

The Salvation Army

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Wichita Salvation Army receives \$100,000 grant from Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation

The Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation today made a \$100,000.00 grant to the Wichita Salvation Army, welcome news for The Army at a critical time in their Christmas fundraising season. More than 67% of yearly public contributions come to The Salvation Army during the Christmas season.

This generous donation helps The Army keep on track for a fundraising goal of \$1,150,000.00. This money will be used to fund various programs throughout the year. Including the Koch grant, The Army has raised approximately \$900,000.00 toward that goal. Last year, The Salvation Army raised \$1,102,094.53 during Christmas.

The Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation comes to the aid of The Salvation Army in an effort to help The Army make the Christmas goal. There is concern The Army could possibly have to cut programs if there is a shortfall with the Christmas goal.

Salvation Army City Commander Major Charles Smith said, "We are so excited and blessed that our friends at Koch made this very generous gesture. The money will help many people in our community and is truly an answer to prayer."

Koch Industries and employees of Koch have been very generous to The Salvation Army. This year, Employees provided Christmas gifts to more than 860 needy individuals in the Sedgwick County area through The Salvation Army Christmas distribution program. Koch companies and their employees have also donated more than \$614,075.00 to hurricane relief efforts through The Salvation Army.

The Christmas season is the most important fundraising time of the year for The Army. The Salvation Army will continue the Christmas fundraising campaign through the month of January. Anyone wishing to give can mail donations to The Salvation Army, 350 North Market, Wichita 67202 or call 263-ARMY.

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