



# News Release

Missouri Western State College • 4525 Downs Drive • St. Joseph, MO 64507 • (816) 271-5649

**Contact:** Kristy Hill

**Phone:** (816)-271-5649

**Title:** Public Relations/Marketing Director

**Email:** [hillk@mwsc.edu](mailto:hillk@mwsc.edu)

## WESTERN'S TAU KAPPA EPSILON FRATERNITY RAISES AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR HOMELESS

**St. Joseph, Mo.** — March 24, 2004—Most people will never experience what it feels like to sleep in a box outside a grocery store, but for the sake of the homeless, the Xi-Eta chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity at Missouri Western State College is willing to find out.

Beginning at 10 a.m. April 5, the fraternity will sponsor their first-ever “Teke-In-A-Box” philanthropic event to raise money for area food distribution centers. Fraternity volunteers will live in makeshift cardboard homes outside the St. Joseph Hy-Vee grocery store for 48 hours. They will accept monetary donations as well as canned goods and other nonperishable food items. Radio station KKJO 105.5FM will broadcast from Hy-Vee in the afternoon on April 6.

The chapter has set a goal of \$2,000 to be split between Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater St. Joseph and St. Joseph’s Open Door Food Kitchen. All canned food donations will be given to Second Harvest for distribution to homeless and low-income families in the community.

The total amount of donations will be announced on Western’s campus at approximately 1 p.m. April 7. Rachel Riggert, Second Harvest’s development and volunteer coordinator, will give a short presentation on the importance of giving back to the community as a young adult. “Without the help of volunteers like the TKEs, we could not carry out our mission to end hunger,” Riggert said.

TKE members will also host a car wash on campus April 7 to raise additional funds. For more information, contact TKE president Jeff Brandhorst at [jib6219@mwsc.edu](mailto:jib6219@mwsc.edu) .

—end—

*Missouri Western State College is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The college offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.*