

# The Salvation Army of the Midlands:



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## 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.*



#### Midlands children enjoy a week of camp

This summer, fifty local children experienced a week-long summer camp at The Salvation Army's Camp Walter Johnson in Denton, North Carolina, where they were given opportunities to swim, ride on paddle and pontoon boats, canoe, play games, shoot BB guns, ride go-carts, create crafts, hike, fish, and make new friends. In short, it was a week they will always remember.

"Thanks to every donor who made camp possible for these wonderful children," said Major Roger Coulson, Regional Coordinator/Corps Officer at The Salvation Army of the Midlands. "The Salvation Army's camp program nurtures souls and offers hope. In fact, thirty-six campers made a decision to follow Christ that week at camp."

When campers were asked what new things they learned at Camp Walter Johnson this summer, here is how a few of them answered:

"I learned how to get a friend."

"I learned that we are saved by Jesus."

"How to swim."

"I learned how to catch a Frisbee."



#### Salvation Army commemorates new home

The Salvation Army of the Midlands moved to a new permanent facility at 3024 Farrow Road in Columbia, South Carolina in April 2012. A sample of the programs available at the new building include emergency needs assistance, an afternoon reading program for students in grades 3-6 who have fallen behind in their reading skills, and a monthly lunch and program for senior citizens. Administrative offices are also housed in the building. Church services are held in the chapel on Sunday mornings and Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

#### New afternoon reading program offered to students behind in reading

Local students in grades 3-6 recently participated in the first class of Leveraging Literacy, an afternoon reading program offered at no cost to students who have fallen behind in their reading skills. The program is modeled after one in Georgetown, South Carolina that has helped students for ten years. Leveraging Literacy is partially funded by a United Way/Women in Philanthropy grant. Students were given pre and post-tests to measure reading levels. Results showed that 6 of the 7 students had significant improvement in reading skills with the average gain being 1.32 grade levels.





**Meals service to the underserved is expanded**

The Salvation Army partners with Transitions, a homeless shelter, to provide meals service to Transitions residents. The Salvation Army staff cooks and serves three meals each day (breakfast, lunch, dinner) at Transitions.

The Salvation Army partners with Ebenezer Lutheran Church to provide meals to the homeless every afternoon for dinner. The Salvation Army staff cooks the food at the Transitions kitchen and then transports it to Ebenezer Lutheran Church.

Thousands of meals are served each month to homeless men, women, and families.

**Did you know?**

The Salvation Army provides the following services for the underserved:

- Spiritual development activities
- Meals service
- Food pantry
- Emergency shelter through motel vouchers
- Travel to reunite with family outside of Columbia & South Carolina by bus or gas cards
- Clothing vouchers
- Furniture vouchers
- Permanent housing
- Crisis Intervention for Families at Risk



**Holiday hope provided to families in need**

The Salvation Army’s Christmas programs bring hope and comfort during the holiday season to families who experience poverty year round. Christmas assistance makes it possible for parents to share gifts with their children on Christmas morning. In 2011, The Salvation Army’s Christmas programs assisted 5,980 children from 2,651 families.



**Food pantry helps families with groceries**

Salvation Army case workers provide nutritious and filling foods to families who cannot afford them. Many of the families we serve have experienced a cut in work hours or loss of a job.

To learn more about The Salvation Army’s programs and services and how you can support our efforts, please visit our website at [www.DoingtheMostGood.org](http://www.DoingtheMostGood.org).

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