

The Salvation Army is committed to doubling our impact on homelessness. By virtue of both our calling and our mission, we bear a special responsibility to do more for those who are struggling on the streets. Whether it's developing programs that prevent homelessness, operating emergency shelters, opening transitional housing facilities or building permanent supportive housing, we must act.

# 8 FACTS ON HOMELESSNESS AND THE SALVATION ARMY'S FIGHT AGAINST IT



**1** The Salvation Army is doubling its efforts to fight homelessness in the West.

**2** Hawaii has the highest rate of homelessness per capita in the U.S., according to federal statistics.

**3** Revolution Hawaii, a Salvation Army residential discipleship program for young adults, provides sandwiches as a weekly touchpoint for people living on the streets of paradise. The formula is simple in concept, easily replicated; the challenge comes in being faithful and consistent in execution. Only by showing up each week with an open and loving heart, can relationships form.

**READ MORE** in "PB&J ministry provides weekly touchpoint for people living on the streets of paradise" at [caringmagazine.org](http://caringmagazine.org).

**4** A full 10 percent of the U.S. homeless population (nearly 53,000 people) lives in Los Angeles County.

**5** In 2017, Los Angeles County residents voted for Measure H, which will raise \$355 million annually for 10 years to combat homelessness.

**READ MORE** in "Communities in the West look for solutions to the homelessness crisis" at [caringmagazine.org](http://caringmagazine.org).

**6** Revenue from L.A. County's Measure H funds will target four areas:

- Developing outreach teams to help homeless individuals with immediate needs and housing
- Developing temporary housing solutions
- Creating a rapid rehousing program
- Providing job training, substance abuse counseling and mental health treatment

**7** Each year in the U.S., The Salvation Army provides over 10 million nights of lodging to those in need. Across the West, The Salvation Army provides shelter to 5,800 people *every night*.

**8** But the efforts do not stop with a safe place to sleep. In El Cajon, California, for instance, a homeless reunification program launched soon after a \$10,000 grant from the local government and is helping people reunite with family members and sponsoring a one-way bus ticket to meet them.

**READ MORE** in "Bus tickets back home as a strategy to address homelessness" at [caringmagazine.org](http://caringmagazine.org).

A **\$100 donation** to The Salvation Army can provide three nights of shelter for a child in need.

**Will you join us in the fight for good?**

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See more about The Salvation Army's fight to end homelessness at [caringmagazine.org](http://caringmagazine.org)