

**AIKEN**

South Carolina

# IMPACT REPORT

OCTOBER 2013–SEPTEMBER 2014



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MOST GOOD®

## OUR MISSION

*The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.*

# ABOUT US

## PROUDLY SERVING

Aiken County  
Edgefield County  
Barnwell County  
Allendale County

### WORSHIP SERVICES

322 Gayle Avenue, NW  
Aiken, SC 29802  
Phone: 803-641-4141

### SHELTER

604 Park Avenue  
Aiken, SC 29801  
Phone: 803-641-4151

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

640 Laurens Street  
Aiken, SC 29802  
Phone: 803-641-4146  
Facebook: Boys & Girls Club of Aiken

### FAMILY STORES

**Richland Avenue**  
3730 Richland Avenue W.  
Aiken, SC 29801  
Phone: 803-641-4151

**Silver Bluff Road**  
103 Silver Bluff Road  
Aiken, SC 29803  
Phone: 803-644-8891

**Clearwater**  
4435 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 5  
Clearwater, SC 29822  
Phone: 803-593-3088

### ONLINE

[salvationarmycarolinas.org/aiken](http://salvationarmycarolinas.org/aiken)  
Facebook: The Salvation Army of Aiken

## Dear Friends,

For nearly 150 years The Salvation Army has relied on the generosity of supporters just like you to help fulfill our mission to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. We are so grateful for your ever-reliable support. It has enabled us to have a powerful impact on our community over the past year.

We believe in this community, and will continuously strive to improve the well-being of those that live here. We will continue to offer life-changing programs that improve their lives. We will continue to be focused on being a trusted source of help and compassion.

The stories and statistics in this report only begin to communicate the real impact that your support represents on a daily basis. When you drop money in our Red Kettles,

when you visit our website to contribute, when you volunteer at one of our local programs, or when you share the story of The Salvation Army with your friends and family, you continue to help transform the lives of your neighbors who are in the greatest need.

The success of the army is rooted in our faith and supporters. It is our prayer that you will continue to help us change the lives of those that we serve with your time, talent and treasure.

### *Blessings,*

Captains David and Amber Phelps



## APRIL

Like most parents, April's one wish for the holidays was to be able to provide for her children – warm food on the table and a few presents under the tree. Many of us take this for granted. Finding herself without a home during the holidays, however, April realized that it would take a Christmas miracle for her wish to come true.

April was working hard to find a job and secure stable housing when she was told about a free afterschool program at The Salvation Army. The assurance that her children would be safe there allowed her increased time to devote to her employment search.

As the staff members at The Salvation Army got to know April and her family a little better, they became aware that the family might have some other needs. They asked April what more they could do to help.

April told the staff about her situation and about her desire to provide Christmas for her family. The staff connected her with other services at The Salvation Army that were able to provide some help with housing assistance.

They were able to help with another need as well.

“They asked me to come in and when I got there they had a bicycle. They also gave me

a box of food so we could have a Christmas meal as well. My kids knew I didn't have any money so they didn't think they were going to get anything. When they woke up and they went into the living room and they were screaming, we got Christmas! They were so excited and were opening up the gifts and for the first time they were able to go out and ride their bikes.”

April's relationship with The Salvation Army started when she heard about the afterschool care they provided. Thanks to the caring and attentive staff, The Salvation Army was able to help in more ways than April could ever have imagined.

Today, April has a steady job. She is proud to own her own townhome. Her kids still participate in after school programs. Through all of this, she has come to see The Salvation Army as much more than just the bells she heard at Christmas.

“When I first came in they treated me like they had known me for years and you know they welcomed me. Not just me but my kids too. I don't really have a family so The Salvation Army was like my family that I haven't had in a real long time.”

## MARVIN

Marvin knows that he was not the sort of person that could be trusted. He had an incredibly dark past. For 30 years he was a drug dealer, an addict and worse. He would stay high for days at a time and was often in trouble with the law. Still, during a time of incarceration, he knew that something had to change.

He could never have anticipated the way that it would happen.

“I walked outside ready to make a drug deal and the sun hit me and I just heard a voice and it said ‘It’s time.’ I went into the house and came back out, and I heard it again. I knew it was God. I called my niece and she brought me to The Salvation Army.”

After completing a drug rehabilitation program, The Salvation Army helped him to get his life back on track. He was given an opportunity to serve others who were struggling with their own issues. The Salvation Army gave him a job helping with other programs that ministered to those who found themselves in situations much like his own. The Salvation Army saw the change in Marvin’s life and trusted him to help others. That’s when he knew that his life had been changed.

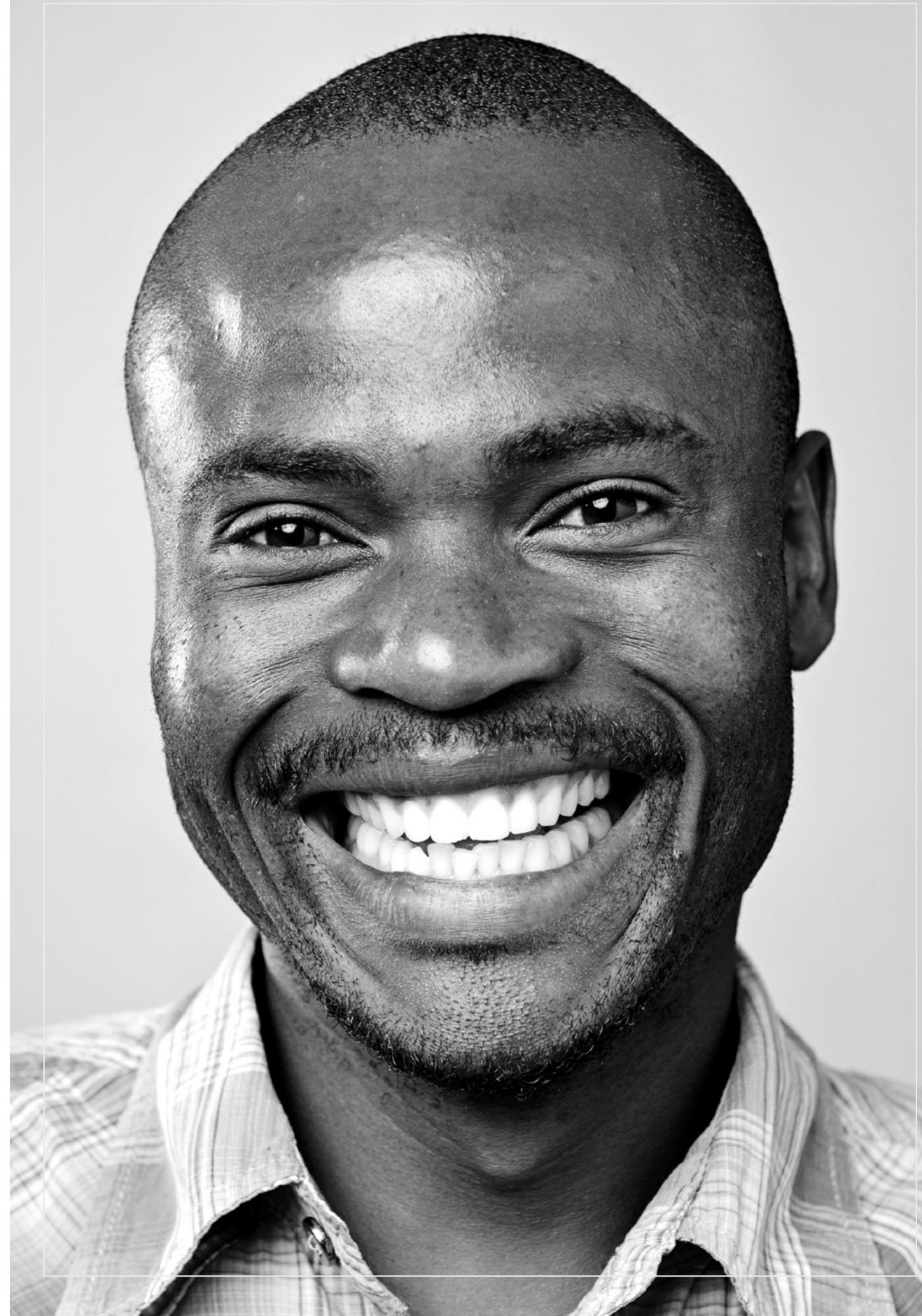
“After four months working the night shift they gave me the keys to the doors. They

respected me, and for them to give me the opportunity to do things and not judge me because of my past and what I used to do, they became my family. It’s very rare for someone who doesn’t know you, to trust you like that.”

Incredibly, as a new man, Marvin discovered a passion for mentoring young people. He teaches lessons on teamwork, attentiveness and good values. He makes himself available to listen to stories about their home and school lives, and he encourages the young people to hold each other accountable and reach for a higher standard.

Marvin credits The Salvation Army with teaching him about Jesus Christ, about forgiveness and how to be a man of integrity. He discovered that his life was not defined by his past. Thanks to the love of God and The Salvation Army, Marvin has experienced a complete and total transformation.

“On my 47th birthday I played basketball by myself in the rain, and just cried. For the first time in 30 years I was celebrating my birthday clean. If it weren’t for The Salvation Army, I wouldn’t have known my purpose. I have found my passion.”



# LIVES TOUCHED



**4,933**  
PERSONS  
SERVED



**1,606**  
CLIENT SESSIONS  
PROVIDED



**17,808**  
TOYS & GIFTS  
DISTRIBUTED



**22,983**  
MEALS  
SERVED



**2,156**  
GROCERY ORDERS  
PROVIDED



**5,265**  
NIGHTS OF LODGING  
PROVIDED



**86**  
ENERGY ASSISTANCE  
PROVIDED



**53**  
DAYS OF CAMP  
PROVIDED



**20**  
HOUSING ASSISTANCE  
PROVIDED

# REVENUE

PUBLIC SUPPORT RECEIVED DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY

**\$341,752** : CONTRIBUTIONS

**\$199,052** : DONATIONS IN KIND/CONTRIBUTED SERVICES

**\$6,584** : SPECIAL EVENTS

**\$130,800** : ALLOCATED BY FEDERATED FUNDING

**\$86,706** : FEES/GRANTS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

**\$147,606** : OTHER REVENUE/INTERNAL SUPPORT

**\$722,950** : FAMILY STORE

**TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE**

**\$1,635,449**

# EXPENSE

PROGRAM AND SUPPORTING SERVICES

STAFF COMPENSATION

**\$489,847**

FAMILY STORE

**\$564,646**

PROFESSIONAL FEES

**\$17,072**

OTHER PROGRAM  
& GENERAL EXPENSES

**\$573,668**

PAYMENTS TO  
HEADQUARTERS

**\$71,924**

**TOTAL EXPENSE**

**\$1,717,157**

Excess Revenue over Expense: (\$81,708)



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