



## Dividing Bread Ministry Mission and Goals



**Dividing Bread Ministry Thrift Store 115 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street Collinsville, OK**

The Dividing Bread ministry is dedicated to Christ-like love and support of underprivileged women and children by supplying basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter and education to promote stability of needy families in our local communities.

This *not for profit* ministry will be an important resource for residents with needs in Collinsville Oklahoma and surrounding communities. With the continued decline of our current economy, significant job losses and increasing State budget cuts, basic needs of many local families are going unmet.

The Dividing Bread Ministry will help meet these needs by operating a thrift store providing quality clothing, household goods and Christian literature. Income from the thrift store, in addition to donations from individuals, churches, and businesses, will stock an in-store food pantry providing necessary food to local residents who would otherwise be hungry.

The ministry will offer a monthly bible study at the thrift store, Christian literature and pastoral counseling if requested to assist with any spiritual needs.

The Dividing Bread Ministry will help to restore and empower families with economic and spiritual needs in our local communities.

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### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Ministry's mission is to support and assist underprivileged community members
- Dividing Bread Ministry thrift store fund raising dinner August 21, 2010
- Thrift store to open September 1<sup>st</sup> 2010
- Thrift store items and volunteers needed
- 1 in 5 children are at risk of going to bed hungry every night in our local communities

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Collinsville, OK 74021  
(across from the Collinsville post office)  
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Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry and  
bring the homeless poor into your house; when you  
see the naked, to cover him; and not to hide yourself  
from your own flesh    Isaiah 58:7



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**The Dividing Bread Thrift Store is coming soon! July 15<sup>th</sup> we will be in the Thrift Store getting it ready for the opening date currently set for September 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.**

## LIST OF CURRENT NEEDS:

- 1 Hangars
- 2 Paper or plastic grocery bags
- 3 Tissue paper to wrap breakables
- 4 Donations such as gently used clothing, household items, small furniture items, shoes, children's toys, games, books, Bibles, Christian books and tapes
- 5 Volunteers to work in the thrift store

## **FUND RAISING DINNER AND AUCTION:**

**We will be hosting a fund raising dinner and auction on August 21<sup>st</sup> at the thrift store. Come and join the fun. Tickets are just \$25. Dinner will be prepared by a local chef. We will have music entertainment during dinner and have a blast bidding on exciting and unique auction items. Win a raffle prize donated by one of our local businesses! This is a great way to get to know people and band together in meeting our community's needs.**

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## **Local hunger statistics help us better understand our community needs:**

According to the USDA, Oklahoma ranks fourth in the nation in the number of people who are "very low food insecure," or hungry.

### **The Faces of the Hungry in Eastern Oklahoma**

44 percent of household members served by emergency pantry programs in Eastern Oklahoma are children under the age of 18.

More than 22 percent of our children live in food insecure households - more than one in five children at risk of going to bed hungry every night.

Of households experiencing hunger, less than 20 percent are classified as unemployed. More than one-third are disabled and/or retired, while the remaining 46 percent have at least one working member.

### **Poverty in Eastern Oklahoma**

16.2 percent of Oklahomans live in poverty, more than one in six.

Oklahoma's poverty rate is highest on children with 23.2 percent living in poverty.