The Salvation Army was recently selected by New York State as one of two state sites to pilot a new Department of Health initiative, the Nursing Home to Independent Living Project or “Pathways to Independence.” Through this initiative, The Salvation Army is providing community-based solutions to seniors, and to individuals with disabilities, who have been placed in nursing homes, but can live safely at home with a coordination of housing assistance, health services and family involvement. An Advisory Council comprised of local hospitals, long-term care facilities, home care agencies, and nursing homes provide major support to the program by identifying potential candidates.

While the program is still in its early stages, it is already experiencing some successful outcomes. Ray, a 77-year-old former Camillus resident, lost his leg after an injury and subsequent infection. Following a lengthy hospital stay, he was admitted to Van Duyn Nursing Home for rehabilitation. Because of his long recovery process, Ray lost his apartment and became a resident at Van Duyn. When Pathways to Independence was launched, he became one of the program’s first clients. With help from The Salvation Army and its community partners, Ray is now living in handicapped accessible, subsidized housing near his son in Camillus. He is “thrilled to be home” and eager to return to the outdoors and hunting this fall.

Like Ray, many seniors face major surgeries with extensive rehabilitation or various health challenges associated with aging. Most of these seniors would choose to remain in their homes, in their familiar neighborhood and with family nearby. However, due to extenuating circumstances, many seniors are placed in nursing homes even though they may not be suffering from health issues that require nursing home level health care.

Amina, who is 76, fell and broke an ankle in her second-floor apartment. After rehabilitation, her family needed to find a different place for Amina to live. The family turned to The Salvation Army’s Pathways to Independence program to help coordinate health services that allowed Amina to live independently in her own apartment. Amina is surrounded by a caring family who were very grateful for The Salvation Army’s help. She’s “happy to be home and be able to cook her own meals!”

Through the Pathways to Independence program, individuals like Ray and Amina can continue to live in their own homes, rather than ending up in a nursing home. In addition to coordinating housing and home health care services, The Salvation Army is able to help clients with security deposits and any additional services they may need. “We want to keep our seniors in neighborhoods that are familiar to them and nearby to family members,” says Lori Sherry, Program Manager for Pathways to Independence. “So far, we’ve received more than 40 referrals to the program, and we are very encouraged by the community’s response.”

An additional benefit to keeping seniors and people with disabilities in their own homes is the reduction in Medicaid expenses for these individuals. It is estimated that $40,000 will be saved for each person enrolled in the Pathways to Independence program. The Salvation Army is very proud to be able to offer this program as part of its comprehensive approach to improving the lives of local seniors.

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- Lori Sherry, Program Manager
The Salvation Army, Syracuse University, CXtec, TERACAI, and the Boy Scouts are joining forces on Saturday, October 24 to collect food and monetary donations from fans as they enter the Carrier Dome for SU’s game against Pitt. Dome Donation Day has provided thousands of local families with food and other services for more than three decades.

Food donation carts 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, Syracuse University and the Boy Scouts will collect your donations and hand out special Dome Day pom poms.

In addition, Tops Friendly Markets and the Boy Scouts will be supporting local families by collecting non-perishable food items at all area stores during the week leading up to Dome Day.

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

Each Thursday in August, Wegmans Executive Chef Bob Langkammerer and Sous Chef Trainee Paul Lane visited The Syracuse Salvation Army’s downtown center to teach cooking skills to a variety of individuals from our programs. Wegmans Culinary Academy offered a series of four 2-hour courses designed to give those we serve, including homeless and at-risk youth, the opportunity to learn basic cooking skills, as well as information about food safety and nutrition. Fifteen individuals participated in these classes, which also provided information about employment opportunities in the food service industry.

“This is a great opportunity for Wegmans to combine our business of cooking with our community efforts. The ability to assist those in need by teaching them cooking techniques for healthy meal options is exactly the type of thing we like to do,” said Wegmans Community Relations Director Evelyn Carter.

The Salvation Army is grateful to Wegmans for supporting those we serve and looks forward to future collaborations of this type.
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The Salvation Army Welcomes Majors Dorine and Ronald Foreman to CNY

Majors Dorine and Ronald Foreman have been named the new leaders for The Salvation Army’s Empire State Division, which covers all of upstate New York. The Foremans spent the last four years at The Salvation Army Eastern Territory’s College for Officer Training, where Major Ronald served as Training Principal and Major Dorine as Assistant Training Principal for Spiritual Formation.

“As we are both trained social workers, we’re focused on the social services that the Army provides that help people improve their lives, serving the public and keeping faith with our donors,” said Major Ronald.

The Foremans have been Salvation Army officers and ministers for 37 years. Major Ronald is a originally from Philadelphia. He received a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology from the University of New Hampshire and obtained his Master’s degree in Social Work from Adelphi University. He also earned an Executive Juris Doctorate degree from Concord Law School in California. Major Dorine is a native of Pottsville, PA. She also attended Adelphi University earning both a Bachelor and Master’s degree in Social Work.

The Foremans have three adult children and five grandchildren.

The Salvation Army Pays Tribute to Longtime Senior Services Director Linda McNally

In June, The Salvation Army lost one of our most passionate and dedicated advocates, Linda McNally, who died unexpectedly after a brief illness. Linda served as our Director of Senior Services for ten years, working tirelessly to ensure that older members of our community remained healthy and independent as long as possible.

To honor Linda’s work and legacy, The Salvation Army is transforming an old ceramics room into a multi-purpose space to better serve the nearly 100 seniors who visit our center each day. This newly renovated program area was a dream of Linda’s. The room will be handicapped accessible, with adjustable chairs and tables, to meet the needs of our diverse senior population. It will include a kitchenette and will be designed to maximize participation in health and wellness activities, along with art and education.

We invite you to join us in honoring Linda’s work and vision by making a memorial gift to help us create this wonderful new space that will help us meet the continuing needs of our senior center members. Please call (315) 434-1370 to make a gift in Linda McNally’s memory. Thank you!
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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.

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On August 24th, CrossFit Syracuse hosted its third annual Beat the Streets fundraising event for The Salvation Army’s Barnabas Center for Youth. Nearly $3,000 was raised to support local teens!

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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:

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