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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.

THE SALVATION ARMY RESPONDS TO CATASTROPHIC FLOODING IN COLUMBIA

The Salvation Army was a first responder during last year’s historic flooding and continues to be a key part of the recovery and restoration processes/conversations. Initially, officers, staff, and volunteers served hot meals and cold drinks to people all across devastated areas. They prayed with people who lost nearly everything. They provided clean up kits and other resources to aid in efforts to rebuild lives. And perhaps most importantly they instilled hope and let people know that they were/are not alone. The response began locally but Salvation Army units from outside the Midlands area quickly arrived on the scene to assist in the relief efforts.



A snapshot of Salvation Army services delivered during the flood and post flood days:

Meals - 55,788; Drinks - 51,663; Snacks - 43,389; Mobile Feeding Units (Canteens) - 21 deployed at the peak of response; Emotional & Spiritual Care to individuals - 2,525 (prayer) & 119 (mental health care); Cleanup kits - 2,320; Hours of employee and volunteer service - 489 Employees (4,244 hours); 520 Volunteers (3,792 hours)



52 CHILDREN ATTEND CAMP WALTER JOHNSON

The Salvation Army of the Midlands provided a summer camping experience to 52 local children, ages 6-12, at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton, North Carolina from July 6—11.

The children attended The Salvation Army owned and operated camp free of charge. Donations helped cover the cost of the children attending the camp and generous donors were able to send donations through The Salvation Army’s camp website and by mail.



At the end of the week, one child is selected for the Walter E. Hayden Star Camper Award. The award was created by Ellen T. Hayden, a Salvation Army of the Midlands advisory board member, as a way to honor the life of her late husband Walter E. Hayden and encourage underserved youth in the Midlands. This year’s Walter E. Hayden Star Camper is first-time camper TaKayla Thorington. She was chosen by her peers and camp staff. The following criteria is used for selecting the Walter E. Hayden Star Camper Award: camper must exemplify a cooperative spirit, demonstrate a sense of fairness, be a strong team player, respectful of others. Camper must also exhibit a healthy, willing attitude while being dependable and reliable.



The campers returned to Columbia on Monday July 11 after a 5-day program developed to be a positive environment for children to grow, learn and be encouraged while striving to meet spiritual, social, recreational and educational needs. Since 1974, Camp Walter Johnson has impacted the lives of over 55,000 children throughout North and South Carolina.

LEVERAGING LITERACY YEAR-END CEREMONY



The Leveraging Literacy Free Afterschool Reading Program recently wrapped up for the year with an exciting ceremony at The Salvation Army where 25 students received certificates of completion, books from Richland Library, and sneakers from Innersole. The program meets every weekday when school is in session with a focus on vocabulary, fluency, and reading comprehension to increase student success.

FREE SUMMER DAY CAMP HELD FOR 2ND YEAR



Wacky writing, song time, water sports, corn hole, educational, character, and team building activities filled the daily agenda of Children's Free Summer Day Camp. The camp was offered for four weeks during the month of June. The camp, offered to children in first through fifth grades, focused on the love of Jesus Christ each day while serving healthy lunches and offering lots of fun-filled activities.

"We are proud of what we do here at The Salvation Army for children, families, women, and men in need, and we want the Midlands community to share in that pride. They have supported us throughout the years, and we have supported them. It's truly a great relationship that is more than 100 years old in Columbia and still going strong," said Major Roger Coulson, Regional Coordinator at The Salvation Army of the Midlands.

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YOUR DONATION.....

(Fiscal Year 2015)

- Helped serve 217,836 meals to the homeless
- Helped 3,102 families receive emergency basic needs assistance including rent, utility, water, food boxes
- Helped issue 953 clothing vouchers
- Helped distribute 1,905 hygiene kits
- Helped 3,833 children receive new gifts for Christmas
- Helped 1,724 families receive Christmas assistance
- Helped distribute 1,724 boxes of food to families at Christmas
- Helped 232 children receive new, well-fitting clothes, shoes, and school supplies through the Clothes for Kids program
- Helped 593 children and youth enjoy Salvation Army camp

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Donations are needed to support...

The Leveraging Literacy Afterschool Reading Program:

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

Food Pantry:

- 1,670 families received food boxes last fiscal year. The food pantry is stocked year-round with donor support. Items needed include canned meats and vegetables and other non-perishable goods.



Food donations may be dropped off at The Salvation Army Center for Worship and Service located at 3024 Farrow Rd., Columbia SC 29203.

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.