

Campaign pushes for expansion in Bishop



Bishop corps members at the capital campaign launch
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The Salvation Army plans a new community facility.

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The Salvation Army in Bishop, Calif., is conducting a capital campaign to construct a building that would allow expansion of programs and services in the Owens Valley. Construction will begin once the fundraising effort reaches \$500,000.

Currently, \$82,000 is needed to reach this goal.

“We are really humbled by the community’s positive response so far,” said Tom Hallenbeck, chairperson of the Bishop Salvation Army Advisory Board. “We are eager to have this new facility in place soon to help those in need in the most efficient and effective way we can. But that depends on continued support and contributions.”

The Salvation Army provides a variety of services to the local community, including assisting families and individuals in emergency situations with basic needs such as food, clothing, health services and shelter. Volunteer job training, youth programs, rehabilitation program referrals, and marital and personal counseling are also provided.

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“More people seeking help from The Salvation Army in recent months is a sign that expanded services in the Eastern Sierras are greatly needed,” said Lt. Cathie McCulley, Bishop corps officer. “A new facility would help us free up funds and have more space to serve the community’s needs even more.”

The intent of the new facility is to alleviate the ongoing costs of leasing, while providing adequate space to meet expanding community needs. All of the monies raised for this capital campaign will be used toward the construction of this facility.

Hallenbeck said, “If 82 people each donate \$1,000, we’ll reach our goal and will be one crucial step closer to securing this much needed community resource.”