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THE SALVATION ARMY'S FIGHT TO END TRAFFICKING (SAFE-T) FACT SHEET

Trafficking can cause a variety of needs for each trafficked individual. No one agency can always effectively handle each case or need that comes through the door. The Salvation Army Fight to End Trafficking Program (SAFE-T) was not created to make a new system; rather our task is to leverage and organize existing, effective service delivery already happening in Nebraska. SAFE-T Trafficking Case Manager fills a gap in Nebraska by overseeing each case in their respective regions. These case managers will build rapport and provide support in order to reduce recidivism back into trafficked life. If a trafficked person chooses to leave a referred program, they will still have their SAFE-T case manager available to help search for other service options. Trafficking Case Managers will rely on and continue to build a network of partner service agencies throughout the state to supply a vast array of services.

WHO IS SERVED?

All trafficked persons across Nebraska are eligible for service through our statewide, 24-hour on-call capacity. Those served through The Salvation Army's Fight to End Trafficking Program include:

- Labor and sex trafficking victims/survivors
- Minors and adults
- Men and women
- Individuals who identify as LGBTQ
- Those foreign and domestically trafficked
- Individuals with both legal and illegal status
- Persons who speak limited or no English
- Individuals who have additional physical, emotional, or cognitive needs

WHAT MAKES THE SALVATION ARMY QUALIFIED?

In the United States, The Salvation Army has received more federal grant money through the Department of Justice Office of Victims of Crime than any other non-profit to combat this problem. The Salvation Army as a whole has a history of integrity with these programs as evidenced by their continued receipt of federal dollars.

In the Midwest, The Salvation Army delivers comprehensive case management services through the same federal grant in Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan; Columbus, Ohio; and Nebraska. Program staff in the region work together to discuss information sharing, best practices, technical assistance, and general peer support.

In Omaha, the Wellspring program has served adults with a history of trafficking or prostitution and their families for the last 25 years. Wellspring is located in the same building as The Salvation Army Fight to End Trafficking Program. Staff participate in technical assistance and best practice discussions weekly.

HOW ARE WE UTILIZING FEDERAL FUNDS?

The Salvation Army has pledged a 30% match through fundraising to supplement the federal funds received through the Department of Justice grant. The Salvation Army's Fight to End Trafficking Program is filling a service gap sorely needed in Nebraska. Funds will be used to hire the staff needed in order to coordinate comprehensive services across the state. Monies are also allocated to create and strengthen services which are identified as lacking or underrepresented with the end goal that these services become sustainable without federal dollars. Direct emergency funds to fill service gaps and direct service delivery is an average of 27% in the three-year budget plan.

WHAT ABOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT?

The Salvation Army is working in conjunction with the Nebraska Attorney General's office and sits on the victim-centered Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force. In this task force, we work closely with law enforcement to take case referrals and refer cases that have not yet been reported. Salvation Army's Fight to End Trafficking Program case managers will help adult participants weigh their options regarding a report to law enforcement through ongoing assessment and discussion. In accordance with Nebraska mandatory reporting laws, all minors are referred to law enforcement for evaluation.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We are always looking to expand our network of service providers. If you provide a service in your area but are unsure of how to best serve trafficked persons, please contact us. The Program Manager and Trafficking Case Manager, as well as the Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force, are available to provide technical assistance and training.

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