The Salvation Army provides support and guidance for thousands of young people each year through a wide variety of programs. In January of 2002, State Street Apartments became part of our continuum of services, providing structured housing and mental health care management for homeless young adults, 16-26 years old, with diagnosed mental illness. Over the last 10 years, State Street has provided a safe and loving home for hundreds of vulnerable young adults while helping them to become healthy, happy and productive members of our community.

State Street is home to six young adults, three male and three female, in two separate apartments. Residents are encouraged to be as independent as possible by managing their own budgets, shopping, cooking and cleaning, as well as furthering their education and job skills.

State Street’s Director, Nicole Semmens, has been with the program since its first year. Nicole shares that, “Many residential programs for people with mental illness can seem very institutional, more like hospitals than homes. When I arrived at State Street Apartments, I was determined to create a program that conveyed feelings of care and warmth. We've put a lot of personal touches into State Street, including the type of furniture we use and the artwork and decorations that were created by the residents themselves.”

State Street’s style of management and operation is just as unique as its personalized physical design. All staff members are currently trained in the Nurtured Heart Approach (NHA), a powerful set of strategies designed to help young people consciously embody their inner “greatness” and overcome labels and stigmas that have developed as a result of past behaviors and diagnoses. NHA relentlessly energizes positivity and de-energizes negativity, focusing on present rather than past behaviors. While residents of State Street are held accountable, negative reinforcement has been virtually eliminated, creating an environment that is nurturing and full of hope.

The value of State Street Apartments is apparent in the success stories that have emerged from this program. These successes include:

- **William**, a young man from a troubled background who learned the value of self discipline while at State Street and is now serving our country with a successful military career.
- **Desiree**, who worked hard at learning how to manage the difficulties of her mental illness. Years later, she is the proud mother of two young boys and volunteers as a guest speaker for The Salvation Army.
- **Anthony**, whose improved communications skills helped him to reconnect with his estranged family, turning an adversarial relationship with his parents into one of respect and support.

(To learn more about the Nurtured Heart Approach, visit difficultchild.com)

Like all programs at The Salvation Army, State Street Apartments depends on your continued support to help provide the resources necessary to do the most good for the most people in need. As State Street begins its second decade, please help us reach out to young adults who have fallen through the cracks. To donate or volunteer your time, call 479-1321 or 479-3668. Thank you!
National Salvation Army Week
(May 14–19, 2012)

by Major George Polarek, Area Coordinator–CEO

During his presidency, Dwight D. Eisenhower stated, “Among Americans, The Salvation Army has long been a symbol of wholehearted dedication to the cause of brotherhood. In time of war, the men and women of this organization have brought to those serving their country far from home, friendship and warm concern. In the quieter days of peace, their work has been a constant reminder to us all that each of us is neighbor and kin to all Americans, giving freely of themselves, the men and women of The Salvation Army have won the respect of all.”

The first National Salvation Army Week was declared by President Eisenhower and the United States Congress in 1954. Here in Syracuse, we use this week each year to raise awareness about our programs and services and to thank our community of supporters. With your generous help, we’ve been able to lend a hand to more than 40,000 people over the last year through our food pantry, homeless shelters, day care centers, youth programs, senior center and many other services that improve the lives of our friends and neighbors in Onondaga County. Thank you for helping us do the most possible good for the greatest number of people.

Finally, I want to send out a special thanks to Tops Friendly Markets and Ted and Amy from 93Q, who are helping us during this special week to raise awareness about The Salvation Army. We remain “Partners in Service”!

Volunteer Spotlight
The 2012 ‘Can-Do’ Award Winners

At The Salvation Army, we are thankful to the thousands of volunteers who donate their time and talents to make life better for those we serve. Each May, we recognize several individuals and groups who, through their volunteer service, have made a big difference in the lives of others. This year’s ‘Can-Do’ Award winners are:

Abundant Life Christian Center’s New Directions Outreach Team - We are thankful to The New Directions Outreach Team, led by Andrea Macie, Hayley McKenna and Pastor Tanglea Smith, for attending to the physical, emotional, social, professional and spiritual needs of the young mothers and children at our Teen Apartments and Parenting Center (TAPC). New Directions has helped to connect these young women with mentors from the Abundant Life community.

Cynthia Hatcher - For two decades, Cynthia has been a compassionate and caring advocate for the youth at Booth House, both as an employee and volunteer. Since her 2009 retirement, Cynthia has donated countless hours to cover shifts, prepare for holiday celebrations and help with whatever is needed at Booth House.

Andrea Moore - Andrea is a Salvation Army employee by day and a professional singer by night and weekends. For many years, she has graciously volunteered her beautiful voice to perform at a wide variety of Salvation Army events, including our Civic Celebration Luncheon, Salvation Army Night at the Syracuse Chiefs game and the Old Newsboys Luncheon.

Alecia Pringle - Alecia is a fourth-grader at Le Moyne Elementary School who participates in our Say Yes To Education After-School Program. In addition to keeping up with her own class work, Alecia dedicates 20 minutes each day to helping a first-grade student from the Congo with homework and English skills.

Diane Tedesco - Diane is a resident of Cazenovia who started a project called Bags of Hope for the runaway and homeless youth at Booth House. Diane and her family work with churches, schools and other community groups to gather items for these bags, such as journals, blankets, toiletries, stuffed animals and inspirational books. All children who stay at Booth House receive a Bag of Hope, which provides comfort during a very stressful time in their lives.

The “UPS Guys” - For many years, during the holiday season, retired UPS employees Dick Hollington and Bob Salvetti have delivered barrels to more than 50 CNY schools participating in our holiday food campaign. Additionally, they have helped organize other UPS retirees to distribute collection boxes for our Christmas Bureau Toy Drives and to collect the toys when the drives are completed.

If you would like to join our Can-Do Award winners as a Salvation Army volunteer, please call 479-3668.

Kids Care Scan Campaign
May 6 - July 7 at Wegmans

Thank you for donating generously when you pay for your groceries.

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Making Change Happen

by Linda M. Wright, ACSW
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The Red Kettle is the most enduring symbol of The Salvation Army. These Kettles, spread throughout our community during the holiday season, give each of us the opportunity to “make change happen.” When combined together, small contributions create hope for those we serve, providing food and shelter for homeless families, affordable child care for the working poor, a place to call home for area seniors and a safe haven for runaway teens.

While the Red Kettles are only out in November and December, we are reminded daily that need knows no season. That is why we ask you to help us “make change happen” throughout the year. At The Salvation Army, there are literally hundreds of ways to contribute, including tutoring in our after school program, stocking shelves in our food pantry, mentoring a teen mother or creating a flower garden at Booth House. In addition, the spirit of the Red Kettles is present throughout the year, meaning that each small donation we receive makes a huge difference when combined with hundreds of other similar contributions.

“Making change happen” isn’t about what you do or how much you give. It’s about the miracle that occurs when each of us do our part to make sure that everyone in our community experiences the love and compassion they deserve, no matter what obstacles they face. We thank all of you who are already “making change happen” and invite you to get (more) involved in whatever way works best for you.

June 8-10, 2012
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Henninger Athletic Center at Le Moyne College

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July 7-12, 2012
Ages 6-12 (as of 7/1/12)
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Save the Date:
October 2, 2012
Civic Celebration Luncheon
Nicholas J. Pirro Convention Center at Oncenter
Noon-1:30 p.m.

The Salvation Army will present Community Team Spirit Awards to:
Kathy Ruscitto, President, St. Joseph’s Hospital
Dr. Fred Pestello, on behalf of Le Moyne College
Kathy Ruscitto, President, St. Joseph’s Hospital

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