With support from United Way of Central New York, The Salvation Army is partnering with Boys & Girls Clubs and Catholic Charities to serve vulnerable and at-risk youth, 6-19 years of age, and their families, in the city’s near east and near west sides.

The Partnership for Youth and Family Intervention provides a comprehensive and integrated network of youth development programming and family strengthening services for the youth served by Syracuse Boys and Girls Clubs, on East Fayette and Shonnard Streets, as well as Catholic Charities’ Vincent House.

The partnership offers after school programs and services designed to help youth succeed in school, graduate, pursue higher education or receive training to enter the 21st century workforce. The programs provide supplementary academic support and a safe, positive and engaging learning environment, bolstering social and emotional development that are critical to academic success.

In addition, the programs offer local youth greater access to activities that promote their physical and mental well-being and provide a safe place to be after school. With a majority of Syracuse children living in poverty, the partnership is committed to providing opportunities for youth to overcome the barriers they face due to socio-economic factors and exposure to a high incidence of crime and gang activity in the neighborhoods where they live.

The Salvation Army’s Role

Through Barnabas Center and other youth programs, The Salvation Army has a long history of providing case management and support services to Syracuse area children and teens. The Partnership for Youth and Family Intervention allows us to make a difference in the lives of even more children, by working with Boys & Girls Clubs and Catholic Charities staff members to identify needs and provide early intervention for at-risk youth who attend after school programs.

One example of a child who is benefitting from this collaboration is Serena, a 13-year-old girl from Syracuse’s near west side. Serena and her younger sister have attended after school programs in their neighborhood for several years. After a good start in school last fall, Serena really struggled with her homework and grades as the school year came to an end. Normally bubbly and outgoing, Serena became withdrawn and sad. Her attendance at summer programs was sporadic.

Thanks to the Partnership for Youth and Family Intervention, Serena is now connected with a case manager from The Salvation Army, who is assessing her needs and providing support as the new school year begins. Our case manager has learned that Serena and her sister are being raised by a single mother with mental health issues, who was hospitalized for several weeks last spring, resulting in an unstable living situation for Serena and her sister.

As the older sibling, Serena feels responsible for taking care of her little sister, but she has not received much emotional support herself as she has struggled with the unpredictability of her home life. Having a case manager as an advocate and listening ear has already given Serena a more positive outlook and hope that her life can improve.

During United Way’s recent allocation process, the Partnership for Youth and Family Intervention was awarded our single largest grant. We are encouraged by the collaboration among these three agencies, because it makes efficient use of donated dollars to help local youth and families, while avoiding duplication of services.

Frank Lazarski, President
United Way of Central New York

This school year, in addition to providing emotional support, our case manager will explore various ways in which she can help Serena stabilize her life and succeed in school. She will set up a meeting with school personnel to make sure they are aware of Serena’s family situation and to request academic and emotional support for Serena and her sister. Our case manager will also reach out to support Serena’s mother by making sure she is aware of the various community resources available to her as a parent, as well as for her mental health needs. Finally, she will explore other family relationships for possible sources of support for Serena and her sister.

The Partnership for Youth and Family Intervention will offer hope to many children like Serena and her sister, as caring and committed staff members from Boys & Girls Clubs, Catholic Charities and The Salvation Army, with support from United Way of Central New York, work together to improve lives.

Please note: The names and photos used in this story have been changed to protect the confidentiality of those we serve.

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Celebrating the Lives & Contributions of Dick Kelley & Bob Knauff

The Salvation Army’s Syracuse Area Advisory Board recently lost two long time members, Dick Kelley and Bob Knauff. Dick and Bob were both very passionate about our mission and generously contributed their time, energy and expertise to help those in need.

Dick Kelley joined our Advisory Board in 1980. Over the years, his expertise as a real estate appraiser was invaluable to our Property Committee, as The Salvation Army made decisions about where to locate and house various programs. During his tenure, he also served as Board Vice President and on the Strategic Planning, Nominations and Christmas Bureau committees.

Dick was passionate about helping others and was often first in line to volunteer, sporting one of his signature bow ties. He was drawn to The Salvation Army by the tangible results he witnessed in the lives of those we serve, especially individuals overcoming substance abuse issues. Dick was driven by results and helped us develop strategic plans to utilize our resources to achieve successful outcomes for the most possible people.

One of Dick’s proudest moments occurred in 2001 when he became a Life Member of our Advisory Board, a national distinction shared by The Salvation Army’s most dedicated volunteers.

In addition to his contributions to The Salvation Army, Dick expressed his deep faith through church involvement, as a communicant of St. Francis Xavier Church in Marcellus, and later, as a communicant of St. Joseph’s Church in Camillus.

Bob Knauff joined our Advisory Board in 1996. He was instrumental in building a wonderful partnership that endures today between The Salvation Army and the 174th Attack Wing (NY Air National Guard), which provides volunteers and logistical support for Christmas Bureau Distribution.

For several years, Bob served as chair of the Christmas Bureau Committee. As The Salvation Army took on more responsibility for food and toy drives, Bob dramatically improved our operational logistics at The Oncenter. Drop Off Day is one of the fruits of his leadership, utilizing the 174th’s personnel and vehicles to pick up food and toys from school and corporate drives.

In recent years, Bob contributed his talents as part of our Strategic Planning and Red Shield Committees. In addition, he volunteered to serve as the board liaison for our partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Syracuse, helping that organization stabilize its finances and build a healthy future.

What many of us will remember about Bob is his warm smile and genuine interest in others. We will miss Bob’s quiet, but effective, leadership and his thoughtful, strategic approach to solving problems.

While we mourn the loss of two amazing members of our Salvation Army family, we know that their contributions will live on each day in the work that we do.

The Salvation Army, Syracuse University, CXtec and TERACAI are joining forces on Saturday, October 11 to collect food and monetary donations from fans as they enter the Carrier Dome for SU’s game against defending national champions Florida State. Dome Donation Day has provided thousands of local families with food and other services for more than three decades.

Food donation barrels will be placed around the outside of the Carrier Dome and on the Quad so that SU fans can easily drop off food before taking their seats. Salvation Army Red Kettles will also be placed around the Dome to collect financial donations. Volunteers from CXtec, TERACAI and Syracuse University will be enthusiastically welcoming your donations and handing out special Dome Day pom poms.

Dome Day would not be possible without the dedication of Pete Sala and the staff of the Carrier Dome. We also appreciate the support of Delaney Moving and Storage, who provides transportation for our food barrels.

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The Salvation Army honors individuals and organizations in our community who share our vision of encouraging and empowering those in need to reach their full potential.

On Tuesday, October 7, please join us at The Oncenter as we present our Community Team Spirit Award to the Jim & Juli Boeheim Foundation.

The Salvation Army and the Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation share a commitment to improving the lives of young people in Central New York. Foundation sponsored programs like Courts 4 Kids and Sneakers 4 Kids have made a difference in poor communities by allowing children to participate in healthy athletic activities.

Coach Boeheim has also been an active supporter of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Syracuse, an organization that works closely with The Salvation Army to provide support, guidance and healthy activities for children from economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Each year, our Civic Celebration Luncheon brings together nearly 600 community members who share our commitment to improving lives in Central New York. Those who attend are treated to a delicious lunch, some time to mingle with friends and colleagues and an opportunity to learn more about the impact made by The Salvation Army in our community.

Please come a few minutes early so you can bid on some exciting items at our Silent Auction.

Special Guest Speaker: Derrick Coleman

Derrick Coleman (DC) is one of the all-time SU Basketball greats, playing under Coach Boeheim from 1986-1990. During Coleman’s time at SU, the men’s basketball team had 113 wins and only 31 losses, making one appearance in the NCAA Final Four. DC was the #1 pick in the 1990 draft and enjoyed a 15-year pro basketball career.

Coleman has been very active with youth in his hometown of Detroit, running a summer basketball league and supporting many philanthropic efforts to help underprivileged children.

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Local Crossfit Community Supports The Salvation Army

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