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Group wants to give away 100 blankets

staff report

The Reno chapter of the Guardian Angels has organized its inaugural Blanket-Bundle Drive to help the homeless in downtown Reno bear cold temperatures.

The chapter's goal is to give away 100 blanket-bundles to recipients on Dec. 23. But despite the positive response to the campaign, organizers said the fundraising is only at 31 percent of its goal, falling short of the \$2,000 it'll cost to buy enough blanket bundles.

"We've received donations from \$1 up to \$40, in person and on our Web site. That's how we're going to achieve success, a dollar at a time," Scott Tootell, a chapter member and spokesman, said in a statement. "We will spend whatever money we get to help as many people as we can."

Each blanket bundle will contain a 4-foot-by-5-foot signature-red fleece blanket with a Guardian Angels logo, a red stocking cap and a pair of men's large black fleece gloves with cinched wrist and clip. The bundle is contained in a polyester carrying strap, allowing the items to be easily carried and stored.

Tootell said the Guardian Angels logo is not being printed for advertising or self-promotion, but for other reasons.

"We think it's important that the recipients of the blankets, hats and gloves know that we're looking out for them, so they don't get nervous when they see us on the streets, and they will trust us to patrol near them," he said.

Tootell also said the logo helps the group find, dispose of or recycle any abandoned blankets.

To donate to the Reno Guardian Angels blanket-bundle campaign, visit www.renoguardianangels.com. A donation of \$20 will pay for one blanket bundle. Donations are tax deductible and receipts will be provided.

For more information, or to donate in person, call

343-9242 or visit renoangels@flexativity.com

Additional Facts

blanket bundle drive

What: Reno Guardian Angels' blanket bundle campaign is seeking to help 100 homeless men in downtown Reno by provided each with a fleece blanket, stocking cap and a pair of men's gloves. Cost: \$20 pays for one bundle. Donations are tax deductible and receipts will be provided.

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