Volunteer OPPORTUNITIES

It’s that time of year again! The Salvation Army has been busy planning and preparing to ensure that our Christmas programs will be a success this year, but we still need your support to make it happen! We are thankful for everything you have offered us in the past, and we hope that you will be so generous again this holiday season.

**BELL RINGING CAMPAIGN** > Volunteers stand at various stores in the community ringing the bell to collect donations. A great idea for civic clubs or groups! Visit our website, www.wakearmy.org, to sign up online!

*Dates: Friday, November 28–Tuesday, December 24 (Monday-Saturday)*

**STOCKINGS** > 9,000 stockings need to be filled with goodies by December 13. A guideline of items to include can be provided, and stockings can be picked up at 1863 Capital Blvd. during regular office hours.

**ANGEL TREE AT CRABTREE VALLEY MALL, TRIANGLE TOWN CENTER & CARY TOWNE CENTER** > Volunteers log angels that are selected, receive gifts, and answer questions about the program. Visit our website, www.wakearmy.org, to sign up online!

*Dates: November 21–December 13*

**CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION** > December 17–19 and December 22 (Clean up)—Volunteers are needed to assist in every aspect of the distribution day: greeting clients, guiding clients through the process, finding gifts for the clients, directing parking, translating, carrying gifts to cars, restocking toys, etc. Volunteers are also needed at the end of the day to restock and breakdown. On **Friday, December 22** volunteers are needed to help clean up from 9am–4pm.

**ADOPTING ANGELS** > Individual angels can be adopted from Angel Tree locations at Crabtree Valley Mall, Triangle Town Center or Cary Towne Center. Should you or your group be interested in adopting a large quantity of angels or a family, please contact us.

*Help make an impact! Contact Ives Maready, Volunteer & Resource Coordinator, if you’d like more information about any of these opportunities: 919.834.6733 ext. 104 or ives.maready@uss.salvationarmy.org*
The Reason FOR THE SEASON

I know I’m not the first person, when talking about Christmas, to use the phrase “The Reason for the Season”. It’s probably been used often enough to tempt you to read no further. But, I like the phrase, and I have no problem writing a traditional message that one might expect to find in a Salvation Army publication like this. Quite simply, the reason for the season was announced by the Angel of the Lord to the shepherds:

“The angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid! I have good news for you, a message that will fill everyone with joy. Today your Savior, Christ the Lord, was born in David’s city. This is how you will recognize him: You will find an infant wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.” Suddenly, a large army of angels appeared with the angel. They were praising God by saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those who have his good will!” (Luke 2:10-14, GOD’S WORD Translation-GW)

“But, Major,” some will ask, “is that the reason for Red Kettles and Bell Ringers, Angel Trees and Toy Shops? Is that why The Salvation Army has Food Drives and Coat Drives?”

YES!! What better way to celebrate the birth of Jesus than by demonstrating in practical and lavish ways the sheer joy of giving! He gave himself for us. We give of ourselves for others.

Major Pete Costas, Corps Officer

Kettles collected
$339,067.81
in 2013 with nearly
$28,000 given on
Christmas Eve alone
When The Salvation Army moved into its new facility, Judy D. Zelnak Center of Hope, it allowed expansion of several programs, including the Women & Children’s Shelter – going from 34 to 93 beds. So who helps run this program? Well, meet Jeanette Barner, Shelter Manager.

Originally from Raleigh, Jeanette started her journey with The Salvation Army in October of 2013 as a part-time shelter monitor. These hard working staff members are at the facility throughout the day and over night to make sure the families are safe, do their chores, receive personal or hygiene items, and more. After going above and beyond in caring for the families living in the shelter, she now supervises a staff of 15 monitors as the Shelter Manager.

Something you should know about Jeanette is that she is always smiling and always has a kind word. Even on rough days, she finds the good. Her eyes brighten and her smile becomes wide when she shares her favorite part of her job, “I love talking with the families, with the mothers one on one. They have amazing stories – some you wouldn’t believe, some that will put you in tears. It amazes me how much they open up to me.” Part of this is because Jeanette makes an intentional effort to always have her door open. “Sometimes they just need to talk.”

Jeanette and the monitor staff are constantly interacting with the families living in the shelter, as well as the families staying in the Emergency Overnight side. “To be able to say ‘yes, we have a bed for you’ – that is the most important thing,” says Jeanette. She goes on to describe what some of the families are dealing with, “These families are in desperate need. They come here with just the clothes on their backs. Some are escaping domestic violence and are scared or running. Some are beaten. The children are scared and confused. If they can’t get a bed here…they don’t know what will happen.”

When asked what someone could do to assist these families she said, “Donations. Donations of things like deodorant, wash clothes, baby items…that will help our ladies the most. Without them we can’t help. They look to us for everything…from socks and underpants, that’s how serious it is, up to a shoulder to cry on.” She pauses before saying, “You know, before working here – well everyone complains - but when I started working here and began hearing their stories, I was humbled. I tell my monitors, ‘it should humble you.’ Life is real. THIS is real. It makes you realize the tables could turn at any moment, which is why we stress talking and treating the families with respect. They are mothers with children who are going through so much. They deserve respect.”

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The Salvation Army is so grateful for our amazing staff members, like Jeanette. To learn more about the Women & Children’s Shelter, visit us at www.wakearmy.org.
Pictures OF HOPE

Professional photographer, Linda Solomon, provided a photography lesson and empowered the children (ages 6–15) living in the Women & Children’s Shelter to capture photos of their hopes and dreams. The hopes and dreams of the children were transformed into holiday greeting cards! The children now see their dreams as a reality.

Help us, help them by purchasing the greeting cards and sharing this vision of hope during the holiday season with your loved ones.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the sale of the “Pictures of Hope” greeting cards will benefit the many women and children who receive services at The Salvation Army of Wake County.

1 box for $20 or 2 boxes for $30.

For more information or to place an order, please visit: www.wakearmy.org or email info@wakearmy.org.

GET IT FAST

Be the first to hear about our latest campaigns, events and the stories of hope they inspire. Sign up for our E-Newsletter and have our monthly updates delivered directly to your email inbox.

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GIVING COUPON

YES! I would like to help Do The Most Good by making a gift to The Salvation Army of Wake County.

Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

$20 $35 $100 $ __________________

TO MAKE A GIFT BY CREDIT CARD, please call toll free 1-800-SAL-ARMY or visit www.wakearmy.org

We do not rent, sell, or exchange mailing or email lists.

FALL NL
Upcoming EVENTS

Fill The Truck: Walmart has partnered with The Salvation Army to host a nationwide Toy Drive. On November 28–29; December 5–7 & December 12–14, help us to collect toys and fill the truck! Volunteer Shifts: 9am–11am, 11am–1pm, 1pm–3pm, 3pm–5pm. Various Walmarts across the county are participating! To see a complete list of stores where you can drop off a toy or volunteer, visit us online.

Jingle Ball: For over 20 years, Capital City Clauses has hosted the Jingle Ball. Each year this group of young professionals coordinates a fun, spirited event where guests bring a toy of $20 or more as admission. In 2013, they collected over 7,000 new toys for The Salvation Army’s Christmas Program! Join the fun on December 10 at Marbles Kids Museum as a guest or volunteer!

WNCN Stock the Sled: Come see some of your local news anchors at North Hills and help stock the sled with new toys on Friday, December 13. For the third year in a row, WNCN will partner with Capital City Clauses to collect toys for the nearly 9,000 children in The Salvation Army’s Christmas Programs.

WRAL TV5 Coats for the Children Telethon: For the past 26 years, WRAL TV5’s staff and viewers have donated hundreds of thousands of gently used coats to The Salvation Army’s Clothing Program. Last year nearly over 7,000 coats were given away to families in need of warmth and comfort. Pledge to be a shield against the cold this Christmas by participating in the Coats for the Children Telethon on December 13.

Economy EXTERMINATORS

Economy Exterminators has been a long time supporter of The Salvation Army’s Christmas Programs. For years, their company and customers have collected money to help children and families during Christmas. In 2013, their customers donated an amazing $3,565, and Economy Exterminators made a matching gift of $5,000—totaling $8,565!

This Christmas, they are going bigger than ever with the goal of donating $12,000! Economy Exterminators is matching their customers gifts up to $6,000—that means their gifts will be doubled, and that means double the impact: Twice the number of children will have new toys. Twice the number of grateful parents. Twice the number of families experiencing the joy of the season.

The Salvation Army of Wake County is so grateful to Economy Exterminators. Their incredible partnership and commitment to aiding neighbors in need exudes the reason for the season.
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DATES TO REMEMBER

November 28–December 24: Annual Red Kettle Campaign
November 21–December 13: Angel Trees at Crabtree Valley Mall, Triangle Town Center & Cary Towne Center
November 18–30, December 5–7 and 12–14: Fill the Truck
December 10: Jingle Ball Event at Marbles Kids Museum
December 12: WRAL TV5 “Coats for the Children” Telethon
December 12: WNCN Stock the Sled
December 13: Winter Coat Giveaway
December 17–19: Christmas Cheer Distribution

More information can be found online at www.wakearmy.org.