards to this issue. Within the past three months, The Salvation Army of Butler County has helped 38 persons with local motel rooms. That is the entire amount of persons we served in this capacity for 2010. Our funding is allotted as such, that a one night stay is all we are able to provide for transients and homeless within the community.

The Salvation Army is also able to assist with food boxes for those who need them; we gave 17 of the 38 persons a food box. We are simply, one church out of many that provide for the needs of the growing homeless population. One night at a motel and a food box, does not allow for a stable place to rebuild a life. We at the Salvation Army utilize the Kansas state and United States government's definitions of persons who are considered homeless. These persons could be living under bridges and overpasses, large amounts of persons in the same house, persons or families living in their vehicles, to families living without any utilities running for large lengths of time.

Over half of the persons assisted with a motel room are still seeking shelter or living with the threat of becoming homeless again. Butler County is in desperate need of a shelter for the homeless men, women and families of El Dorado. The Butler Homeless Initiative is trying to fill this tremendous need within the community. The Salvation Army will continue to work diligently with the Initiative in order to insure that the growing homeless population, are able to become independent and self-sustaining.

We at the Salvation Army witness first hand how necessary the Butler Homeless Initiative is in our community and will continue to strive alongside the initiative to provide a solution to this growing issue.

God Bless,

Captain Kathleen Pinkston

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"...THERE IS NO REWARD EQUAL TO THAT OF DOING THE MOST GOOD TO THE MOST PEOPLE IN THE MOST NEED." — EVANGELINE BOOTH