



Majors Stan and Deborah Colbert

Keeping Cool in Stokes and Yadkin Counties



Top: Clients View Duke Energy presentation



Right: The Salvation Army Social Services Team

Thankful

The heat of summer is upon us and our thoughts have turned to cookouts and beach trips, baseball games, golf courses, and weekend picnics. I'd like to take a moment to thank you for all that you have done so far this year to help The Salvation Army of Greater Winston-Salem keep Doing The Most Good.

We are thankful for the many churches and organizations who have invited us to share our message and mission. Centenary United Methodist, St. Paul's Episcopal, and River Oaks have all been gracious hosts. First Presbyterian allowed us to hold a shredding event in their parking lot. We are grateful to all. We are thankful to all the parents who have entrusted their children to our care at our Boys & Girls Clubs Summer Camps. We know your kids are having a great time in a safe, secure, caring, Christian environment. We are especially thankful for all who attended the Hands and Hearts of Women Luncheon to benefit the Center of Hope Family Residence. What a magnificent day that was as hundreds joined the fight against family homelessness!

We have so much to be thankful for! Yet we also know there is so much work still to be done. For, as Salvation Army founder William Booth said, "While women weep, as they do now, I'll fight. While little children go hungry, as they do now, I'll fight... While there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I'll fight. I'll fight to the very end!"

Right now, here in Winston-Salem, in Forsyth, Yadkin, Davie, and Stokes counties, little children are hungry. Mothers and fathers are unsure of how they will feed their families. Your help now will be the lifeline that these families need.

In 2017, we provided over 185,000 meals and more than 5,400 food boxes to men, women, mothers, fathers, and children who otherwise would have gone hungry. Join the fight for good. Join the fight against hunger.

May God bless you and may you have a joyful summer.

Major Stan Colbert
Winston-Salem Area Command

The Salvation Army partnered this May with Duke Energy to hold Energy Fairs in Yadkin and Stokes Counties. Each fair gave those who attended the opportunity to have a portion of their Duke Energy utility bills paid with funds from grants provided to The Salvation Army by Duke Energy. Attendees were also given window unit air conditioners and fans to help keep cool in the summer heat and home energy efficiency kits to help keep utility bills down year round. In addition, representatives from Duke Energy conducted seminars throughout each day, giving tips on conserving energy in order to reduce utility bills.

The two fairs were able to pay electric bills for 134 clients and give away 100 air conditioners, 100 fans, and 200 home energy efficiency kits. Many thanks to our partners in Stokes County, especially City of King Mayor Jack Warren and King City Manager Homer T. Dearmin for their invaluable help, and in Yadkin County, the Department of Social Services and the Yadkin County Commission. ●



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A stunning Success



The Inaugural Hands and Hearts of Women Luncheon to benefit The Salvation Army Center of Hope Family Residence

"...homeless is not hopeless."

Jemmise Bowen
Shelter Manager

On a warm spring Tuesday in May, hundreds of area women committed to fighting the scourge of family homelessness joined together at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Winston-Salem for the inaugural Hands and Hearts of Women Luncheon to benefit The Salvation Army Center of Hope Family Residence. The Center

of Hope is the only family emergency homeless shelter in Forsyth County. It provides a safe refuge for single mothers, single fathers, couples with children, and single women. The Center of Hope gives these families in need the tools they need to return to stability and self-sufficiency. As speaker Marcia Christopher, a former shelter resident

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"It Was the Best Experience of my Life"

If this were an internet story, it would open like this: "Kristie came in to The Salvation Army to make a cash donation. You won't believe what happened next!"

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Robin Stone and Capt. Lacy Parrish of The Salvation Army



Top: Jemmis Bowen
Bottom: Kay Donahue, Co-chair



Lucy Paynter, Advisory Board Member, The Salvation Army

Success continued...

and mother of four said, "The Salvation Army gave me the stepping stone so I could take the next step myself." In a whisper she concluded, "I thank God for The Salvation Army." Ms. Christopher's inspiring story of tragedy turned to joy moved many in the audience to tears.

But the Center of Hope depends on the support of people like the women who filled St. Paul's Colhoun Room on that Tuesday in May, raising over \$160,000 to fund critical needs of families in crisis. There are far too many people, businesses, and organizations to whom we are deeply grateful to list here. But let us mention the co-chairs of the luncheon, Kay Donahue and Jane Poe. They, along with an extraordinary group of women who made up the event committee, organized and executed the luncheon and made it a stunning success. Many

thanks also to Talitha Vickers from WXII 12 News for her wonderful work as Emcee of the luncheon.

Shelter Manager Jemmise Bowen spoke eloquently about her first day working at the Center of Hope where, at dinner, she "kept looking for the homeless people," before realizing that they were all around her and looked just like anyone else. She reminded the attendees that families "come to the Center of Hope in pieces, and we help them put those pieces back together," and that, "homeless is not hopeless."

The Center of Hope Family Residence gives hope to families who have nowhere else to go. Your support keeps this vital ministry alive. Your support provides that hope. To learn more or to arrange a tour call Robin Pardella, at 336-245-2083.

Experience continued...

"They had resources for you."

Because when Kristie came in she met Community Outreach Liaison Robin Pardella and Robin asked why she was there. That's when Kristie told us her story.

Kristie didn't need help from anyone. She had a job and a home for herself and her five children. She was like you or me. Then she lost her job and, not wanting to accept help, soon lost her home. She found another job but still had no place for her family. Then she found her way to The Salvation Army Center of Hope. There Kristie and her family found a place where she could live in an environment where "whatever you needed, they had it for you. They had resources for you. And they didn't make you feel like you were worth less than other people."

"I really appreciated The Salvation Army Center of Hope. They took us to church, we ate good food, they got my children to school. I will never forget it. I was so blessed. That's why I know now that Jesus loves us and he has people who have good hearts to help other people."

Kristie has her own home now and works as a CNA at an assisted living facility in the Winston-Salem area. She says, "If I bring my money here I know what it will do. I know firsthand that you will do right by what I have. I don't have a lot but what I have I'm going to give you. I believe the Lord is shining on this place. You have helped me and my family and I want to give back."

Looking back, Kristie says The Salvation Army Center of Hope was, "the best experience in my life." ●

Partners and Mentors Polish The Career & Life Skills Boot Camp

As it entered its 26th year, The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs Career Skills program took on a new name and a more focused mission. 2018 welcomed the Career & Life Skills Boot Camp. Under the direction of Boys & Girls Club Advisory Council Chair Yvette Griffin, the Career & Life Skills Boot Camp continued the past quarter century's tradition of providing the fundamental skills and tools that students can rely upon as they grow into adulthood and enter college or the work force.

New this year was the pairing of each participating student with a mentor to assist and support the student through the thirteen week program. The addition of this one-to-one partnership among students and mentors had a dramatic effect on engagement and

performance of the students and greatly enhanced the effectiveness of the program.

A generous grant from the Reynolds American Right Decisions Right Now Program allowed the expansion of Career Skills this year and provided for four scholarships for students. In addition, two Jane Poe Scholarships, named in honor of the long time board member and one of the founders of Career Skills, were awarded. Scholarship winners were Chandler Cooper, Teya Cooper, Jayden Hall-Ingram, Zakaria Melton, Mariam Niang, and James Taylor III. The Salvation Army is deeply indebted to Yvette Griffin and all the volunteer mentors who made this year's Career and Life Skills Boot Camp a resounding success. ●



Scholarship winner Zakaria Melton with Yvette Griffin

An Historic Day for The Salvation Army In Kernersville



On Wednesday, May 23, history was made at The Salvation Army Kernersville Corps with the installation of the Corps' first ever Advisory Council. Area Commander Major Stan Colbert explained the decision to form an Advisory Council dedicated to serving the Kernersville community, "It is no secret that Kernersville is growing at a rapid pace and is now much more than a bedroom community for Winston-Salem and Greensboro. Numerous conversations with civic and community leaders led to the conclusion that The Salvation Army needs to establish a much larger presence in order to better serve multiple needs. Under the leadership of Corps Officers Majors Syung Young and Hae Young Lee, prospective Advisory Council members have been identified and invited to serve. We are gratified to see the positive response from those we have approached and are excited to begin this expanded role in serving human need in the Kernersville area."

The Kernersville Corps was founded in 2006 to serve the Korean community of the Triad and has grown to serve the entire community, wherever need may be found.

Salvation Army North and South Carolina Divisional General Secretary Major Todd Hawks officiated at the installation. Major Colbert delivered the devotional and invocation and Major Lee spoke on the history of the Kernersville Corps and the growth of its service to the Kernersville Community. That growth has accelerated in the last year with this past Christmas seeing the first ever Angel Tree Christmas gift distribution in Kernersville.

The Kernersville Corps Advisory Council will provide advice, support, and key influence with external constituencies to further the goals and objectives of The Salvation Army in pursuit of its mission.

The Salvation Army Kernersville Corp Advisory Council Members

- Kevin Bugg, Chair
- Chris Thompson
- Rishado Robinson
- Ashley Sweet
- Lisa May
- Nathan Tabor
- Joe Pinnix
- Duane Long
- Noelle Salley
- Jim Fradenburg
- Chris Comer
- Danny Jefferson
- Joey Miller
- James Stewart