

## How Can We Serve You?



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your service to others. We are grateful to have you by our side in support of our mission; however we also want you to know that we are here for you as well.

Our door is always open for spiritual support and care, questions regarding our mission and programs and opportunities to share the Salvation Army story through tours presentations and speaking engagements.



Your support means the world to us! If you have questions regarding donations, special events or presentations please do not hesitate to contact Ruth Blick, Director of Community Resource Development. She is happy to assist with mailing corrections, number of mailings etc. and help in any way to make your giving experience fit your desires and wishes.

Ruth is also available to assist in promoting special events or coordination of community outreach for you or a group you belong to. Contact Ruth at 231-946-4644 ext. 314.

# Gratitude



Every day of the year The Salvation Army continues to fight for the homeless, the hungry, the lost and the broken. Our weapons are **love, compassion and hope.**

Through your generous hearts, the fight for good brings **joy, laughter, and hope** to our neighbors when they need it most. Below you will see the impact on the individuals and families served in their own words.

***“There is no reward equal to that of doing the most good to the most people in the most need.”*** Evangeline Booth

**HOPE:** "It is challenging to have people sometimes pretend to understand and brush it off how so very frightened I was of losing my house because of utility bills. So grateful for the help!" Family of 4

**FOOD:** *“The assistance with food means a great deal to us! Life has its ups and down...we are still young and getting on our feet. Love and support gives us hope!”* Family of 5

**FAMILY:** "We are hardworking people who stepped up to care for children who's mother walked out. 3 years ago we donated...now we are on assistance receiving end." Family of 4

**GRATEFUL:** "Receiving help with utilities has helped me get organized and back on my feet so that I did not lose my home." Family of 3

**FUTURES:** *Salvation Army youth programs are extremely important and impact my kids in big ways – they get structure, learn music, have the opportunity to learn and try new things, learn about acceptance and good choices. It is a safe, Christian based program. My children love God!”* Family of 3

**MISSION:** **To preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.**

**HOME:** *“Help with food and car repairs have helped me get a handle on my own. I used to live in my car – I am housed now! Single individual*

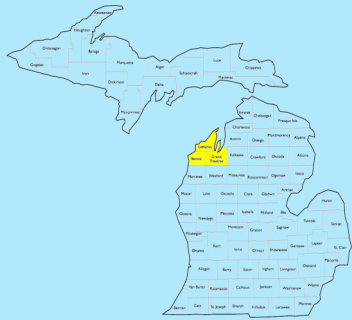
**EMPLOYMENT:** “The voucher I received for clothing will help me in my new job! I had nothing appropriate to wear! The loving, caring and giving community we live in gives me hope.” Family of 5

**CAMP:** 10 year old boy who attended camp for the first time shared his experience: **“It was Amazing!”**

Favorite thing - Making new friends  
Least favorite - Nothing, I loved everything!

New experience - Learning archery  
Other things learned at camp - honesty, team work, self-confidence and Christian values

## Welcome Benzie County Residents



### Keep Calm and Camp On during Salvation Army Summer Camps!

Since 1894, The Salvation Army Traverse City has been serving the our neighbors in Grand Traverse and Leelanau counties. On June 1st, our local service area has expanded to serve individuals and families from Benzie county after the closing of the Manistee Salvation Army Service Center.

We are committed to continuing established partnerships with Benzie area service providers, developing new community connections and above all providing a high level of service to our neighbors in all three counties when they need it most.

We are surrounded by the amazing light of children who are filled with promise and hope....a great many whose families face financial constraints. Like all children they are enthusiastically looking forward to summer break! Regardless of circumstance The Salvation Army Little Pine Island is giving kids the opportunity to attend camp and the chance to shine brightly, laugh loudly and enjoy an amazing experience with God in His creation this summer!

Little Pine Island is a Salvation Army regional overnight camp at Comstock Park for campers 1st grade through 17 years of age. There are a variety of camps targeted at all ages & interests dedicated to enriching the lives of tomorrow's leaders through engaging activities and positive programs. Through community support we are able to keep the cost to families for the 3 to 5 day camp session to \$10 per camp/per camper.

#### How Can You Help!

- Make a donation to the [Kids to Camp Campaign](#)
- Donate travel size hygiene items for the children to take to camp: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes and tooth paste, sunblock and insect repellent.

#### Family Movie and Game Nights

Grab the family and join us for **FREE Family Game and Movie nights this summer!**

**July 13 @ 6:30 PM Movie Night!**  
Featuring: "Beauty & The Beast"

**July 27 @ 6:30 - 8:30 PM  
Family Game Night!**

Outdoor Games & Inside Table Games  
[See website for additional dates](#)

#### Tax Benefits of IRA Charitable Gifts:

With the changes in the tax laws and increased personal exemptions beginning in 2018 the majority of Americans will no longer qualify to file itemized deductions thus eliminating the charitable deductions. However, did you know that if you have a traditional IRA and are 70 1/2+ and taking mandatory distributions you can donate directly from your IRA to charity thus eliminating the amount becoming taxable income. Talk to your tax or financial professional for more details.

#### Volunteer Opportunities:

The Salvation Army encourages individuals and groups of all ages to join in the spirit of giving through volunteering.

**Community Meals:** Assist with meal prep, wash dishes, general clean up, greet guests, or provide background music. Community Meal is served at noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Community Food Shelf:** Assist with unloading and preparing Food Rescue delivery of fresh perishable foods for distribution. Deliveries are generally Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 10am - 1pm.

**Receptionist:** Greet and assist clients and donors over the phone and in person. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9-12:30 or 12:30-4.

Contact [Mary Vollink](#) for more information.

**Advisory Board Member:** Our Advisory Board members are local leaders who are passionate about giving back to their communities, and are creative in finding ways to serve their neighbors in need. The overall time commitment ranges between 1-3 hours per month, depending on the event schedule. The Advisory Board currently meets at noon, the third Wednesday of the month. Contact Ruth for more information at 231.946.4644 ext. 314.



#### July 20 & 21 Join the Fight for Good!

- Register to bell ring as an individual, family or group! Seven Traverse City locations to choose from.
- Become a Red Kettle matching sponsor! [Donate.](#)

Contact Ruth 231.946.4644

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

*Galatians 6:9*