

Today's Army

Reporting on the programs & services you support



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SPRING IS TRANSFORMATIVE



A new season is upon us in Central Ohio, and the budding trees and blooming flowers remind us of the transformations that occur in our lives. Bleak winters give way to spectacular springs, merely because of warmth and light. Here at The Salvation Army in Greater Columbus, we strive to bring that warmth and light into the lives of those who pass through our doors.

In many cases, our Officers and professional staff share their warmth and caring with people in need, and witness the changes that come in their lives as a result.

We hope this spring will witness growth in many ways: Personal growth for those who work for, volunteer for, or are helped by The Salvation Army; growth in community support for our many programs and services; and – through this newsletter – growth in the understanding the work of The Salvation Army in our community! ♥

Majors Frank and Bonnie Kirk

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Combating modern-day slavery, here in Ohio

Human Trafficking means modern-day slavery, when children or adults are forced against their will to labor in substandard conditions or work in the sex trade. Although we usually assume this happens in other countries, it is actually prevalent here in the United States, where the price for labor and prostitution is high, and the trafficker makes more of a profit.

In Ohio, there have been many documented cases of traffickers bringing immigrants here, finding them work, and confiscating their wages to satisfy an inflated debt for their ticket to America. Right here in Columbus, three cases were reported of well-respected foreign nationals from African countries who brought people from overseas with the promise of good jobs as nannies or housecleaners. Once they arrived, they were forced to work excessive hours without pay and were not allowed to leave the house. The victims, afraid of being arrested and deported, complied.

And then there are the children and teens who are coerced or outright kidnapped by pimps and initiated into the world of prostitution. In a Michigan case, a 14-year-old girl went out to the movies with a 19-year-old boyfriend, but instead of the movies, he took her away for several days. He introduced her to a Toledo man who promised to take her home, but instead he beat her and forced her to prostitute herself at several

truck stops in Indiana and Pennsylvania, keeping the money for himself. He was later charged and convicted of kidnapping and sex trafficking and sentenced to 25 years in federal prison.

The Salvation Army has historically been an advocate for victims of trafficking, all the way back to its founding days.

We are proud to announce that The Salvation Army in Greater Columbus is the Coalition

Manager for the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition. This is a collaborative effort among social service agencies, churches, concerned citizens, medical professionals, the FBI, the Ohio Attorney



General's Office and other law enforcement associations in the Columbus area. They are all participating in a model that is being replicated around the country.

Rescue and Restore was started by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The group strives to increase awareness among the general public, and to educate employers and workers in certain fields where human trafficking may rear its head: the service industry, law enforcement, and the health field, where medical workers may come into contact with victims.

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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.Salvation-ArmyColumbus.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

Majors Ronald and Doris Dake (Ret.)
Captain Edwin Valez
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

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Salvation Army welcomes two new members to its Advisory Board:

Dan Guveiyian of Grange Insurance has just joined the board. Dan holds the position of AVP Commercial Auto Product Manager with Grange Insurance. A Grove City resident, Dan is serving on the Need Knows No Season Event Committee and the Program Committee.

Justin Bates, CEO of Stanley Steemer International is our newest board member. Bates oversaw a partnership between Stanley Steemer and The Salvation Army last Christmas, in which the company's carpet technicians collected toys in homes across the region to donate to Christmas Cheer. Company employees also held several fundraisers and volunteered at Christmas Cheer. ♥

CHOICE PANTRIES POPULAR

Volunteers, food needed

DJ Rickard waits tables and lives with his sister and her husband to save money. His sister works, too, but lately it hasn't been enough. When Rickard, of Canal Winchester, changed jobs and was without a paycheck for a couple weeks, he stopped into the food pantry to help make ends meet.

"I'm thankful The Salvation Army is available when times are tough," he says.

Last year, The Salvation Army in Greater Columbus converted its four food pantries to the Choice Pantry model, allowing those in need to choose their groceries, based on the food pyramid's nutrition guidelines. Client choice means those who receive food can choose items they recognize and know how to prepare, reducing waste.



DJ Rickard

Nearly 5,000 families used the food pantries last year, and we expect the need to grow. Fortunately, several donors and partners are helping us keep up with demand. Four Seasons City Farm, an urban gardening organization, will donate some of its harvest of fresh food to the pantries this summer. A \$2,500 grant was received this spring from the Central Ohio Primary Care Physicians Foundation to help support the pantries.

Happy Chicken Farms has agreed to match purchased dairy products with an equal amount of free dairy products. And food drives are being conducted year round.

For example, Deer Run Elementary School in Dublin conducted a food drive in April. And Dare 2 Share, a Christian teen organization, collected several thousand pounds of canned goods during their national convention in Columbus this winter.

We need more contributions like these, since the United States is experiencing the worst food inflation in 17 years, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which is predicting food price increases in 2008 may

be worse than what we have seen in 2007.

Any group or individual can hold a food drive to benefit The Salvation Army's Choice Pantries by calling Krista Ross at 614.437.2151.

The Choice Pantry model also requires a large contingent of volunteers who can staff the pantries during the day to guide shoppers through their choices, help them to their cars and stock pantry shelves. The ideal volunteer

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GREENWOOD LAKE CAMP



Greenwood Lake Camp, a 68-acre camp owned by The Salvation Army and located in Delaware, is a beautiful setting for Salvation Army retreats and activities. Children from the After School Learning Centers take field trips to the camp in the summer, and prayer groups find peace in the natural setting.

In addition to Salvation Army activities, the camp is also open to community use. Many groups use the facility for conferences, retreats, band camps and more.

Youth to Youth, a nonprofit drug prevention and leadership program for young people, holds its Winner's Choice camps each fall at Greenwood Lake Camp.



"Over the years, we've seen thousands of students be impacted by Youth to Youth and also the camp surroundings," says Gretchen Conturo, Outreach Coordinator for Youth to Youth.


Gretchen says looking out over the lake from the lunchroom windows in the fall and seeing the leaves changing colors makes for a picturesque setting for events and camps.

She says having a natural setting is important for her event.

"It allows for a more flexible schedule, and it allows for very open sharing. The idea of getting away from it all and getting out of the city and out of Columbus is very different for a lot of kids," she says.

Gov. Ted Strickland spent time as a camp counselor at Greenwood Lake Camp as a young man. He tells a story of a moment of personal reflection that happened there, on his 21st birthday: "I remember walking around the lake that night after the children had gone to bed, looking into the water, watching the reflection of the moon, and thinking to myself, 'What is ever going to become of me? I'm 21 years of age and have done very little.'" Clearly,

the Governor has done a great deal with his life since then!

Greenwood Lake Camp offers facilities for fall, winter and spring use. Conferences, retreats, field trips, group picnics and activity camps are just some of the activities we host. Overnight accommodations are available for groups of 50 to 250 and there are a variety of food service options. To inquire about availability and rates, call Jonathan Klemanski at 740.369.4821. 

ESTATE PLANNING AND CHARITABLE GIVING

For financial professionals

The Estate Planning and Charitable Giving Seminar will be held at the Arena Grand Theater September 11, 2008. It is intended for estate planners and financial planners. Continuing education credits are available! For tickets, call Jean Griffith at 614.358.2627.

For individuals

If you would like to learn more about how to make the most of your planned gift to The Salvation Army and how to ensure your gift is used in your local community, contact Mark Littlecott, CGPA, Planned Giving Director, at 1.888.633.1962.

SAVE THE DATE

May 30

Spaghetti Dinner at Chapel at Worthington Woods

October 21

Need Knows No Season luncheon Greater Columbus Convention Center featuring Della Reese



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THE SALVATION ARMY IN GREATER COLUMBUS

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Camp Director

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NEW GRANT!

The Salvation Army in Greater Columbus' Citadel Corps received a grant this spring for \$2,500 for youth programming from the Campbell's Soup Children's Connections Fund. 🍷

MATCH DAY

Power Philanthropy

The Salvation Army in Greater Columbus wishes to thank its donors who participated in Match Day through the Columbus Foundation's Power Philanthropy program, available at www.columbusfoundation.org. On March 6, the Columbus Foundation unveiled the new program with a bang by offering to match donations made that afternoon. The matching funds ran out quickly, but our donors were quick and managed to donate almost \$3,000 that day. Nearly \$2,500 of that was matched by the Columbus Foundation! Thank you donors! Information about Match Day was communicated to our supporters via email. If you would like to receive such occasional alerts, please submit your e-mail address securely through our Web site at www.Salvation-ArmyColumbus.org. 🍷



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IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

William Soulen submitted the following story this winter, which he sent along with a letter asking his friends and family to help him with a donation to The Salvation Army in Greater Columbus:

Dear Family & Friends,

During the Korean War (Oh, that's right, it wasn't a war—it was called a "Conflict") I was on a troop train passing through Pennsylvania. The train stopped at a small town for the engine to take on water. (Yes, this was back in the days of steam locomotives.) We all had a chance to step off the train and stretch our legs. It was late at night, but The Salvation Army was there to greet us and pass out free coffee and doughnuts to all of the GIs. What a welcome surprise that was! I will never

forget the warmth of their welcome as they passed out the unexpected treat to all of us. This was really my first exposure to The Salvation Army other than seeing their red kettles with the bell ringers asking for donations at Christmas time.

Over the years I have come to realize how much aid is provided free of charge by The Salvation Army. Without any publicity or anticipation of compensation, they go about the business of helping those in need wherever a need exists. They were in Florida after Hurricane Andrew; They were along the Gulf Coast after Katrina; They were in California during the wild fires. You will find them providing comfort and assistance every day of the year. 🍷

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Much of the challenge lies in educating police, health workers and everyday citizens to recognize trafficking. In many cases, the victims are currently being prosecuted as criminals, jailed for lacking documentation or for working as prostitutes, leaving the real criminals behind the enterprise untouched.

To that end, The Salvation Army has conducted several training sessions, including one for all local Salvation Army employees and one for interested donors.

"Most people are surprised at the scope of the problem," says Michelle Hannan, Social

Services Coordinator at The Salvation Army in Greater Columbus. "When people hear these shocking stories, they frequently want to do something to help."

Hannan says people can help raise awareness by contacting The Salvation Army or the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition to request a training for their civic organization, church, or other group in which they are involved. The training informs citizens how to spot and report cases of human trafficking.

Groups can also join the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition. If interested, please contact Tiana Brown at The Salvation Army by calling 614.358.2613. 🍷

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would be able to volunteer for the same shift a few times a month, on a regular schedule, but those who can volunteer just once are welcome, too. There is also a special event the weeks of May 5 and May 12, when volunteers

are needed each weekday at four locations from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to distribute boxes of food to people who are eligible for federal assistance. Volunteers must be able to lift the 45-pound boxes. Please call Jean Griffith at 614.358.2627 to volunteer. 🍷

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