

The Homeless Veteran



Statistics

- ★ One out of every four homeless is a veteran.
- ★ This year in the U.S., 336,627 veterans experience homelessness.
- ★ A crippling 76% experience alcohol, drug or mental health problems.
- ★ There are never enough services or resources to help them move successfully off the streets.
- ★ There is a new wave of soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, many of whom suffer from post traumatic stress disorder and other mental syndromes, drug addiction and other physical ailments.
- ★ Thirty U.S. veterans attempt to commit suicide every day, according to a government study. Eighteen will succeed.

What is Central Christian doing to help?

- ★ One of our Life Groups heads up a campaign to supply a Christmas gift to every homeless veteran in the city of Wichita, including those in the VA hospital.
- ★ Christmas 2011 will be their 6th year of supplying gifts of new socks, underwear, stocking hats, gloves, ponchos, toiletries, Christmas cards and a Christian brochure or book to each homeless veteran.
- ★ Last year, they delivered 400 gifts to the homeless veteran's coordinator at the VA.

How can YOU help with the Homeless Veteran's Ministry?

- ★ Funds are needed to purchase NEW items. Checks can be made out to Central Christian with "Homeless Veterans Military Ministry" in the memo line and placed in the offering plate or sent to the church at 2900 N. Rock Road, Wichita, KS 67226.
- ★ Donate NEW sample-sized toiletry items (such as the ones you get from hotels) and ask your dentist for sample toothpaste and toothbrushes. These toiletry items can be brought to the Military Ministry table outside Central's Garden Prayer Room (entrance #2).



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