



# **Woodyard Fund**

## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Community Service Project**

“The Woodyard Fund traces its roots to 1816 in Columbia, when the Ladies Benevolent Society provided firewood to needy families.

In 1930 the cause was embraced by William E. Gonzales, then editor of The State newspaper. Each winter since then, the paper has continued publicizing the charity. Donations ranging from \$2 to more than \$1,000 help the neediest in the community stay warm in the winter.”<sup>1</sup>

Now the Woodyard Fund is a program run by the Salvation Army and is designed to offer help to those who can't afford to pay their heating bills. Recipients are selected based on income level, illness, or other special circumstances. The fourth grade students sponsor the Woodyard Fund as their community service project and will be collecting for this fund during January. During morning carpool you will see students walking up and down the sidewalk carrying signs and containers encouraging you to donate to the Woodyard Fund.

Your donation of loose change or bills from your car or pocket will go to a good cause.

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<sup>1</sup> Salvation Army in the Midlands website

