



*Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.*

*There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land.*

Deuteronomy 15:10-11

While it hasn't been as extreme this winter as we have seen in the past, we have still had our share of cold days and freezing nights over the last several weeks. Our winter warmth kit campaign has continued on course and another 18 kits have been personally delivered to homeless individuals in town that really needed them. Those who received kits over the last few weeks include: Donald, Chuck, Robert, Jack, Jason, big David, little David, Junior, Tina, Paul, Michael, Charlie, Lucky, Tiny Tim, Kenny, Ron, James, and Terry. This brings our campaign total to 33 kits delivered, with another 17 to go. Our original goal was to hand out all 50 kits before the end of February and we should be well ahead of that goal. We plan to have the remaining kits placed before Valentine's Day.

In addition to the winter warmth kits we are giving to the hard core homeless, we have also been able to use some of the donations we received to buy coats and gloves for dozens of people who we wouldn't consider "hard core", but who are still in need of these essentials items none the less. There are hundreds of people in town living in shelters who spend most of their time on the streets, but who didn't need the full warmth kits because of their access to a shelter. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to provide warmth to many of these individuals as well.

By the time you receive this, we will have officially incorporated our new Non-Profit Foundation under the name "Hope In The Streets, Inc". Hope In The Streets is incorporated as a Missouri non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. As promised, all costs associated with establishing and maintaining the foundation will be borne by Sandy and I so that all the donations we receive can go directly to provide benefits and services to Kansas City's homeless. The web site is already underway and you can check it out at [www.HopeInTheStreets.org](http://www.HopeInTheStreets.org).

We are in the process of trying to locate a cargo/delivery van for our foundation, so we can start up our own meal delivery service, independent from the Salvation Army's program. We will continue to volunteer as crew members of the Salvation Army meal program each month, however their program is only funded enough for two nights each week. If we can pull everything together, and God is willing, then the homeless in Kansas City will be able to receive a 3<sup>rd</sup> meal each week, in addition to the 2 they get from the Salvation Army currently. Donations from our foundation's supporters will be essential in keeping the new meal delivery program going. We are hopeful that we can find a company or individual in town that can donate a van to our foundation. There are 30 to 100 homeless individuals that we can serve each night that we go out, and the cost each night will range from \$100 to \$300. We will also look for local businesses that might offer to donate food or drinks to help keep our hard costs down as much as possible.

Another blessing has come our way recently. We have established a relationship with Swope Health Services so that homeless individuals we are working with can receive a range of medical related services and benefits by way of our referral. Swope Health will accept qualified homeless people into their programs that include medical, mental health, alcohol and drug rehab, and housing benefits. As we are working directly with the homeless, when we see needs that can be addressed at Swope Health, we can arrange to transport them to the nearest facility and vouch for them before arrival. This is an amazing new opportunity that we feel will make our offering more complete.

To those who have donated so generously to our foundation, we and the homeless we serve are very grateful. Since we are operating our foundation as a "Zero Overhead" program, our only way of attracting new donations is by word of mouth. If you like what we are doing and how we are doing it, and believe we are making a difference, please help spread the word. Tell your friends, family, and coworkers about Hope In The Streets, and with God's grace we can continue to serve the poor and homeless here in Kansas City.

May God bless you, your family, and our homeless brothers and sisters.  
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