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IT'S THE ECONOMY



Tough economic times call for tough business decisions. Job loss, foreclosures and inflation mean that more people are coming to us for help. Because our donors are also feeling the pinch, our resources are strained, too.

The Salvation Army is known around the world for doing the most good with whatever resources we are given, and Greater Columbus is no exception. Although it's difficult to trim the fat from an exceptionally lean organization, here at our local headquarters, we are adjusting staffing to save money. We must serve those in need today but we also must remain fiscally sound for in the long-term. Finding a balance can be challenging, but we are striving to do just that.

As always, our dedicated staff and Officers work hard and work smart to fit as much service into a work-day as possible. And our large network of volunteers allows us to provide much broader services than we could without them. Thank you to all who support our work! 🇺🇸

Majors Frank and Bonnie Kirk

Youth Services

NEW PLAYGROUND FOR EAST MAIN

Thanks to Leadership Columbus volunteers, The Salvation Army's East Main Street location is home to a new "portable playground." The parking lot at the East Main building has enough room for children to play outside, but with cars moving through, it hasn't been a safe area. In addition, enough equipment for all the children in many age ranges was too expensive, and in danger of being stolen if left outdoors. Leadership Columbus, one of the top five ranked community leadership programs in the country, provides state of the art education and training for emerging and existing leaders in the Columbus area. This year's leadership class chose The Salvation Army as one of its group projects, and have coordinated and funded the playground project.



Captain Yuri Harrington and Karen Blickley work on a hopscotch pattern.

"It provides a safe haven for the community kids," says Captain Yuri Harrington, commander of the East Main Corps. The playground will be used for corps programs, summer programs, as well as an After School Learning Center at the location.

Rather than trying to install permanent play structures, which would eliminate parking that is sometimes needed for large events, the group has painted hopscotch, four square, basketball courts and more on the parking lot, purchased removable barriers to keep the

children safe, and secured equipment such as kick balls, tetherball, a parachute, tricycles and more. The group also spent a morning at East Main, cleaning and organizing a room for the new equipment to be stored in, when not in use, to keep it secure.

"This is one of the neediest neighborhoods in Columbus," says Karen Blickley, one of the Leadership Columbus class members.

Member Robin Olshavsky said the project was chosen in part because, "We all have respect for The Salvation Army." 🇺🇸



Four square and a basketball court are among the games painted in bright colors on the East Main Parking Lot, now named the "Friendground," a name chosen by one of the children.

SALVATION ARMY SUNDAY SERVICES

The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church, welcomes all to its worship services. Below is a schedule of Sunday services at our neighborhood corps. For more information on corps activities and events, visit our Web site at www.SalvationArmyColumbus.org

Citadel

Captains Michael and Debra Laro
3976 Karl Rd.
Columbus, OH 43224
614.262.9611

Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.
Nursery available for children 4 and under
Youth Sunday Service 11:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.
All Ages

East Main Worship and Service Center

Captains Yuri & Lisa-Marie Harrington
966 East Main St.
Columbus, OH 43205
614.253.6811

Sunday Services and Activities:
Breakfast Club 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School All Ages & Membership Classes 10:30 a.m.
Holiness Meeting 11:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service

West Mound Worship and Service Center

Captains Patricia and Scott Harvey
2300 West Mound St.
Columbus, OH 43204
614.274.7600

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Junior Church and Nursery available
Sunday School All Ages 10 a.m.

Chapel at Worthington Woods Worship and Service Center

Captains Gordon and Karen Sparks and Captain Edwin Velez
760 Worthington Woods Blvd.
Worthington, OH 43085
614.846.1884

Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Nursery available
Sunday School All Ages 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Hispanic Worship 6 p.m.
Call for dates 614.307.1644

Human Trafficking

STAFF MEMBER HONORED



Tiana Brown

By Tiana Brown's work. Because of her work here on our fledging Human Trafficking program, she was recognized by the College of Social Work as a top intern in her class and received a special plaque at her graduation this spring acknowledging the honor.

"Clearly she has created something that is very lasting," said Michelle Hannan, Social Services Coordinator for The Salvation Army in Greater Columbus.

When Tiana began her internship in the

Tiana Brown, a student in The Ohio State University College of Social Work, came to The Salvation Army to supplement her education with a real-world internship. It turned out it was The Salvation Army who was supplemented

summer of 2007, Columbus had just been selected by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Rescue and Restore Campaign as one of eight cities across the country to develop a coalition to combat human trafficking. Since then, Tiana has been the key organizer for the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition. She has recruited members, built relationships and encouraged member involvement. Through Tiana's leadership, the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition has grown to a diverse group of over 50 members, representing social services, immigrant and refugee providers, medical providers, the faith community, law enforcement and other concerned citizens. The coalition works to raise awareness about the issue of human trafficking and prepare social services, medical personnel and law enforcement to recognize human trafficking, rescue victims and bring traffickers to justice. 📌

NEW FACES



Steve Zonars

Steve's business experience.

Steve Zonars, General Manager of ThisWeek Community Newspapers & On Target Marketing/TheBAG, has joined the Advisory Board of The Salvation Army in Greater Columbus. We are pleased to have the benefit of

The Advisory Board is made up of prominent members of the community who share guidance, leadership and resources. To view our entire board and learn more about its members, visit the About Us section at www.SalvationArmyColumbus.org. 📌

Captains Gordon & Karen Sparks have been assigned to replace the temporary Officers currently managing the Chapel at Worthington Woods, a vibrant location with a gymnasium and a host of local programs. Captain Edwin Velez will stay on at that location, where he provides Hispanic ministries and assists with the management of the center. The Sparks were previously assigned to the Literary Department of the headquarters for the Eastern Territory. 📌

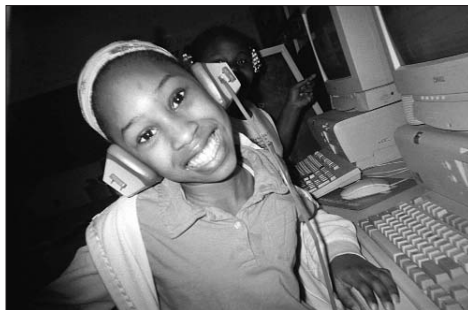


Captains Gordon & Karen Sparks and their children, from left: Eli, 20; Emma, 14 and Erin, 11.

Wondering what the Army did for Columbus in the past year? Check out our Annual Report for 2007 on our Web site at SalvationArmyColumbus.org/news.

After School Learning Centers PHOTO WINNERS

The Salvation Army After School Learning Center students participated in a photography clinic this spring. Volunteers and staff gave workshops on photography, then provided each student with a disposable camera. After the film was developed, staff chose the best four to make into note cards, which will be used for many purposes and given as thank-you gifts to donors. The photographers were: (below) Kyla Parr, age 10, (top right) Demeisha Ransom, age 9, (middle right) Luluwa Rashid, age 10, and (bottom right) Demeisha Ransom, age 9. 🍷



Donor News

TEEJAYE'S BECOMES ACTIVE PARTNER

TeeJaye's Country Place Restaurants, headquartered on Columbus' South Side, has teamed up with The Salvation Army to assist with several programs:

The restaurant group already donated garlic bread for the annual Spaghetti Dinner, benefitting the After School Learning Centers.

TeeJaye's will conduct a food drive in July to help stock our four food pantries around



Columbus.

The restaurants will collect coats for The Salvation Army's Coats for Columbus program in September.

TeeJaye's will conduct a toy drive to increase the number of donated toys for Christmas

Cheer during November and December.

The restaurants will also host red kettles during the Christmas season. 🍷



THE SALVATION ARMY IN
GREATER COLUMBUS

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AREA CENTERS

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Captains Gordon and Karen
Sparks and Captain Edwin Velez

Linden Service Center
Jan Lucas

Adult Rehabilitation Center
Majors Lawrence and Naomi
Shaffer

Greenwood Lake Camp
Jonathan Klemanski,
Camp Director

HEATSHARE

Each year, The Salvation Army partners with Columbia Gas to provide cash assistance to residents



Volunteer Lexie Waddle helps someone apply for assistance with her gas bill.

with a termination notice or who have had their gas turned off. This program began June 2, after other utility assistance programs ended. Volunteers assist residents with paperwork at sites throughout Columbus. 🇺🇸

NEW GRANT!

The Salvation Army is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$20,000 grant from the Ingram-White Castle Foundation to fund the Livingston Avenue Elementary Learning Center! 🇺🇸

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SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Salvation Army's annual Spaghetti Dinner, held May 30, showcased the hard work of the students in the After School Learning Centers. Students were honored with awards, and some gave presentations about what the program means to them using speeches, cheers and poems to express themselves. Artwork created by the students was auctioned to dinner guests, with Major Frank

Kirk as the energetic auctioneer. Volunteers, Advisory Board members, and donated food were essential to the success of the event. All proceeds will be reinvested in the program, which provides not just a safe haven for students after school and in the summer, but also mentoring and curriculum-based academic enrichment. 🇺🇸



Stephani Reid, Director of Education, serves up salad.



Deshawn Williams receives an award for Most Improved in Math.

SAVE THE DATE

Mid-week Evening Prayer and Fun

Please join The Salvation Army for Vespers (evening prayer) and fellowship **Thursday evenings** during the summer at Greenwood Lake Camp and Retreat Center. **Beginning at 5 p.m.**, food and outdoor activities will be available as people arrive. The swimming pool will be open, and games will be available. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Call 614.221.6561 for more information.

September 11

Estate and Charitable Gift Planning Institute for financial professionals.
Arena Grand Theater
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Continuing Education Credits available

October 21



2nd Annual Need Knows No Season luncheon
Greater Columbus Convention Center.
12:00 Noon.
Keynote speaker:
Della Reese of
Touched by an Angel.

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