

Buhler Emergency Aid Fund (BEAF) Guidelines

(Transitioning from offering a gift of grace to developing intentional caring relationships)

1st Benevolence Request: A One-Time Gift of Grace

- > Do you live in Buhler or within 5 miles of the city?
- > Do you attend a church and if so, have you received assistance from them?
- > If this is your first request for community benevolence, you may receive a one-time gift of grace.

A benevolence request will be processed within several days by a benevolence discernment team.

A list of area agencies for benevolence assistance is available in addition to the community guidelines.

CONNECTING: Accountability Guidelines

(Offering opportunities to receive physical, emotional and spiritual care)

2nd Benevolence Request: A More Comprehensive Caring Response

GOD'S PART:

> Extend grace to all and offer genuine life change.

OUR PART:

> Provide a caring environment in which genuine life change can occur with God's help.

YOUR PART:

- > Choose a church to begin to build an intentional relationship with.
- > Attend that church and pick up your benevolence check after the Sunday worship service.
- > Transition from community benevolence to local church benevolence in the following ways:
 - 1. Active church participation.
 - 2. Small group involvement.
 - Willingness to disclose personal financial information such as income, expenses, debt, etc.
 - Willingness to receive help and submit to an accountability relationship.
 - 3. Serve in the church.

Buhler Mennonite Church 220 West Avenue B, Buhler Pastor Willmar Harder 620-543-2733 Buhler Mennonite Brethren Church 415 N. West Street, Buhler Pastor Dustin Dick 620-543-2784 Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church 43 13th Ave, Inman Pastor Lynn Schlosser 620-585-6733 Buhler United Methodist Church 220 North Main Street, Buhler Pastor Rebecca Stark 620-543-6761

Area Agencies Helping with Benevolence Needs

- Need Help Paying Bills is a national website that serves as a platform to connect people to area aid agencies. There are several options ranging from helping pay bills, food shelves, to mental health help. The following URL links to Central Kansas help: http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/middle_kansas_assistance_progr.html
- Kansas Department for Children and Families: <u>http://www.dcf.ks.gov/Pages/default.aspx</u> (Check out: "Economic and Employment Services")
- United Way Reno County. 924 N. Main, Hutchinson. 620-669-9329. <u>http://www.unitedwayofrenocounty.org</u>
- First Call for Help is a catalyst in the delivery and use of community and county services. As a community information center, First Call minimizes duplication, coordinates needed services, locates available resources in Reno County and keeps accurate records. United Way of Reno County supports the following programs: personal hygiene program, medical assistance program and operation back to school. 721 W. 2nd, Hutchinson. 620-669-0159. http://www.unitedwayofrenocounty.org/agencies.php?id=289
- The Salvation Army provides immediate emergency services which sustain a normalcy of life. These services include: food, clothing, shelter, medications, energy assistance, funeral assistance, furniture, and counseling. We also provide a safe place for people to take care of their personal hygiene by providing soap, towel and a place to take a needed shower. We have weekly character building youth activities, and a Monday thru Friday After School Program. We also have a payee program where we manage the financial affairs of 120 people. United Way provides support for the following programs: Emergency Services. 700 N. Walnut, Hutchinson. 620-663-3353. http://www.unitedwayofrenocounty.org/agencies.php?id=305
- Circles of Hope was hosted by Trinity Methodist Church of Hutchinson. Their mission is to end poverty through empowering circles of relationship and work together as a community to remove barriers that keep people trapped in poverty (based on Bridges out of Poverty concept). 1602 N. Main, Hutchinson. 620-921-0314. http://www.unitedwayofrenocounty.org/agencies.php?id=323
- New Beginnings is a place in our community that offers hope, support, and the means to rebuild a life. New Beginnings offers a Hand Up to people displaced from their homes. Fox Run Transitional Housing 410 W. 2nd, Hutchinson. 620-966-0274 x 101. <u>http://www.newbeginnings-inc.org/index.php</u>
- American Red Cross exists to provide compassionate care to those in need. Our network of generous donors, volunteers and employees share a mission of preventing and relieving suffering, here at home and around the world, through five key service areas: 1) Disaster Relief; 2) Supporting America's Military Families; 3) Lifesaving Blood; 4) Health and Safety Services and 5) International Services. 111 N. Walnut Ste. B, Hutchinson. 620-662-3336. <u>http://www.redcross.org/ks/hutchinson</u>
- Kansas Statewide Farm worker Health Program is a program of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and is geared to help especially immigrant and refugee populations living under the Federal Poverty level. <u>http://www.kdheks.gov/olrh/FW.html</u>
- **Et Cetera Shop**. Where every purchase is a gift to the world. 22 N. Main, Hutchinson. 620-669-8932.