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**What’s Been Happening**

AT THE ARMY?

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During the week of Easter, volunteers from Cline Design helped the families in the women and children’s shelter celebrate with an Easter egg hunt, face painting and egg dying! The kids were so excited to decorate the eggs and the moms grateful for the chance to spend quality time with their children on a sacred holiday.

As a part of partnership to end homelessness The Salvation Army hosted Project Homeless Connect, an annual resource fair for those experiencing homelessness, at the Center of Hope on April 25. With over 90 vendors and organizations and nearly 400 people in attendance, it was the biggest one to date. Major Pete Costas was named Volunteer of the Year; and Eric Stutts was named Coach of the Year. There was also a special recognition for WRAL-TV News for its efforts to raise awareness for homelessness in Wake County. Check out the 2013 Annual Report at wakearmy.org.

The evening was a little different than previous years. Instead of a reception with hors d’oeuvres, guests were greeted with a gallery exhibit, A Room with a View. Rooms were set up highlighting details you may not have known about six different programs we offer, and gave the viewer the opportunity to see through the eyes of a client — a struggling mom, a 9-year-old boy, and more. This idea of learning things you didn’t know and seeing things from a different view, was the theme for the evening. “A new perspective” echoed all the way down to the centerpieces, which were not the traditional flowers, but rather, necessary items within various Salvation Army programs. Gerald Owens, from local WRAL-TV and the Master of Ceremonies, started the evening by introducing a video telling the stories of five different staff and board members. Awards were given to the top three fundraising Annual Red Kettle rings; National Charity League was given Volunteer of the Year; and Eric Stutts was named Coach of the Year. There was also a special recognition for WRAL-TV News for its efforts to raise awareness for homelessness in Wake County. Check out the 2013 Annual Report at wakearmy.org.

To all of those who attended, as well as to all The Salvation Army volunteers, donors, staff and friends, thank you for your continued support and for seeing us In A New Perspective.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **June 18:** Summer Day Camp at Community Center
- **June 16-August 4:** Summer Basketball (ages 5-13)
- **June 17:** Disaster Volunteer Training
- **June 17 – August 18:** Summer Day Camp at Community Center
- **August – October, Sosice (Ages 4-11)**
- **August 23:** 3rd Annual MOST Amazing Race

**MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT**: www.wakearmy.org.
A Letter from the Major

Summer at The Salvation Army

It was at a Salvation Army Summer Camp in 1968 that I first realized the impact the Bible really has on my life. Sitting on the wooden floor of an old building in Rockford, Illinois, under the instruction of a young Salvation Army lieutenant, our teen Bible class began reevaluating the 13th Chapter of 1st Corinthians — or as Lt. Jim Waller introduced it, ‘The Love Chapter.’ Mentioning love to a group of teenage boys and girls at camp quickly caught our attention, but it also quickly sort our thoughts and formed a list of different ideas for a homework assignment, the end of the class. Lt. Waller added: ‘Building a loving community is a way to write that chapter in our own world, and it’s something we’re learning about in our life.’

I now realize how much more it all means that I’ve been told the kids in the class who had done the assignment. When Lt. Waller asked me to read my testimony in class, I was humbled and honored by the respect and admiration of my fellow campers. My personal application of this very simple thing I had done. And still today, I recall the stunned wonder on Lt. Waller’s face as I tearfully walked up to the podium to share my story.

This summer, The Salvation Army of Wake County will be sending kids to camp and ministering to children in our Summer Day Camp program. We will also be feeding hungry people at our Center of Hope, sheltering women and children who don’t have homes, giving food, clothing and financial assistance to marginalized families, rescuing victims of human trafficking through Project FIGHT, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and helping individuals to grow in six, grace and wisdom, and we’ll be all the more excited to be boys and girls at Camp!

This is the 3rd Annual Summer Race for The Salvation Army of Wake County. This race will be held in downtown Raleigh. Patterned after CBS’s show, The Amazing Race, teams of two will be tasked with physical and mental challenges as they race throughout downtown — including local museums and restaurants. The first-place team will win a cash prize of $2,500!

Each team is required to raise a minimum of $250 to qualify. The top 30 teams to raise the most money by Monday, August 18, will participate in the race. The more funds you raise, the more advantages you’ll receive during the race.

A great added feature to the race will be the Amazing Race Contest. This contest will give teams the chance to win a car! The contest will be held on the day of the race, and it will be open to all campers. The contest will be held after the race and will be announced at the end of the race. The contest will be open to all campers, and it will be held after the race.

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Also, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us at 919-785-1181. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Major Pete Costas, Area Commander

Volunteer Highlight: Laura & the Rosenbrock Family

As the Volunteer Coordinator, I have the pleasure of working with so many amazing people wanting to help the community. This month we’d like to highlight one volunteer couple who have made a pledge to make a difference in our community. Meet Laura Rosenbrock and her husband, Jim.

Laura is a social worker at the Salvation Army and started volunteering here just this past April. We’ve had such an amazing time working with such an amazing person. The experience has been truly inspiring and we’re thankful for the opportunity to get to know her better.

The Rosenbrock family has been volunteering for The Salvation Army for years. They started volunteering when Jim was a child and have been doing so for generations. They have been such a wonderful addition to our team and we appreciate their dedication and commitment to making a difference in our community.

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