



## **City of Santa Fe Enlists the Salvation Army to Help Operate Cold-Weather Shelter**

With bone-chilling temperatures and the COVID-19 pandemic upon us, the City of Santa Fe is working to provide safe refuge for those living outside in the elements.

Due to social distancing and safety guidelines, current shelter space in Santa Fe is limited. So the City has contributed \$90,000 of CARES Act funding and additional funds from the Community Services Department toward the opening of a cold-weather shelter to be operated by The Salvation Army.

“We’re extremely grateful that The Salvation Army answered our call to operate a cold-weather shelter in this time of great need,” said Santa Fe Mayor Alan Webber. “This is an outstanding example of our community’s emergency response to a very threatening winter season. In this difficult time, The Salvation Army is doing great work, along with so many other non-profit agencies that are stepping up to help our community.”

“When Mayor Webber came to us with this request, we didn’t hesitate to put the wheels in motion to make it happen, because we know people are going to need warm places to sleep during the cold months ahead,” said Captain Holly Beeson, Corps Officer of The Salvation Army Santa Fe Corps Community Center. “We thank Mayor Webber and the community for putting their trust in The Salvation Army.”

The shelter opened on November 29 and will operate through March 31.

The shelter has 20 beds available at The Salvation Army Santa Fe Corps Community Center at 525 W. Alameda St. and is open daily from 7 p.m.-7 a.m. The cut-off time to secure a bed in the shelter will be 10 p.m. nightly, unless special circumstances warrant otherwise.

For the safety of its clients, officers, staff and the community, The Salvation Army has been following recommended guidelines from City, State, and Federal

health officials during the pandemic. Those wishing to utilize the Army's cold-weather shelter will have their temperature taken, will be screened for symptoms, and will be required to practice social distancing. Clients will be provided masks and have access to hand sanitizer and restrooms where they can wash their hands, and the Army will do a daily full cleaning and sanitation of the shelter.

For more information, please contact Kyra Ochoa, Director of City Community Services at 490-5367 or Captain Holly Beeson of the Salvation Army at 505-988-8054.