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RE: Request for Assistance

Greetings to the Community of Olympia,

As winter approaches, I am writing to seek your support for our mission to serve the needs of people in the greater Olympia area. Your assistance will help us to create a 24/7 shelter that will provide a safe, warm and welcoming place for our homeless citizens. As a managed low-barrier shelter, our facility will serve all without discrimination.

For nearly 130 years, The Salvation Army has been serving the needs of the people of Thurston County. Through those years, the work has been done by people who have been devoted to giving people a hand up during the most difficult situations life has to offer. This year, life hit the Olympia Salvation Army in ways we could not have anticipated. While preparing our budgets for the coming year, one of our funding sources became unavailable, leaving us with a *\$267,000 shortfall*. This directly affects our proposed 24/7 Center of Hope. As a result, we were left with the difficult choice to not reopen our shelter. This decision affects the most vulnerable men and women amongst us, as it takes basic protections and comfort from good people.

There is a plan being developed. We are looking toward local government, our partners in the faith-based community and private individual donations to help meet the immediate need. To date, *City of Lacey has pledged \$50,000 and Salvation Army International has committed \$17,000 from emergency reserves.* Another plan is being developed to sustain the work of The Salvation Army for years to come. In our long history in Olympia, we have found our neighbors to be most generous in the support of our mission. This year, as the temperatures cool, we need to be very sensitive to the needs of those who share Olympia as their home with us. We need to give them warmth and protection. The attached fact sheet offers additional information on this request.

Please help us to help others. By helping overcome the shortfall, you will allow us to continue to "*Do the Most Good*" for everyone without discrimination. Thank you for your kind consideration of our neighbors.

Blessings!

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OLYMPIA SALVATION ARMY 24/7 SHELTER FACT SHEET

Program Overview:

The Salvation Army proposes to launch its first 24/7 Shelter that will accommodate 37 people year round, offering the following services and resources:

- Overnight shelter in the newly remodeled Salvation Army Lodge
- Three meals per day in partnership with Catholic Community Services
- Day Center (newly launched) accommodations with services and referrals
- Storage (limited on a per-person basis)
- On-site case-management along with other service providers

Cost Information:

This Program will operate with the following costs, broken down by year, quarter, month, day and per capita:

| \$267,000 | Annual Costs | |
|-----------|--------------------------|--|
| \$ 66,750 | Quarterly Costs | |
| \$ 22,250 | Monthly Costs | |
| \$ 732 | Daily Costs | |
| \$ 20 | Daily Costs per resident | |

Funding Plan:

Salvation Army hope to secure funding as follows:

| Amount | Source | Status |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|
| \$17,000 | Salvation Army Reserves | Confirmed |
| \$50,000 | City of Lacey | In the Lacey 2019 Budget |
| \$65,000 | Thurston County | Formal request under review |
| \$66,000 | City of Olympia | Formal request under review |
| \$20,000 | City of Tumwater | Formal request under review |
| <i>\$49,000</i> | Private Donations & Events | Initial Donations received, plans for Spring event |
| \$267,000 | TOTAL FUNDING GOAL | |