Welcome to 2021! We wanted to thank you for this past Christmas Season. In a year where we faced some unprecedented challenges, you still showed up for families in need! You helped us ‘Rescue Christmas’ for many families and community members in need. The Angels you adopted, the bells you rang, the time you gave to help others, embody The Salvation Army mission.

More than 35% of the money we raised at the Red Kettle Campaign this year was due to the efforts of our extraordinary volunteers, a total of over $40,000! 2,220 children received gifts through the Angel Tree program!

Your gift of your precious time made a real difference in the lives of the people we serve. Please pray for The Salvation Army, and always remember you are the Army Behind The Army. Thank you and may God Bless you.

Champions Go Above and Beyond the Call

“"You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I’m telling you why—Santa Claus is coming to…” the Center of Hope?

We know Santa Claus as the jolly old Elf who delivers presents to children on Christmas. At The Salvation Army Center of Hope homeless shelter for families – Father Christmas was our Shelter Manager Julius Walker. In December, Julius (Santa) oversaw the work of many elves from St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church, and G3 Church who provided a Christmas tree, clothing, and toys for every family at the Center of Hope. Santa Julius packed everything in large bags for each family for delivery on Christmas Eve.

Santa Julius had a surprise on December 23 when a single Mother with two boys ages 4 and 10 and a beautiful baby girl 8 months old had nowhere to go at Christmas. Julius welcomed them into the shelter, making sure they had clean bedding, towels, toiletries, diapers, and a warm meal and assured Mom that her children would have a good Christmas. Santa Julius rallied his elves (staff) to go shopping and wrap presents for the new family. As night fell on Christmas Eve a powerful storm wreaked havoc on our community delaying Santa Julius from jumping in his sleigh (okay, SUV) until 1:00am on Christmas Day. He quietly placed a bag full of toys and clothes at each family’s door. The next morning the hallway rang with squeals, laughter, and the voices of children shouting, “Santa was here” as they tore open their presents.

This season Julius Walker was Father Christmas but every day he goes above and beyond for every Mother, Father, and child at the Center of Hope. He works selflessly with great patience providing loving care and protection for every family. He is our CHAMPION!
Sophia Loren said; “There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age.”

Before the CiVIC Senior Center opened on New Walkertown Road, the majority of our members stayed indoors all day watching the talents of others on television. This Christmas our seniors decided to show the world their talents. On December 22, our members performed in their very first “Seniors Got Talent” Show.
Acts included dancing, bell ringing, drumming and singing. The show was a success and their joy for the season was contagious.

Major Wiley Gets His Christmas Wish

“My wish is that on Christmas morning, children across this area will have joy and excitement in their homes, that maybe they have not had for 8 or 10 months. To know that the children in our homeless shelter will wake up on Christmas morning and there will be gifts! That is my JOY.”

Major Andrew Wiley

- Over 2,200 children in Forsyth, Stokes, Davie and Yadkin Counties woke up on Christmas morning with Angel Tree gifts thanks to the generosity of our communities and dedication of The Salvation Army.

- Every Mother, Father and child in the Center of Hope shelter woke up Christmas morning with toys and clothes.

Save The Date!

Hands and Hearts
All Mission Event
May 13, 2021
More information to come!

Want to learn more or meet our Area Commander?
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Thank you for helping us
Rescue Christmas!

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