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LIEUTENANTS ALLISON AND DAMON BETHEL DESCRIBE THEIR FIRST ASSIGNMENT

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In August, we had our official Sports Fellowship kick-off. Forty-five kids registered to participate in our year-long sports league, as players and cheerleaders. As more kids kept showing up, the question surfaced, “How are we going to fund Sports Fellowship?” Again, the Lord provided an answer almost immediately. Generous donors went on to provide gifts to purchase new basketball and cheerleader uniforms and supplies.

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This is the captivating story of a woman (we will call her Susan) who is a success story from our Salvation Army’s Family Emergency Shelter in Waterbury, CT.

Susan shared the harrowing story of how, as a young girl of 18, her life was impacted by The Salvation Army at a time when she had nowhere else to turn. She was candid about the physical, mental and sexual abuse that led her to choose the bleak and gritty realities of homelessness over living at home. It was not easy to hear her story, but there is a message of resilience and hope.

Unfortunately, this is an all too common tale of a young girl who turns from a turbulent home life “looking for love in all the wrong places,” and finds it. The young man that she fell in love with initially provided relief for love in all the wrong places,” and finds it. The young man that she fell in love with initially provided relief from the barrage of abuse at home, but ultimately that relationship became toxic too.

Susan was a bright and successful high school student, despite all that was happening in her personal life. She was encouraged by her high school counselor to enroll in a community college. Susan was offered a work-study opportunity to make some income, and she readily accepted. Within a few weeks, Susan’s advisor noticed how exhausted she looked. It wasn’t long before the counselor learned that Susan was living in her car with her baby—trying to make it all work. Her counselor referred Susan to The Salvation Army’s Waterbury Family Emergency Shelter.

Susan shared how in the arms, quite literally, of the caring staff at The Salvation Army shelter she began the journey of becoming a whole person again. She was fed, housed, counseled, encouraged, loved, mentored, and frankly given the “tough love” necessary to guide her during the teenage years.

Eventually, over the eight months she lived with the Army, Susan made her way to Sunday worship services held in the shelter’s chapel. It was there that she heard a different message than the one she grew up hearing: you are special, you are loved, and you are worthy. That was the start of something extraordinary for her. In the years that followed, the seed of faith that was planted by The Salvation Army grew to be her main source of strength and hope.

Today, Susan is a therapist who counsels women, children, and families who have experienced trauma. She is a devoted mother who continues to care for whose needs and study late into the night for her advanced degrees. When meeting with clients, Susan chooses not to share her own story with them, but draws on her experience of love and compassion to serve them and bring them to a place of wholeness. She credits much of her success to The Salvation Army and the many caring individuals who have supported her along the way.

As long as people are discouraged, lonely, or need a helping hand, The Salvation Army will always have a mission.