The Salvation Army’s Preventive Services Program
Helping Children and Strengthening Families in our Community

At The Salvation Army, you are able to visit programs like our Food Pantry, Homeless Shelters, Day Care Centers and Senior Center. Other programs are far less visible, but equally valuable to the well being of our community.

One example is our Preventive Services Program, a partnership with Onondaga County to provide support to families with children who are at risk of being placed in foster care. Our Preventive Services team helps parents or caregivers, who are facing seemingly insurmountable obstacles, to provide for their children's needs.

Preventive Services is one of many Child & Family Services provided by The Salvation Army that makes a measurable difference in the lives of local children each and every day. In fact, 98% of children served by this program are able to remain with their families while our team works with them. The story below provides a real life example of the impact made by our compassionate and talented Preventive Services team.

Joey’s Story

Joey is five years old. His early childhood was chaotic, with a mother who came in and out of his life, often abruptly, and a father with whom he had very little contact. Just before his fourth birthday, Joey’s mother dropped him off with his father and said she would be back in a few hours. She never returned. Joey ended up with his paternal grandmother, Miranda, whom had cared for him during his mother’s previous (shorter) absences. Months later, the family discovered that Joey’s mother had been arrested in Las Vegas and would most likely be spending several years in jail.

When Joey realized his mother wasn't returning, his behavior became erratic and he did not want to be separated from his grandmother. Miranda struggled to help Joey as his tantrums increased and he became aggressive toward other children in his preschool. Miranda’s stress level reached a breaking point when Joey's preschool informed her that Joey was no longer welcome there due to his behavior. She was receiving no support from Joey’s father, and her husband had some health issues that put a drain on the family's resources. She knew that she could not afford to stay home with Joey and that he couldn't be in a day care program with his aggressive behavior. Miranda turned to Onondaga County, which referred her to The Salvation Army’s Preventive Services Program.

A Preventive Services team member, Kathy, was assigned to Miranda. Kathy visited Miranda’s home and developed a plan to get Joey into a subsidized day care program. This plan involved a gradual transition for Joey, with Miranda staying with him the first day, then gradually working up to full days on his own. Kathy also referred Miranda, Joey and Joey’s father to a family therapy program so they could work together to develop bonding and secure attachments, helping Joey cope with his abandonment issues and supporting Joey’s father to be involved in his son’s life.

Within six months, Joey’s behavior had stabilized and he was doing well in day care. Miranda reported that she often had a hard time getting him to leave the day care center, because Joey enjoyed being with his friends. The family therapy sessions continued for several months, with Miranda and Joey’s father working on their relationship and figuring out how to parent and support Joey. When Miranda finished with Preventive Services in August, Joey had celebrated his fifth birthday and was preparing to attend kindergarten.

In early October, Miranda contacted Kathy to report that Joey was having no behavioral problems and was doing wonderfully in kindergarten. Joey’s relationship with his father was beginning to blossom, taking some pressure off Miranda as the primary caregiver.

While not all cases go as well as Joey’s, the 14 members of our Preventive Services Team are out in the community each day, working to make sure that children and families have the help and needed resources to reach their full potential. The work can be difficult, but the rewards are incredible, especially when we get to see children like Joey blossom and thrive.

Please Note: The names and photos used in this story have been changed to protect the confidentiality of the family involved.

The Preventive Services Program is a partnership with Onondaga County. We are grateful for the County’s support and dedication to the welfare of children. We are also thankful for the support of the United Way of Central New York, which funds Preventive Services and 11 other Salvation Army Programs that provide life changing services to local residents.

Preventive Services is also supported by individual donations from generous donors in our community. If you would like to support this program, please consider making a contribution today.
Ministering to Needs in our Community

by Captain John Luby, Area Coordinator

I believe that one of the main reasons we’ve been able to make a difference in this community for 130 years is our ability to integrate our mission into everything we do. The Salvation Army is both a church and a social service agency, and our officers are ordained ministers, but our passion for ministering is shared by the 250+ employees and thousands of volunteers who come together in the Syracuse area each year “to meet human needs in His name without discrimination” (from The Salvation Army’s International Mission Statement). While many of us draw great inspiration from Jesus Christ and the Christian tradition, we are an organization of many faiths, drawn together by a common bond of compassion and a desire to make a difference in the lives of those around us.

With the holiday season upon us, I am reminded how blessed we are to live in such a generous community. This newsletter is full of examples of individuals and groups who have ministered to the needs of others. The Salvation Army provides us with a vehicle through which we can get involved and make a difference. The ministry itself is performed by individuals like you and me, who, individually and collectively, have made a commitment to help others with whatever tools we have at our disposal. We come from many different backgrounds and have many different skills, but we are all born with the wonderful gift of being able to help those in need.

Ministry is not a one way street. Those of us who provide support to others are often beneficiaries of life changing ministry. I, for one, would not be here today if it weren’t for the love and support I received from other Salvation Army officers and employees during a time in my life when I was broken and needed help to become whole again. Being vulnerable during a time of need allows others to share their compassion and gifts with you, and it allows you to experience the healing power of love.

Please know how much we appreciate all that you do to support The Salvation Army’s mission. It is a privilege and an honor to serve this community alongside such compassionate and committed individuals. May you and your family experience God’s blessings as you share time together with those you love during this holiday season.
Please join us to make the holidays brighter for individuals and families in our community.

Get Involved!

VOLUNTEER: 479-3668

BELL RINGING: RegisterToRing.com

FOOD, TOY & MINI RED KETTLE DRIVES: 479-1321

ONLINE RED KETTLES: onlineredkettle.org/SalArmySyr

MORE INFORMATION: sasyr.org

From infants to seniors, The Salvation Army is able to make a difference in the lives of more than 41,000 individuals in our community each year, thanks to the incredible support we receive from individuals, companies and community groups. During the holiday season, we utilize thousands of volunteers who serve others in a variety of capacities. Below are some ways you can join our Army of Hope to Make Change Happen in our community.

• Ring bells at one of our 30+ red kettle locations
• Sponsor a food or toy drive at your workplace or church
• Host a mini red kettle in your place of business
• Set up your own online red kettle
• Adopt a Salvation Army program
• Conduct an Angel Tree Gift Campaign
• Volunteer for Christmas Bureau Distribution

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Make Change Happen.

Salvation Army Turkey Drive

Please join our community partners to help us provide turkeys for 2,700 families at Christmas Bureau Distribution. For each $15 donated, G&C Foods will contribute one turkey to the drive (up to 1,000 turkeys). Please mail the attached form in the enclosed envelope with your Turkey Drive donation or contribute online at sasyr.org or by using the QR code below. Turkey Drive Donations may also be made at area Tim Hortons locations during the holiday season. Thank you!

Yes, I would like to provide _______ turkey(s) for local families on December 23rd at Christmas Bureau Distribution.

For each $15 you contribute, G&C Foods will donate one turkey to this year’s Turkey Drive, doubling the impact of your gift.

(The average cost per turkey is $15. Please fill out your name, address, and payment information on the enclosed envelope and mail with this form.)
Gifts That Give Twice
(Gifts recorded from August 10 to October 23, 2013) Those who make Memorial or Tribute Gifts to The Salvation Army have chosen a meaningful, tangible way to demonstrate how much they care about someone while also helping the people we serve. These gifts may be sent to the Development Office at 677 South Salina St., Syracuse, NY 13202.

Memorials

IN MEMORY OF
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DORIS BARRY
Ms. Doreen E. Todorov

JIM GIFFORD
Mr. Mary A. Davery

JANET SCHRAMM
Ms. Helen Regazzi

MATTHEW PRUGO
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Deng

BRIAN KENT
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JIM GIFFORD
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BARBARA LEFOND
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis H. Deng

JESSE RODGERS
Mr. Betty N. Heffer

INDIRA M. SHAH
Mr. Mansab S. Shah

Your Lasting Touch

Each year, we receive calls from friends who want to include The Salvation Army in their will and also want that gift to specifically support programs in the greater Syracuse area. To achieve that goal, the following exact wording should be used:

I bequeath to The Salvation Army Syracuse Area with offices at 677 South Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13202, to be used solely and in its entirety for the ongoing programs and services provided by The Salvation Army Syracuse Area Services, the following:

Charitable Giving through IRAs

Tax Law Changes December 31, 2013

A special opportunity to give to The Salvation Army through your IRA will expire on December 31, 2013. H.R.8, the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, included an extension of the IRA Charitable Rollover provision that lapsed on December 31, 2011. Specifically, the new law reinstates the $100,000 IRA charitable “rollover” provision through 2013.

You make take advantage of these provisions if:

• Your age is 70 or older at the time of your gift;
• Your total IRA gifts to all charities do not exceed $100,000; and
• Your gift is an outright gift. Planned gifts do not qualify.

Who should consider this?

Individuals who care about the good work of The Salvation Army and those who do not need the additional income from their IRA.

For more information, please contact your IRA administrator or John P. Gleason, Director for Gift Planning, at 888-434-1391 or John.Gleason@use.SalvationArmy.org

The material presented above is not offered as legal or tax advice.

We are very excited to welcome Jane Amico to our Advisory Board. Ms. Amico serves as Vice President of Chamber Services at CenterState CEO, where she is the principal advocate for the growth and success of CenterState CEO’s small and medium sized member businesses throughout the 12 county CenterState region. Ms. Amico will be a great addition to our team.

Thank you to The Salvation Army’s Women’s Shelter

O’Yoga owner Tiffany O. Susko (3rd from left) presents check to Salvation Army staff members (left to right), Marjorie Cooley, Devon Cain and Liddy Hintz.

Benefit Event Raises $4,217

for The Salvation Army’s Women’s Shelter

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