

Share the Warmth - Homeless Coat and Blanket Drive
Sponsored by Alpha Delta MU Beta Omicron Chapter
And BSW Student Association at Missouri State University
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Every summer and Every January Alpha Delta MU in Partnership with Community Partnership of the Ozarks and the Homeless Task Force Committee conduct a three county Homeless count. The counties include Greene, Christian and Webster Counties. The purpose of this project is to obtain a more accurate accounting of the number of individuals who are homeless. The higher the number, the higher the government funding donated to this area to help develop programs to reduce or ameliorate homelessness.

Before the beginning of this partnership project, Greene County alone was only getting counts around 35. Since the inception of this project there has been dramatic increase to around 200 +. This has raised awareness of how big the problem of homelessness is. Statistics show that today, the largest group of homeless individuals consists of single women and children. This is in part because of the increase in divorce and single women raising children on their own. Another reason is Foster children aging out of the system, with nowhere to turn.

Because of these counts and the awareness of the increasing numbers, our area has gained national attention. The project has been a huge success so far, and we hope to keep it going strong. Through the research this project obtains, we hope to build a stronger community where everyone can afford to have a place to sleep with a roof over their heads.

Last January we hosted a Coat Drive called "Share the Warmth". It was a complete success. We handed out over 150 coats to those who were homeless. We are hosting the second annual "Share the Warmth" Coat drive again this year. Anyone who has coats they no longer use is asked to please donate them to a good cause. All coats collected will be distributed to the homeless during the January homeless count. Along with coats, this year we are ***also collecting blankets*** for the homeless, so if you have any blankets please bring them too. The coats and blanket do not need to be new, they are all greatly appreciated.

When winter comes calling and its freezing outside, and you're sitting inside all toasty and warm. Remember that there are people, even children who have no safe place to go and our shivering outside with no home in site. Share the warmth!!! Donate a coat or blanket to a good cause.

Thank You for Your Support

Alpha Delta MU, BSW Student Association, CPO, and the Homeless task Force Committee