It’s here! This year The Salvation Army is celebrating its 125th year in Wake County. Since 1887, The Salvation Army has been serving the people of this community and meeting the needs of the hurting, homeless and helpless. And throughout the decades, our ministry, as well as our actions, have remained constant: meeting human needs in His name without discrimination.

We have many exciting events planned throughout the year. So we hope you will join us for all — of these, even remember the past, celebrate the present and look forward to the future of The Salvation Army’s presence in this community. Thanks to your support and involvement, the mission will carry on as long as there is a person in need.

Find out how you can get involved in the celebration by visiting our website, www.KeepTheBellRinging.org.

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENTS

March 1 – 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM – The Salvation Army Center

March 10: Community Kettle Drive for Kettles on Parade

March 1 – April 20: Salvation Army Match Challenge — $125,000 for the 125th Year

April – June: Blood Drive at Community Center (Ages 16+)

April – September: Maxwell Players at Raleigh Civic Auditorium

April – May 17: Youth Work at The Salvation Army Church

April 15 – April 21: National Volunteer Week

May 16 – May 20: National Salvation Army Week

May 17: Annual Appreciation & Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Stewards Fund 125TH YEAR CHALLENGE

Help us celebrate our 125th year by giving to The Salvation Army’s 125th Year Stewards Fund Challenge. This year’s chance to double your donated gift in honor of our 125th year! Just match up to $35,000 of donations that you receive.

There are two requirements for your gift to help us meet our goal:

• Your “Stewards Fund Challenge” gift is the first time donation to The Salvation Army of Wake County.

• Your “Stewards Fund Challenge” gift must be more than your current gift to The Salvation Army of Wake County (the difference is then matched).

Consider giving $125, one-dollar for each year The Salvation Army has been in Wake County! Give in person at one of our kettle stations or online at www.KeepTheBellRinging.org — the deadline is April 15th.

Thank you for helping us reach this goal and DO MORE GOOD during our 125th year.
A Letter FROM THE MAJOR

Our Christmas Season at The Salvation Army was crowned with three of the best days of 2014! Our distribution of toys, clothes and stockinette to some 3,000 families was beyond our highest expectations. Each morning I rolled on a step-ladder to address the 100+ volunteers who were present and to have prayer with them, and from those everything flowed flawlessly. We also received these special kettles that I am holding in this community! And that gives us ample cause to celebrate! With a solid foundation upon which to build, we are united about the gifts and development we are taking place in The Army today. We are grateful to God for those who promised the mission of the Army, and for those who faithfully carried it to its growth and development over the years. I am, too… because it is here at this point in time, with this staff and Soldiery, with an overwhelming sense of community that was blessed with God’s grace, power and joy! There were plenty of smiles and often tears of joy as hearts were touched and lives were moulded, and the Spirit of Christ was experienced in a true celebration of Christmas. I think I’ll do it again this year!

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