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OUR MISSION

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Dear Friends,

For 155 years, The Salvation Army has been engaged in a battle to alleviate human need in communities around the world. The Army's founder, William Booth, started out with a burning desire to bring men and women to Christ. Booth soon realized that survival was the first priority of people struggling to meet their basic needs, and to reach their souls he had to first ensure they had food, shelter, and clothing.

Those needs, among others, still exist today. The fight is ongoing, and thanks to your support in 2019, The Salvation Army in the Carolinas continues to provide comfort, care, and compassion wherever and whenever needed.

In the pages of this annual report, you will read about people who were overwhelmed by their circumstances. But you'll also read how your support has helped them overcome.

Thank you for joining us in this fight.

God Bless,

The Salvation Army of Lee County



TRACI

The only thing that Traci knew for sure was that she had to leave. There were no other options. She quickly packed up her belongings, got in her car, and drove away, leaving behind her home, her dogs, and her abusive relationship.

"I'm just broken. My life feels broken, but I know it will get back together again. I want it to. But I thought I was doing the right thing before by leaving an abusive situation. And that is when everything fell apart for me." Traci was fortunate enough to be able to continue working and this gave her a sense of normalcy. Trying to survive on her own, though, was a major adjustment. Despite her best efforts, she soon realized her salary wasn't enough to cover her rent and Traci became homeless. She lived in her car, sleeping in the parking lot of a local department store.

"But I kept up with my job. I just got up and went to work every day. Went to bed when dark came. Got myself up and got myself ready at the hospital. I would go into one of the bathrooms, lock myself in and get myself dressed. I had all my belongings in the car; clothes, scrubs, hygiene stuff, and I would just get myself ready for work. I would just walk out of the hospital like a normal person."

Traci was determined and resourceful. She tried to make the best of the situation she found herself in. Each obstacle was a problem that could be solved. So, when paying for much needed car repairs left no money for food, she arrived on the steps of The Salvation Army.

"I came into The Salvation Army and they opened their doors to me. They told me they were here for me, if I needed food or if I needed clothing."

The Salvation Army was able to help her find a room to rent, and helped with food and clothing whenever they were needed.

"I just want to be normal and The Salvation Army helps you to be normal, to feel normal. The talks that they give you. The prayers that they give you when needed. All that really helped. I just thank God for The Salvation Army because where would I be without them? Where would I be?"

Tracy doesn't have a home to call her own yet. She continues to work hard, determined to save as much as possible. She regularly stops into The Salvation Army for prayer with her caseworker which inspires her to keep going.

"Now I know what it's like for people that are homeless, people that are without. We're people, loving people. We just need a little helping hand sometimes."

EXPENSES

\$918,370



MANAGEMENT & GENERAL \$215,203



\$658,844



FUNDRAISING \$44,323



GOVERNMENT & FUNDING AGENCIES \$21,417



SPECIAL EVENTS & OTHER REVENUE \$37,303

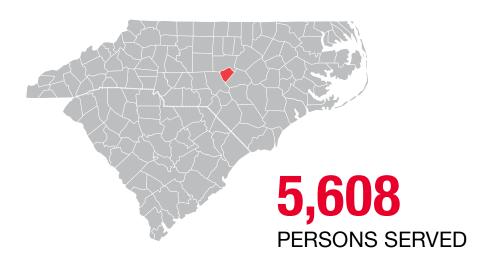


FAMILY STORE \$299,396



DONATIONS \$593,606

REVENUE \$951,722



SERVING LEE COUNTY



TOTAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

55

PROJECT CATCH FAMILIES SERVED

16

JOBS FOR LIFE & GED GRADUATES

973

CHRISTMAS JOY CHILDREN SERVED



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FAMILY STORE

305 S Steele Street, 27330 919-776-2769

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FOOD ASSISTANCE

The Salvation Army of Lee County provides emergency food assistance for individuals and families in the local community.



3,441

The number of individuals and families that received food assistance during 2019.

To find out how you can support The Salvation Army of Lee County, please visit:

leearmy.org



