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## This Holiday Season, Be a Part of the Solution!

It's that time of year when we are all invited to share our treasure in support of many worthy causes. Like you, **Gateway180** is committed to insuring that our dollars make a difference, with *81 cents of every dollar we receive being spent directly on our mission.*

**As 2017 draws to a close, we celebrate and reflect on our 40 years of service to those in need in our community. This year, we are on track to provide 64,000 nights of stay to 2,000 women, children and family members, 1,400 of which are children. In 2017, we will have assisted just over 200 individuals into permanent housing. In addition, we kicked off our Rapid Rehousing Program, moving families home by providing - minimal financial support for both apartment deposits and rent; referrals to community services; and extensive case management. The result is 35 families enjoying the opportunity to achieve personal and financial independence and housing stability! In 2017, with the closing of a downtown shelter, and the elimination of 270 shelter beds, Gateway180 responded by serving the often chronically homeless women and families by providing shelter and service referrals , ultimately increasing the opportunity for success and reducing the chances of recidivism! In addition, Gateway180 increased its' Emergency Shelter Overflow Program, opening up roughly an additional 10 cots per night to families found by the police to be without shelter and in compromising situations in the community.**

**Gateway180** is the largest and only emergency shelter in the state of Missouri that houses complete families. We work side by side with families, as they take back control and develop success tools, such as resume writing, job interview skills, budgeting, household management and parenting skills. Through collaborative community partnerships, and with the support of individuals and the community, we move families back home into both sustainable employment and permanent housing. **Gateway180's work enables families to become their own support system.**

***This Holiday Season, be a part of the solution by making a gift of \$150, the cost of emergency shelter for a family of four for one night. With your support, Gateway180 can continue helping families find stability, independence and permanent housing.***

I hope that you will accept this invitation to support **Gateway180** and the families that we serve! With your help we can *end the cycle of family homelessness, build strong families and create a new vision of the future for our children.*

On behalf of our families, **Gateway180** thanks you for your support!  
Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season,

Kathy Connors,  
Executive Director

