While raising children can be one of life’s most rewarding experiences, any parent can tell you that it is also hard work. Parents are truly on duty 24 hours each day, 7 days per week, especially when their children are young. When you add economic and social stressors to the equation, being a parent can be overwhelming.

At The Salvation Army, we have developed a broad variety of programs and services designed to support Syracuse area children and their families. We understand the value of affordable, quality care for children, not only so our youngsters can get a good start in life, but also so parents can pursue the education and training necessary for economic independence.

Salina Infant Center, Cab Horse Commons Day Care Center and our School Age Day Care Center provide a continuum of licensed, quality day care that begins at 6 weeks of age and continues through age 12. Thanks to grants and generous community support, The Salvation Army is able to offer these high quality services to families from a wide variety of economic circumstances. The School Age Center is open on school holidays, snow days and during summer vacation, so working parents always have a safe place to bring their children.

Alexis, a young mother who drops off her two sons at Cab Horse each morning around 7:30 a.m., is typical of the hard working parents we see. She shares, “I am currently going to OCC to get my nursing degree while working full time in retail. My parents are supportive, but they can’t watch my sons because they both work full time. I am so thankful to have a place like The Salvation Army where I know my boys are in good hands. I feel like they are being well prepared for school and are also making great friends. When I pick them up after work or school, they are always smiling and want to tell me about what they did that day.”

In addition to our on-site day care centers, The Salvation Army runs The Children’s Center at Onondaga County Courthouse, a drop-in child care center that provides supervision in a warm and supportive environment for children whose families must be in court. The Salvation Army also collaborates with the Say Yes To Education After School Program, providing tutoring and talent enrichment services for more than 700 students each year at Huntington, Le Moyne and Porter Schools in the Syracuse City School District.

The Salvation Army’s Day Care Services are interwoven with other programs in a way that provides mutual support. Salina Infant Center, for example, provides convenient, affordable child care for the two dozen young, homeless mothers who live with us in our Transitional Apartments and Parenting Center. The availability and accessibility of Salina Infant Center is a crucial resource for these young mothers as they work to finish high school and pursue college or vocational training. Another example of program collaboration is the intergenerational activities that pair up Senior Center participants with children from our School Age Program.

Over the last year, more than 1,700 local children have benefited from The Salvation Army’s Day Care Centers, After School Programs and Summer Camp

The Salvation Army’s Long Point Camp

For more than 50 years, The Salvation Army has been sending local children to Long Point Camp on Seneca Lake. Situated on 138 pristine acres, the camp gives inner city youth the opportunity to explore nature, participate in a wide variety of character building activities and make memories that will last a lifetime.

This summer features two separate weeks for Syracuse area youth. On July 15, approximately eighty smiling children (6-12 years old) will board buses at our downtown location to spend six days and five nights at Long Point. Exactly one month later, about one dozen 13-18 year-olds will do the same. While there, these children will enjoy swimming, hiking, a ropes course, basketball, volleyball, arts and crafts, campfire circles, outdoor camping and plentiful opportunities for fellowship.

Over the years, we have heard from many former campers, now adults, who describe Long Point as one of the most significant experiences of their childhood. James, who attended Long Point in the 1990s, states, “Going to camp made me realize the world was much bigger than my neighborhood. It allowed me to dream of new opportunities. I think of Long Point often, especially as I raise my own children and teach them to appreciate nature and the world around them.”

Generous contributions allow us to offer camp scholarships to low income families. If you would like to sponsor a child, please call 479-1321.
As we continue our 130th Anniversary celebration, The Salvation Army is shining a spotlight on some of the incredible contributions of our passionate volunteers. Volunteers have been integral to the work of The Salvation Army since its inception. Over the decades, hundreds of thousands of individuals have committed their time, energy and talents to helping others in our community. It is especially gratifying to me when I see young people step up to support our work, because it reminds me that The Salvation Army will continue to make a difference for many generations to come. In this issue, we pay tribute to Mike Kelly, who brings incredible passion and commitment to his volunteer work at The Salvation Army. Thanks to all of you who contribute your time and talents to helping others!

**Mike Kelly - Passion and Commitment Personified**

Mike Kelly, an account executive at CXtec, was recently recognized by 40 Under Forty for his professional accomplishments and his commitment to our community. We feel very fortunate that Mike has chosen to donate his time and his talents as a Salvation Army volunteer and founding member of our Young Leaders Advisory Council.

Mike has been involved with the Syracuse Area Salvation Army since 2006, but his family’s history with The Army covers four generations. Mike’s great grandparents were Salvation Army officers in England. His maternal grandparents were officers here in the states, as were his parents. Growing up around The Salvation Army helped Mike develop his deep faith and his passion for helping others.

In 2009, Mike proposed an idea that became our Turn-Around Jumpers 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, now in its fourth year. A ball player himself, Mike sought to combine his love of basketball with his desire to improve lives in our community. Joining forces with our staff, fellow Young Leaders and a variety of community volunteers, Mike has helped grow Turn-Around Jumpers into a premier community event. Last year, nearly 500 players participated, with more than $38,000 being raised for our programs and services. In addition, Mike and other Salvation Army supporters have worked hard to secure scholarship funds so that children from low-income neighborhoods can participate in the tournament.

Mike also gives back to the community by coaching youth basketball through his church, Northside Baptist in Liverpool. He is a strong believer in the value of sports in teaching children to work with others and in building their self esteem.

We truly appreciate the contributions that Mike and all of our volunteers make to The Salvation Army. Thank you, Mike, for the passion and commitment you bring to helping others in our community!
The first National Salvation Army Week was declared by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the United States Congress in 1954 to honor The Salvation Army’s support of U.S. Troops during wartime, as well as for the assistance provided to families here at home. In Syracuse, we take time during this week to thank our many supporters and dedicated volunteers, and to raise awareness about the programs and services we offer each day to thousands of local families. If you do not receive a personal call or visit from us during National Salvation Army Week, please know that your contributions are always appreciated.

Special thanks to Tops Friendly Markets and Ted and Amy from 93Q for spotlighting our work during National Salvation Army Week.

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