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# TULSA METRO AREA COMMAND

## OUR PARTNERS

We collaborate with multiple community partners throughout the Tulsa area. The list below is not exhaustive but represents a portion of a much larger collaborative effort The Salvation Army is making to serve those experiencing homelessness.

## HOUSING TYPES WE OFFER

We currently offer emergency shelter as well as transitional and supportive housing.

## OUR MISSION

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

## PARTNERS

BEHEARD, CITY LIGHTS FOUNDATION, IRON GATE, TULSA DAY CENTER, TULSA HOUSING AUTHORITY, FAMILY PROMISE, JUSTICELINK, VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, LEGAL AID SERVICES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION SERVICES, LINDSEY HOUSE, TULSA AREA UNITED WAY, DOWNTOWN TULSA PARTNERSHIP, MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, TULSA CARES, YOUTH SERVICES, FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES, MORTON COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES, ZARROW FAMILY FOUNDATIONS, AND OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, HOUSING SOLUTIONS, AND A WAY HOME FOR TULSA



# WHAT CAN THE CITY DO TO SUPPORT YOUR ORGANIZATION IN ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS?

## Policy changes in local ordinances and/or state laws:

- Addressing our local eviction laws as they can be a barrier to getting housing in the future.
- We need to have city/county coverage similar to state coverage when there is a natural cold/heat event but a state of emergency is not called.

## Convening among community partners and broader public:

We need to create more affordable housing units with community/public partners.

## What barriers prevent your organization's ability to better assist people experiencing homelessness?

- Funding/Resources
- Facility limitations
- Lack of Staffing

## Financial resources for programs, services, staff, etc:

- **Staffing** is a very significant need and with more staff we can provide for more guests at a higher level of care. This is especially important during heating/cooling events as The Salvation Army is the only organization that does not limit the number of guests inside the facility.

## Facilities

- With restructured facilities The Salvation Army could have capacity to significantly expand our ability to administer our facility as a heating/cooling station. By redesigning our facilities to a more secure and open day program space, Center of Hope would have the bandwidth to shelter an increased number of guests, especially during a cooling/heating event.
- Storage is a significant issue for those experiencing homelessness. We do not have the capacity to store the number of guests we serve and so many of their belongings.

## Transportation

- Transportation can be difficult for guests, especially when trying to seek services. Many end up utilizing the bus or uber which strains their budget to be able save.
- Mental Health professionals on site at our shelter to help with crisis situations as we run into them daily.
- Lack of respite care from the hospital to permanent home. So many times we have individuals unable to care for themselves that are staying at the shelter. We do not have trained staff to care for personal daily needs.