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WESTERN FRATERNITY TO AID POOR

St. Joseph, Mo. — Feb. 18, 2005 — Have you ever wanted to help out those less fortunate but just didn't know how or where to begin? The Xi-Eta chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity (TKE) has figured out a way to do just that while gaining a new perspective on the homeless. For the second year in a row, the Missouri Western State College fraternity will hold "Teke-in-a-Box," an event where fraternity members and guest "celebre-sitters" camp out in makeshift cardboard homes to raise money for two nonprofit organizations. They will be located outside of the St. Joseph Hy-Vee grocery store for 48 hours beginning at midnight on April 15.

Fraternity members will be accepting monetary donations as well as canned goods and nonperishable food items throughout the weekend. All earnings collected will be split evenly between the Second Harvest Food Bank and the Open Door Food Kitchen, both in St. Joseph, and all canned goods and food donations will be given to Second Harvest to help out homeless and low-income families in the community. The fraternity hopes to raise \$3,000.

"Community integration with the St. Joseph area is an important focus for the TKE Fraternity at Western since we expect the men to graduate with a desire to become a

part of the communities they will eventually settle down and begin their careers in,” said Zach Ramsay, Western TKE alumnus. “Teke-in-a-Box” is a part of that focus on community integration coupled with a lesson in giving to charity.”

Last year’s “Teke-in-a-box” earned the fraternity the 2004 “Humanitarian Award” for a small organization at the Mayor’s Thanksgiving Dinner, and recognition as a “Harvest Hero” from Second Harvest.

“Last year’s experience was phenomenal,” Ramsay said. “It was exciting to see how people were receptive to our camp-out campaign. I think the community appreciates a campus organization that reaches out.”

For more information contact Hy-Vee Store Director Brad McNally at (816) 232-9750 or Ramsay at (816) 294-6139 or zachramsay@hotmail.com .

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