

## Inmates Lend Helping Hand

Jailed for crimes against the community, some inmates are now trying to help save parts of it.

Inmates have undergone a tremendous task, loading 100,000 sandbags as soon as possible.

In few hours, the inmates filled more than 6,000.

"I just hope everybody through it, and we're just trying to do these we can to help them out," said Thomas, one inmate lending a hand.

The men said their confinement doesn't lessen their commitment, and they know somewhere, the work they're doing is needed and appreciated.

"We're inmates, of course, but we're human as well, and there's people out there who have families just like we do and I wouldn't want to see my family go through this and no one would be willing to help," said Bobby, another inmate.

50,000 sandbags were brought in Friday from Albuquerque, and a warden estimated the group would top out at between 12,000 and 15,000 by 6 p.m.

Once the bags are filled, the city will deliver them to firehouses and the Vinton area.

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