

## **Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Committees**

### **ADULT REHABILITATION CENTER (ARC) Central Avenue**

Efforts are varied, as we serve to provide support as requested by the ARC commander.

- Provide small appropriate gifts for the men at holidays or special events.
- Sort special donated items, e.g. jewelry, etc. for the thrift stores

Members have fun and are gratified to know we can help the ARC in whatever form to assist the mission of the men's rehabilitation.

### **POPLAR GROVE (BOOTH GARDEN) COMMITTEE** (low income apartment housing for Sr. citizens 65 & over 421 N, Poplar St. uptown Charlotte)

- Host quarterly birthday parties for the residents
- Provide entertainment, cards, gifts and refreshments with Auxiliary funds and members participation for holidays.

### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB COMMITTEE** (7 locations)

The committee is responsible for communicating with the Salvation Army B&GC operations staff for projects with which the Auxiliary can be of help.

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- Furnish cupcakes (about 450 each event) for holiday parties throughout the year. The Auxiliary members bake or purchase cupcakes for Halloween, Valentine's Day, Easter, and the Auxiliary buys the cupcakes for Christmas parties.
- Tutoring students is another opportunity the Auxiliary is exploring at the clubs.

Other ideas are being considered to get more involved with the clubs by doing things that do not cost a lot, but are beneficial to the kids.

### **CENTER OF HOPE COMMITTEE** (534 Spratt St.---704 348-2560)

There is no stronger reality check for SAWA members than to serve food on a monthly basis to the women and children at the Center of Hope. It makes all of us on the committee aware of the needs of the most vulnerable segment of Charlotte's impoverished.

- Provide a spaghetti dinner monthly—3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 12 months a year.
- Committee members purchase supplies and coordinate the food and volunteers to serve.
- No culinary skills needed, meal is prepared under direction of the staff cook.
- Members need to arrive at 3:45 and finished by 6:30 (400 women and children to serve).
- Assignments are made for the year in September after the committee is formed.

Serving the residents and offering a smile or a word of encouragement are also important because we feed the souls of women who seem to have run out of options and inspire them to be self-sufficient. Seeing the bright faces of the children and being thanked by their moms makes this commitment joyful!

### **MEMBERSHIP/COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE** 8-10 members needed

Serves the members with information and keeps Auxiliary membership records.

- Keep accurate and updated list of members along with their addresses, telephone #'s, birthdays and email addresses.
- Communicate info about meetings, activities, secretary/treasurer reports, prayer concerns, etc. to members via Email. Committee members help make calls to relay info to members that do not use Email.

- Work with SA staff - Beth Butchino (Auxiliary liaison), Brent Rinehart (Director of PR & Communication) and Auxiliary Representative, Major Debbie Broome - to publicize the work of the Auxiliary and identify strategies for obtaining new members.
- Set up and staff a welcome table at each monthly meeting to include distribution and collection of member name tags, meeting sign-in sheets, welcome guests and collect their contact info so they can be thanked for coming and encouraged to join.
- Another table is set up for new members and guests to pick up membership applications and brochures about the work of the Salvation Army and the Auxiliary.
- Help guests and new members learn about the work of the Auxiliary committees, so they will join and sign up with a full understanding of what is needed and expected.
- Introduce all new members/guests to the membership at each meeting.
- Distribute membership cards and pins to new members.
- Make sure new members have a nametag.
- Stress the importance of each member being actively involved in recruiting new members through conversation with friends, neighbors, or anyone they think would enjoy the fellowship and involvement of SAWA. Encourage members to bring guests to meetings.

### **THE LANCE SISK SCHOLARSHIP SAWA COMMITTEE**

In 2002, the SAWA scholarship committee was started by Charlotte Dunn. Its purpose was to give financial and emotional support to college students who have been a member of the Boys and Girls Clubs in the Charlotte area.

This program is funded by the Women's Auxiliary from the profits of the Festival of Tables and some donations, costs \$2,000 per student per year. These scholarships are important because they help break the cycle of poverty and give opportunities to students that may have little support from home. In 2015 the committee instituted an additional scholarship, "Bridge to the Future Scholarship", which provides funding to graduate students.

Fortunately, this committee does more than just screen applicants for scholarship money. Our members provide guidance to these students for four years as mentors, keeping up with their academic needs and sometimes their social and emotional needs. This is a very rewarding commitment for committee members as we watch these students flourish and move on to very bright futures.