Relief from Hurricane Matthew

Since Hurricane Matthew hit North Carolina the weekend of October 3 The Salvation Army’s Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) has been providing food, hydration, and spiritual care to survivors and first responders in North and South Carolina. Within the 2 weeks since the storm hit our 22 canteens (mobile feeding units) served over 100,000 meals, and dedicated 16,721 hours of service to assist these communities.

Within just one afternoon our own team of volunteers and canteen from Wake County served over 1,300 meals in Goldsboro. We are thankful for the volunteers and staff that have assisted in these relief efforts, and our team and volunteers back home in Wake County who are helping with donations and support efforts.

Whether the crisis is a small personal crisis or a large-scale disaster, The Salvation Army is there helping people when they are most vulnerable. We were serving in the community before the storm, and we will be there as long as we are needed. As our emergency response teams transition to providing long term recovery, The Salvation Army will continue to support families affected by the floods and to help rebuild communities. Please keep our teams in your prayers as they travel, as well as the families affected by the hurricane, and our first responders helping rebuild these communities.

Financial donations are needed so we can continue serving those who need us the most. 100% of your donations to disasters go directly to the impacted areas.

How You Can Help

The best way to help after a disaster is to make a financial donation to the charity of your choice. Monetary contributions also support local economies and ensure that businesses can operate when relief supplies diminish. 100% of donations do go directly to the Hurricane Matthew relief efforts.

Online: http://give.salvationarmyusa.org/hurricane_matthew
By Mail: The Salvation Army, PO BOX 1959 Atlanta, GA 30301. Please designate ‘Hurricane Matthew’ on all checks.
By Phone: 1-800-SAL-ARMY (1-800-725-2769)
By Text: Text STORM to 51555 to receive a donation link for easy mobile giving.

For the latest updates or for more information on Emergency Disaster Services visit www.disaster.salvationarmyusa.org
**Upcoming Events**

**Toy & Clothing Drive**
Throughout Wake County friends and supporters of The Salvation Army help our Christmas Cheer program by hosting clothing and toy drives to support the families in our Christmas Cheer Program to receive brand new clothes, toys, and a stocking for Christmas morning. Hosting a drive and collecting new clothing and toys supports angels who are not adopted helps ensure a special holiday for all the children in our program.

**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 that supports our Christmas Cheer Program. This year they ask participants to purchase a ticket for $30. Tickets purchased in advance will replace a toy as a means of entry, which was past years’ admission. In addition to your ticket, toys are welcome but not required. In 2015, Jingle Ball collected 8,922 new toys for our Christmas programs. This year’s event is on December 7, at the Natural Science Museum.

**WNCN Stock the Sled**
Come see some of your local news anchors at the Brier Creek Walmart and help stock the sled with new toys on Friday, December 9. For the fifth year in a row, WNCN will partner with Capital City Clauses to collect toys for the 6,600 children in our Christmas Cheer Program.

**WRAL TV5 Coats for the Children Telethon**
For the past 28 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 3,000 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 9 or donating gently used coats to your local First Citizen’s Bank and Jiffy Lube locations.

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**RED KETTLE REASON**

For many people seeing the red kettles and ringers are a true sign that the Christmas season has arrived. The money you raise brings hope to thousands of less fortunate families right there in Wake County. The kettles are a beautiful reminder that when our community comes together each giving spare change or a dollar it can make a huge impact.

**Help us make CHANGE in our community and be a BELL RINGER this HOLIDAY SEASON.**

“Singing and ringing is not only a yearly tradition, but it helps instill values. Giving back is fun!” ~ Tracey Todd

“Ringing the Bells for The Salvation Army at Christmas is so rewarding and something that I want to make a part of my Christmas traditions.”
~ Susie Putnam

“I love ringing the bell and look forward to it each year – I actually sing Xmas Carols the entire time I am ringing the bell & it’s wonderful!” ~ Patrick Sheehan

“It’s a 3 generation family tradition started by my grandfather, Sam Futrell, in Monroe, Louisiana and continued by my parents in Dallas, Texas. Ringing the bell helps me support those who need help most while connecting me to family who are no longer here to ring the bell themselves.” ~ Kathy Wendell

Start a new tradition with your family and friends by signing up for a shift on our website www.wakearmy.org.

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#RedKettleReason
In 2005, my wife, two young daughters’ and I moved to Raleigh to be closer to my siblings and father, who were already living in the area. Although Thanksgiving was always a big event for the Fleishman family, as my two sisters and brother’s families grew, so did the importance and size of our Thanksgiving Day gathering. It was no longer just a family dinner, but an entire day filled with stories, laughter and fun.

My first year back in Raleigh, my sisters and I decided to donate to a charity in lieu of giving gifts to each other for the holidays. My eldest sister has always believed in the worthiness of The Salvation Army so we chose that as the charity we would support. Together, we decided to donate food for Thanksgiving timeframe as our contribution.

That year, we purchased random food items, unsure of exactly what was needed, but knowing what we felt was important to make the donation during the Thanksgiving timeframe.

As my daughters, who were 9 years old and 5 years old at the time, and I were on our way to bring the food, I decided to stop and purchase 5 turkeys to donate. When we arrived at The Salvation Army, I overheard a man say that they were 5 turkeys short. Ironically, this was being said just as we were walking up to him with our 5 extra turkeys in hand. Knowing that we had helped provide the missing piece for those five families was an overwhelming feeling. A feeling, which led me to know that this was not just a one-time thing, it was to be a family tradition.

The following year I contacted The Salvation Army to get a better understanding of the Thanksgiving Day Basket Program. I was provided a list of items that were needed, which is the same shopping list we still use today, in addition to the extras items we provide to make the meal as special as possible.

The next year, my youngest daughter’s Indian Princess Tribe decided to participate and we provided 20 Thanksgiving Baskets that year. In year 5, my sisters and I provided food for 80 baskets. In year 6, when I made my annual phone call to find out actually how many baskets were needed for us to own the day of the basket giveaway, I was told 100. So, that was the amount that I committed to. Last year, with the help of family and friends, we provided over 120 Thanksgiving baskets and an additional $2,500 worth of food for The Salvation Army pantry. We worked hard to make sure to donate items to the pantry that are needed, but not normally donated, such as breakfast foods and snacks for children who live in the shelter and take food to school. This year, we are committed to over 130 Thanksgiving Day Baskets and are looking forward to exceeding the amount of money we raised last year for the pantry.

The Salvation Army has helped me to instill in my girls, one of the most important values that I have always tried to teach them. That while we may have hard times in our own lives, there is always something we can do to help others.

During the years of our working with the Salvation Army, this value has been shown to my girls first hand. As we worked to improve other people’s lives, my immediate family was facing its own struggles. My wife and children’s mother was fighting an addiction that ultimately tore our family apart, caused her untimely passing and left me as a single dad. While all this was occurring though, supporting The Salvation Army Thanksgiving Basket program always reminded us to be thankful for what we have and help those who are less fortunate. Giving is truly so much more rewarding than receiving. We are looking forward too many more years of supporting the Salvation Army and our community.

Thank you Ed, and your family & friends for your support of our Thanksgiving Basket program. Because of you so many families are able to have a special meal at home with their loved ones.
A LETTER FROM THE MAJOR:
SEASONS OF CHANGE

Fall is one of my favorite times of the year, especially in the mountains of North Carolina. Connie and I like to annually venture on the Blue Ridge Parkways; always in awe at the variegated foliage of God’s magnificent creation. With the temperature changing, the once green lush mountain trees, burst into a kaleidoscope of colors because of that first cold snap. So, with camera in hand we capture these once a year works of divine artistry. Then almost overnight the trees become barren, marking the end of another year, waiting for the spring and a new beginning.

What is it about a simple change in weather that can bring out this same beauty in God’s people? Well, it wasn’t a cold snap, but a surprising tropical hurricane; Matthew swept across our beautiful state and causing tremendous damage, leaving flooded communities and tens of thousands of families without power for days on end. The response to this challenge of change is more beautiful than any mountain side of fall foliage. Victims became volunteers, serving with tears in their eyes, helping one another with food, shelter, and heartfelt hugs of compassion.

Seasons of change are sometimes very challenging, and the Apostle Paul reminds us to “Not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9). This scripture reminds us to never give up. No matter how long, strenuous and painstaking the road or trials are in our lives, there is always a new season ahead, a season of new beginnings. Every day we can make the decision to begin again. We can adopt a positive mindset to overcome, conquer, and live triumphantly (Romans 8:37). All beginnings must eventually come to an end so a new beginning, a new season, can commence. Each subtle change we implement towards living a more positive life will eventually take root and manifest itself into our days, weeks, months and years. The trust factor is a must for this to occur without hindrance. Do we really trust Him in these seasons of change? Commissioner Stanley Ditmer reminds us:

I’m in His hands; I’m in His hand. Whater the future holds, I’m in His hands.
The days I cannot see, have all been planned for me, His way is best you see, I’m in His hands.

For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Where are you in the seasons of change? You are not alone! Hallelujah!

God Bless,
Major Stephen Long
Area Commander

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Holiday Volunteer Opportunities

The Holidays have arrived and The Salvation Army is busy planning and preparing to be sure everyone in our community has a joyous Christmas. We need your help to be sure this year is another success. We are blessed to have caring and generous volunteers and supporters, and we hope that you will join with us again this year to support those who need us most!

Bell Ringing Campaign
Volunteers participate at various stores in our community ringing the bell and collecting donations that will support all of our programs. This is a great opportunity for civic clubs, families, and groups of all ages. Visit our website, [www.wakearmy.org](http://www.wakearmy.org), to sign up online. Dates: Friday, Nov. 25 through Saturday, Dec. 24 (Monday–Saturday)

Stockings
Over 6,000 Stockings need to be filled with goodies for boys and girls 0-11 years old. Stockings can be picked up now and we ask them to be returned by Dec 13. A guideline of items to include can be provided, and stockings can be picked up at 1863 Capital Blvd during regular office hours.

Staff the Angel Tree
Staff the Angel Tree at Crabtree Valley Mall, Triangle Town Center & Cary Towne Mall. Volunteers answer questions about the program, help donors pick out angels to adopt, and receive donated gifts. Visit our website, [www.wakearmy.org](http://www.wakearmy.org), to sign up online! Dates: Nov. 11 through Dec. 12

Christmas Distribution
As families come to our Christmas Center to receive gifts for their children, we need volunteers to help parents pick out toys, restock tables, organize toys, and more! On Thursday, Dec 22, volunteers are needed to help clean up from 9am-4pm. Dates: Dec. 19, 20, 21 & Dec. 22 (clean up)

Adopting Angels
Individual angels can be adopted from Angel Tree locations at Crabtree Valley Mall, Triangle Town Center or Cary Towne Mall. Angels can also be adopted online by visiting our website [www.wakearmy.org](http://www.wakearmy.org). Should you or your group be interested in adopting a large quantity of angels or a family staying in our shelter, please contact us. We ask that gifts be returned by Dec 13. To adopt a family in our shelter reach out to our Angel Tree Coordinator, Jesscia Chadic, jessica.chadic@uss.salvationarmy.org.

Looking for other ways to give back?
Gift cards are a great way for us to provide gifts for the families in our shelter or in our Christmas Cheer Program. Any amount is welcome. They can be mailed or dropped off at the Center of Hope, located at 1863 Capital Blvd!

Contact Margaux Austin, Volunteer & Resource Coordinator, for more information: 919-834-6733 ext. 104 or margaux.austin@uss.salvationarmy.org
DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 25–Dec. 24: Annual Red Kettle Campaign

Nov. 11–Dec. 12: Angel Trees at Crabtree Valley Mall, Triangle Town Center & Cary Towne Mall

Dec. 3: Winter Coat Giveaway

Dec. 7: Jingle Ball

Dec. 9: WNCN Stock the Sled

Dec. 9: WRAL TV5 “Coats for the Children” Telethon

Dec. 13: Deadline for all toy donations

Dec. 19–21: Christmas Cheer Distribution

Jan. 7: Coat Sorting Day

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