

Red Kettle bell ringing enters final stretch

**(KAIR)--Red Kettles continue to be seen, and bells continue to be heard, in Atchison, as the Salvation Army continues it's annual Christmas time push to raise funds earmarked to assist those in need locally.**

**Kim Bottorff, County Coordinator of the Atchison Red Shield Service Center, tells MSC News, "The Red Kettle Campaign is our annual campaign to raise our funds for the entire year. It stays one-hundred-percent here in Atchison County and supports the clients of Atchison County completely throughout the year."**

**Bottorff says collections are continuing to be made as Christmas Day approaches, with the received funds supporting a variety of local needs. "[The donations] serve any of our clients who come in who need assistance with utilities, or maybe gas to and from a doctors appointment, rent, or things that would be considered emergency. It goes for food assistance."**

**Bottorff says the fundraising campaign is now in the "Rush the Red Kettle" phase of the season, with this week serving as the final push to generate funds for assistance.**

**She says that effort will include an early morning "Rush the Kettle" Drive by spot on Friday.**

**Those wanting to make a contribution to the campaign can do so by driving by the corner of Atchison's 5th and Kansas Avenue from 6:30 until 8:00.**

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