

# Salvation Army Reconfigures Shelter



The Salvation Army Booth Center has recently been reconfigured to meet shifting needs of those without housing in our community.

Before the reconfiguration, the shelter was able to serve 30 men, four women, 15 veterans, and three families with up to six people each. Family rooms were accessible by key only but the hallway was shared by all residents.

Now, all men's beds are located on one side of the building, allowing women and children to have separate space. Men who are part of a sheltered family unit can be with their families, but men staying as single residents do not have access to the women's side of the shelter.

The adjustment provides additional security for vulnerable women and children and allows the shelter and our community to serve ten more women and one more family in need of emergency housing options than was previously possible.

"The Salvation Army Booth Center now, as always, provides a safe environment for those seeking emergency shelter," said LeAnn Lawlor, Shelter Director. She explained that the reconfiguration of space adds the benefit of an extra sense of security for women and children.

The changes in the physical use of space were completed just before the December ice storm hit, which was a good time for our community to have more emergency shelter availability. "I am certain that it saved lives given the temperatures that weekend," said Salvation Army Major Abe Tamayo.

People staying at the Booth Center receive three meals a day and case management to help them navigate through community resources. In return, they are asked to actively participate in searching for housing and/or employment and to help keep the shelter clean by doing a variety of chores, just as they would in their own home.

In 2015, The Salvation Army Booth Shelter provided 14,765 nights of shelter for 360 different people.

Two other shelters fill other homeless needs locally: the Community Missions (CMC) Cold Weather Shelter is an emergency shelter for homeless men in winter, and the YWCA operates an emergency shelter and supportive services for women and children who are victims of domestic violence.



2016 YWCA Women of Excellence award recipients posed after the event last year. Categories for nomination this year are: Lifetime Achievement; Emerging Leader; Support Services; Volunteerism; Workplace; Merit. Nominations are also being accepted for an Employer of Excellence.

## Nominate a Woman of Excellence to Be Recognized by YWCA

The YWCA is calling for people to nominate a coworker, friend or volunteer as a woman to be recognized at the 2017 YWCA Women of Excellence Awards Luncheon on June 15. Nomination forms are due by March 17 and are available at [ywcasj.org](http://ywcasj.org) or by calling Erica at 232-4481.



## Local Non-profits Name Top Leadership

Three United Way of Greater St. Joseph Partner Agencies have recently welcomed people to top leadership roles.

Big Brothers Big Sisters hired Jamie Noble as the agency's first Executive Director. Big Brothers Big Sisters helps children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with mentors who have measurable impact on youth and is located at 1202 S. 28<sup>th</sup> Street.

Legal Aid of Western Missouri appointed Benjamin Stelter-Embry as their new Managing Attorney. The agency provides free, quality, civil legal assistance for those who have nowhere else to turn and is located at 706 Felix Street.

Community Missions (CMC) named Jill Miller as Executive Director. The agency provides permanent housing along with supportive services for men with disabilities who have been chronically homeless and is located at 700 Olive Street

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