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We're proud of the work our organization has been doing locally to stay at the forefront of technology. We know that our future donors are more likely to donate using the Internet or text messaging than through the mail or by phone. Here in Central Ohio, we are poised to meet the demands of the next generation.

But we haven't forgotten our core supporters, we are committed to continuing to print a paper newsletter for the foreseeable future. If you are more inclined to read your e-mail than your paper mail, please sign up for our electronic newsletter at our Web site, www.SalvationArmyColumbus.org.

We can always use your help in improving our communication with you. Please contact us at any time using the information on the back of this newsletter. As always, we work hard to make the most of each dollar donated and each hour of volunteer service offered. Thank you! ♥

Majors Frank and Bonnie Kirk

Record turnout

HUGE DEMAND FOR CHRISTMAS HELP MET WITH SMILES

Our Christmas Cheer and Adopt-a-Family programs were overflowing with families this year, and fortunately our volunteer rolls were overflowing as well.

Many dozens of businesses, organizations, churches and families contacted us to adopt a family this Christmas, and so we were able to help more than 400 families in need through this wonderful program.

From mattresses and computers to socks and stuffed bears, gifts were delivered to our East Main Worship and Service Center, and then sent out again the next day with grateful mothers, fathers and grandparents.

For the first time ever, our Christmas Cheer registration was forced to close early when the program reached the maximum number of families who can be served given the time, space and resources available: 24,267 individuals were served. In the last week before Christmas, volunteers and staff turned an empty warehouse at the Ohio state fairgrounds into a large-scale toy shop and grocery store. Families filed in, chose a new, donated toy for each child in the family, and then saw their box filled with nutritious food for a holiday meal. The many, many people who made this effort possible are listed on page 3.

Special recognition goes to Broaden Technologies, which donated refurbished computers to 10 families in the Adopt-a-Family program, and Mark Burleson, who turned his grief to good when he collected hundreds upon hundreds of toys in memory of his daughter, Kasey, a Worthington Kilbourne student who was killed in a car accident in 2005. Media partners WCOL 92.3 and

Radio U 88.7 both helped us collect toys, as well. ♥



Major Bonnie Kirk (center) accepts the donation of two doll houses for the Adopt-a-Family program from the Pizzuti building and real estate company.



A volunteer places a bag of potatoes in a box at Christmas Cheer Dec. 17. 6,906 families arrived at the DiSalle Center and received food and toys.



WISH LIST

We are publishing a few of the supplies we hope you can donate to help us in our work. If you can donate any of the following, please call Alice Hohl at 614.437.2138

Small needs

- * Cardboard egg cartons
- * Miscellaneous office supplies
- * Empty photo albums
- * Used magazine display rack
- * Acrylic paints
- * Artists paint brushes
- * Paint canvasses

Bigger hopes

- * Set of outdoor volleyball standards
- * Parachute for parachute games
- * Sets of outdoor basketball goals (2)
- * Junior archery sets (10)
- * Archery targets (4)
- * Archery curtain
- * Musical instruments (new or used)
- * Low-end or "disposable" digital cameras (20-100)

Big Dreams

- * Canoes (6)
- * 8-horsepower or lower outboard motor
- * Utility trailer
- * X-Box 360 with games (for youth game nights)
- * Wii game systems (for youth game nights)
- * Ping-pong table
- * Foosball table
- * Printing for 8,000 information cards about Human Trafficking

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all the businesses and individuals whose donations and volunteer commitment allowed us to serve a record number of families at Christmas Cheer. Approximately 6,900 Central Ohio families received a holiday food box and a toy for each child in the family from The Salvation Army!

Funds

AEP
 Atlas Butler Heating & Cooling
 Boehringer Ingelheim Roxane Labs
 Budros, Ruhlin & Roe, Inc.
 Columbia Gas of Ohio, A NiSource Company
 Commercial Vehicle Group
 Fifth Third
 George and Jeanne Manser
 Grange Insurance
 Huntington Bank
 JoAnne Schorsten LLC Keller Williams
 Keller Williams Realty
 Limited Brands Foundation
 Nationwide
 Progressive Medical
 Stanley Steemer International, Inc.
 The Edwards Foundation
 The Kroger Company
 U.S. Bank

Toys

ADS Advanced Drainage Systems
 Battelle
 Boehringer Ingelheim Roxane Labs
 Fringe
 HER Real Living | The Raines Group
 Mark Burleson, in memory of Kasey Burleson
 Ohio Valley Doll Collectors Club
 Progressive Medical
 Radio U
 SkateZone 71
 Stanley Steemer
 Target
 The Kroger Company
 WCOL 92.3
 AND Dozens of toy drives and Angel Trees around Columbus

Food

Atlantic Foods
 Happy Chicken Farms
 Mid-Ohio Food Bank
 Northwoods Consulting
 Food Drives all over Columbus

Equipment/Logistics

Concessions by Cox
 Dayton Freight
 Ferrellgas
 Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
 P.O.D.S.
 Towlift
 U.S. Cargo
 Waste Management
 Wendy's International

Publicity

Boehringer Ingelheim Roxane Labs
 Dispatch Media Group
 Ozone Studios
 WCMH Channel 4
 WCOL 92.3

Volunteers

ADS Advanced Drainage Systems
 BMW Financial
 Boehringer Ingelheim Roxane Labs
 Bovis Lend Lease
 Cardinal Health
 Centric Consulting
 Columbus Blue Jackets
 Commerce National Bank
 Defense Supply Center of Columbus
 Federal Executive Association
 HRH
 Huntington Bank
 Lifestyle Communities
 Limited Brands Foundation
 Marriott Hotels
 McLeod USA
 Nationwide
 Northwoods Consulting Partners
 Ohio Bar Liability Insurance Company
 Ohio Health
 OHIONET
 Squire, Sanders & Dempsey
 Stanley Steemer
 Wendys International
 WOSU/PBS Television
 Hundreds of individual volunteers

RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN

Our Red Kettle Campaign covered new ground this year — virtually, not literally. We added cellular text message donations to our typical donation collections. That means people who no longer carry cash to pay for their purchases could still contribute to the kettle campaign by sending a text message to The Salvation Army in Greater Columbus. We received a good response considering this was a new promotion. If you have ideas on how to continue to encourage text donations throughout the year or to announce the opportunity to a large group, please contact Alice Hohl at 614.437.2138 or Alice.Hohl@SalvationArmy.org. It's not too late to make a text donation by sending a text message to 90999. The message should read: KETTLE.

The Red Kettle campaign also benefitted from the addition of Celebrity Bell Ringers. These included The Ohio State University Men's Hockey Team, members of The Ohio State University Marching Band, six Columbus Blue Jackets players and mascot Stinger, media giants Angela Pace, Gail Hogan, Monica Day,

husband-wife team Marcus Thorpe and Mikaela Hunt, and local blogger Walker Evans.

But the most exciting Celebrity Bell Ringers were the most competitive. This year a Salvation Army volunteer coordinated a "duel" between



Kevin DeWine, head of the Ohio Republican Party, shakes hands with Major Frank Kirk in front of the Statehouse.

Kevin DeWine, the head of the Ohio Republican Party and Chris Redfern, the head of the Ohio Democratic Party. The two are friends, and engaged in a great rivalry. Each party raised more than \$300 in their kettle in two hours, and together they raised more than \$1,500 online!

In the end, Republicans edged out Democrats by a few hundred dollars, and all the funds went to The Salvation Army in Greater Columbus, to support local programs and neighborhood centers.

We had many wonderful volunteers this year, but we still would like to increase the proportion of kettles staffed by volunteers next year. Please mark your calendars for November of 2009, and coordinate a group of friends or colleagues who can staff a kettle once a week during the Christmas season. Thanks to all who helped us collect a total of \$535,224! ♥



A one-time charge of \$5 will be added to your mobile phone bill. Standard messaging rates and additional fees may apply. All charges are billed by and payable to your mobile service provider. Proceeds benefit The Salvation Army in Greater Columbus. Service is available on most carriers. You can unsubscribe at any time by texting 'STOP' to 90999.

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AREA CENTERS

Citadel Worship and Service Center

Captains Michael and Debra Laro

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 and Lisa-Marie Harrington

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 Scott and Patricia Harvey

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

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

Linden Service Center

Jan Lucas

Adult Rehabilitation Center

Majors Lawrence and Naomi Shaffer

Greenwood Lake Camp

Jonathan Klemanski, *Camp Director*

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GRANT FUNDING!

Our Direct Housing Program, which places homeless families in apartments and helps them get back on their feet, has received funding from the Ohio Department of Development in the amount of \$560,000.

Our East Main Choice Pantry, which allows those in need to select nutritious, familiar foods to take home, received a \$12,000 grant from the Columbus Foundation.

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Returning the favor

FAMILY HELPED BY THE ARMY, VOLUNTEERS IN FOOD PANTRY

The Hatcher family is very involved with The Salvation Army in Greater Columbus. LeeEtta Hatcher and her four children attend church services at the East Main Worship and Service Center, and the children attend an after school program operated by Captains Yuri and Lisa-Marie Harrington. LeeEtta Hatcher has also used the food pantry to help with groceries.

"The Salvation Army has changed my life in many different ways," LeeEtta Hatcher says. She and her four children have been inspired by the volunteers they encounter at The Salvation Army. "They're out there trying to help others that are in need," said LeeEtta Hatcher, "They could be doing other things. They could be dedicating their time for themselves."



The Hatcher family shares their story at the Need Knows No Season event at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

LeeEtta's eldest son, Jeremiah, has been volunteering regularly in the food pantry: stocking shelves, assisting clients as they select items according to food groups, bagging their groceries and helping them to their cars.

"The Salvation Army has been helping my family a lot, so I just thought I should give back for what they have done by helping them out with volunteering – anything that I could do," he says.

"It's been really great here."

Jeremiah says he feels he is also learning valuable job skills in the food

pantry that could translate into a job at a grocery store.

NEW ON OUR WEB SITE

Check out www.SalvationArmyColumbus.org

You'll find videos, news coverage, staff and board listings, information about all our programs, information on donating money and items, and much more. You can also sign up for our monthly e-mail newsletter!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 14



GOD AND
COUNTRY
CONCERT

God and Country Concert

24th annual concert honoring God and national patriotism. The Brass Band of Columbus and Canada's London Citadel Band will perform. 6:30 pm in Weigel Hall, 1866 College Road

on The Ohio State University campus.
Call 614.221.6561 for more information.
Admission is free.



Blue Jackets mascot, Stringer, rings a bell at Easton Town Center.



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