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The Salvation Army of the Midlands:

MISSION IN THE MIDLANDS

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

SUMMER DAY CAMP OFFERED FOR FIRST TIME

More than 100 children participated in The Salvation Army of the Midlands' first ever **Summer Day Camp** program. The program gave underserved youth in 1st—5th grades an opportunity to experience an eventful summer. The camp was hosted in four separate one week sessions June 1 - 26. Each week, children took field trips, played games, and made new friends. The camp was held at The Salvation Army Center for Worship and Service, Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30p.m.

“Many of the days began with arts and crafts and outside activities so they could get to know one another. One day they made banjos out of cardboard and rubber bands. I think they really enjoyed that along with the field trips to the movies and the EdVenture Center,” said Kory Middleton, Day Camp Counselor.

Quintez Busky, who was active in the Leveraging Literacy Afternoon Reading Program during the school year, said “It feels great to be back at The Salvation Army because it is a lot of fun here.”

Kaylah Bethea, a newcomer to The Salvation Army, said “I like Summer Day Camp because you get to do arts and crafts which is my favorite part. We get to exercise, write and learn math.”

Each week 25 or more children participated in camp activities and also ate nutritious meals. For more information on how to impact the lives of children through summer programs, call 803-667-4943.



WALTER E. HAYDEN STAR CAMPER AWARD PRESENTED

50 children sat in anticipation at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton, N.C. with their eyes set on the **Walter E. Hayden Star Camper Award**, July 1. This year's Walter E. Hayden Star Camper is Markaylah Darby-Razor, a native of Columbia and first time camper with The Salvation Army.

The award came about when Ellen T. Hayden, a Salvation Army of the Midlands advisory board member, presented the staff with a way to honor the life of her late husband Walter E. Hayden and encourage underserved youth in the Midlands.

“The Walter E. Hayden Star Camper exemplifies a cooperative spirit; demonstrates a sense of fairness; is a strong team player; is respectful of others; is dependable and reliable; participates broadly in the offered camp activities—not necessarily excelling in all but exhibiting a healthy, willing attitude to try; is a clear example of one who ‘does unto others as he/she would want them to treat him/her’,” said Hayden.

Markaylah was chosen by her peers and camp staff. She will be presented with a personalized plaque and have the opportunity to meet Ellen Hayden at the next advisory board meeting.



SERVING MEALS TO FIRST RESPONDERS

The Salvation Army of the Midlands prepared and served more than 500 meals, snacks and hydration to federal, state and local emergency first responders at this year's National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) Exercise held at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport May 12 and 13. During the two day exercise, first responders were given many medical scenarios surrounding a simulated Category 5 hurricane. Many of the participants were flown in from Charleston, South Carolina on a C-130 airplane. For lunch, pretend patients and first responders received a meatball sub, chips, fruit and cookies on day one. On the second day of the exercise, participants received a hamburger with chips, fruit and cookies.



PROVIDING SNEAKERS TO CHILDREN



The Salvation Army of the Midlands partners with Innersole to provide brand new sneakers to students of families who have been pre-identified and qualify for assistance. This spring we were able to provide 70 pairs of sneakers to local underserved students. Corps Officer Major Roger Coulson presented University of South Carolina Head Women's Basketball Coach Dawn Staley, founder of Innersole, with an award for the organization's excellence in support of The Salvation Army of the Midlands.

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(Fiscal Year 2014)

- Helped serve 184,189 meals to the homeless
- Helped 2,128 families receive emergency basic needs assistance including rent, utility, water, food boxes
- Helped issue 1,158 clothing vouchers
- Helped distribute 1,193 hygiene kits
- Helped 3, 833 children receive new gifts for Christmas
- Helped 1,717 families receive Christmas assistance
- Helped distribute 1,717 boxes of food to families at Christmas
- Helped 253 children receive new, well-fitting clothes, shoes, and school supplies through the Clothes for Kids program
- Helped 80 children and youth enjoy Salvation Army summer camp for 5 days at Camp Walter Johnson

WAYS TO GIVE

Donations are needed to support...

The Leveraging Literacy Afternoon Reading Program:

- This free program helps children in 1st– 5th grades who are reading below grade level with vocabulary, fluency and comprehension skills.

Clothes for Kids:

- The Clothes for Kids program provides children with the clothes and supplies they need to start the school year with confidence. Clothes for Kids is scheduled to begin July 31st and end on August 9th at the following locations: **Columbiana Centre** and **Columbia Place Mall**.

Monday-Saturday: 10:00am-9:00pm

Sunday: 12:00pm-6:00pm

Family Store:

- Clothes, furniture, electronics, household items and more are accepted. Please donate your gently used items today! These can be used to help a family in need. For pick ups please call 748-9964.