

Share the Warmth this Winter Season

Chilly Months Have Arrived

Last winter, La Niña was a driving force that shaped the weather patterns across the country throughout the season. La Niña is a phenomenon that occurs when the water near the equator of the Pacific Ocean is cooler than average. In turn, this influences the jet stream and the track that storms take when moving across North America. La Niña is once again predicted to shape part of the overall weather patterns this winter.

Supporting Our Community

People in our community struggle every day to meet their basic needs. These are our friends, family and neighbors. The Share the Warmth program can provide security to those in the community who may be unable to afford their heating bill. The program was designed in coordination with The Salvation Army, Catholic Social Services and Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska. It was specifically tailored to assist:

- Individuals 60 years or older
- Individuals who are handicapped or disabled
- Anyone experiencing unusual needs

How It Works

To be a donor to the Share the Warmth program, customers can fill out the form at hastingsutilities.com or directly at <https://bit.ly/2Xlvsk8>. Customers will be given the option to add a specific amount of money to their bill each month, which will be sent directly to the Salvation Army for distribution. The contribution is tax deductible and the agreement may be changed or canceled at any time by calling 402-463-1371.

How to Apply

If you need funds to assist you with your heating bill, please contact the Salvation Army directly at 402-463-0529.

To qualify, applicants must be a Hastings Utilities Department customer with a delinquent bill or a disconnect notice in the applicant's name from their current residence. Applicants must be experiencing economic hardship and have a verifiable need:

- Income/Resource vs. Expense Ratio
- Federal Poverty Guidelines – 125% of Poverty Guideline
- Emergency Circumstances
- Unemployment