The Need Never Stopped...
Thanks To You, Our Doors Never Closed.

For 155 years, The Salvation Army has been a pioneering force in the world and for 113 years, the local Winston Salem Area Command has put the needs of people—all ages, races, religions and incomes—at the forefront of our mission. The Founder of The Salvation Army, General William Booth, once sent a telegram to officers around the world to remind them of the main focus of their work. The telegram contained only one word—"others." That single word captured the foundation for the entire organization.

As a special friend of The Salvation Army and a member of the William Booth Society, your gifts are transforming our community and building better lives for families and individuals. Allow us to share some of the lives that have been transformed.

Arriving in Fear, Leaving with Faith

46 years old, a veteran and working mother of five, Sonya Miller and her family found themselves in fear and without a home. Thanks to you there is a safe refuge for families like hers. Once basic needs like shelter and food are met, we partner with the family on creating a sustainable household by addressing the cause of their homelessness and connecting with resources like work and school transportation, after school care, clothing, health care, and counseling—and for Mrs. Miller—Veteran Services. Mrs. Miller was able to work and save, her children completed online school, and soon they found a new home. You put your faith in us to “Do The Most Good” and we share that faith with others so they do not have to live in fear.

Seniors Are Back

Senior citizens are most vulnerable to COVID-19 and sheltering in place became the new normal. For our Senior CiVIC Center this meant that our members would forgo weekly physical activities like chair volleyball and yoga, field trips to local attractions, and social engagement with their member friends. To alleviate their isolation and loneliness, we began home visits delivering food, necessary items, and spiritual support. At the senior’s urgent request, we reopened the center for activities of 10 or less like bingo (that’s charter member Vernita ready to play!) and yoga complete with masks and social distancing. After giving so much of themselves for their families and communities, now it’s time for them to “age in place gracefully.”
Most of the families we serve live in food deserts, and during the coronavirus lockdown, traveling to the closest grocery store became even more difficult. What do you do in that situation? You call The Salvation Army. For the past several months, our disaster canteen has delivered prepared meals and food boxes directly to residents in vulnerable neighborhoods including offering emotional and spiritual care. During this outreach, we would receive desperate pleas for other needed items which we would deliver the next day. We dedicate ourselves to serve anyone in need; but we only meet those needs because you supply the financial support to secure solutions. Without you, we can do nothing.

Fighting Hunger

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, 8 families have moved from our shelter into permanent housing, 9,815 meals have been fed, and 5259 food boxes have been distributed.

Meet our new Area Commanders

Majors Andrew and Hazel Wiley come to the Greater Winston-Salem Area Command from our Territorial Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, where they have been serving for the last few years. They look forward to the opportunity to meet you, either virtually or in person!

May God bless you and keep you safe always!