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RHODE ISLAND’S GOOD NEIGHBOR ENERGY FUND KEEPS FAMILIES WARM

But then the bad news arrived — her company was going out of business, and she wasn’t eligible to collect unemployment.

For 27 years the Rhode Island Good Neighbor Energy Fund, a cooperative effort of the local utilities and The Salvation Army, has provided energy assistance to people like Joanne and her family in a temporary crisis. These are people who cannot pay their energy bills and do not qualify for federal or state funds.

During these tough times, local families need our help more than ever. You can give warmth to a Rhode Island family in need, suffering from sickness or loss of a job. For every dollar you give to the Good Neighbor Energy Fund, Rhode Island energy companies will reciprocate with various matching and giving programs.

The Fund raised a total of more than $11.2 million and assisted over 40,500 families. Last year alone, the Good Neighbor Energy Fund helped almost 1,000 families pay an electric, gas or oil bill.

The Rhode Island Good Neighbor Energy Fund disburses funds year-round. The campaign to raise funds begins each November, when the demand rises.

So, “Warm Thy Neighbor” by including your tax deductible gift in the donation envelope enclosed with your energy bill. Another option would be to send your check payable to “Good Neighbor.” The Salvation Army, 1515 Elmwood Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910, or call: (401) 490-0240.

SUPERSTORM SANDY: ONE YEAR LATER
THE SALVATION ARMY RESPONDED FIRST TO THE STORM, BUT THE WORK GOES ON

Superstorm Sandy was the deadliest and most destructive hurricane of the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season. To many, it was another inconvenience in a run of severe weather. But to some shoreline residents, it was much more than just an inconvenience.

When the storm hit in October, Salvation Army Emergency Disaster canteens were immediately dispatched to the hardest hit areas up and down the coast. Thanks to donations from generous friends like you, we were able to offer victims and first responders meals, drinks, clothing, blankets and toiletries. We also provided emotional and spiritual care to those in need. The Army continues working with storm victims through our network of local service providers to help rebuild lives after the disaster.

One year later, we still have a presence as long-term care providers after the storm. Captain Todd Hughes, Danbury Corps officer, works closely with the state, FEMA and others to coordinate information.

“We are actively working with residents to rebuild their lives, which could take up to two more additional years,” says Brenda Downing, Director of Social Services at Headquarters in Southern New England. “The goal of our Disaster Case Management process is to provide support, advocacy and connect residents with as many possible resources available to them without adding additional work and confusion to their already challenging process.”

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With partnerships that have expanded to include many corporate, nonprofit, and neighborhood organizations, the 10th Anniversary South Marshall Street Block Party was bigger and better than ever!

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Nearly one in three children in Bridgeport and almost one in 10 children in Norwalk live in poverty. The number of impoverished children living in Connecticut (103,498) could fill Bridgeport’s Webster Bank Arena more than 10 times.

So when The Salvation Army had the opportunity to team up with an organization called Feed The Children to deliver food and essentials to hungry men, women and children, the Army welcomed the collaboration.

Thanks to generous donations, a hard-working group of volunteers from the Northern office of Citrin Cooperman and local volunteers from Bridgeport area churches, we were able to distribute 800 boxes of food to local families. Each box contained nonperishable supplemental groceries for up to four people for a week.

Distribution day in Norwalk included rainstorms, but volunteers reported having a great experience. “To see so many happy, smiling people, we are truly blessed,” says Diego Bedoya, Norwalk Corps Officer. “Our staff, our volunteers and the families we are helping are all thrilled with the generosity of so many.”

A week later, weather in Bridgeport was certainly more cooperative. Major Lydia Pearson, Bridgeport Corps Officer, is thankful to everyone who helped deliver the food to their neighbors.

“It’s so important that we help others! In a wealthy state like Connecticut, we cannot let children and families in need fall through the cracks,” she says. “This program is a big help in making sure that children don’t go to bed hungry at night.”

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So the next time you think lemonade . . . think Waterbury and The Salvation Army helping to fight homelessness.

You can make a difference in the lives of homeless families right now, by going online to make a contribution at www.salvationarmycnt.org.
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Tom had a career as an air conditioning and refrigeration technician. Now retired, he believes in exercise; walks three miles most days and stays very active. Pat retired from work in banking and insurance. She loves to entertain and enjoys experimenting with new recipes.

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When it came time to sell their second home at the beach, Pat and Tom looked into Charitable Gift Annuities they could invest in. Since they knew (personally) of the wonderful work the Army does, it did not take them long to make a decision.

Their Salvation Army Charitable Gift Annuity is providing income for them during their lives and the remainder will pass on to the Army to serve, and help those less fortunate.

In addition to their Gift Annuity, Tom and Pat have also included the Army in their will. They say they know with certainty that these choices were the right ones.

Majors Dave and Eunice Champlin
A LITTLE HEAT GOES A LONG WAY!
RHODE ISLAND’S GOOD NEIGHBOR ENERGY FUND KEEPS FAMILIES WARM

But then the bad news arrived — her company was going out of business, and she wasn’t eligible to collect unemployment.

For 27 years the Rhode Island Good Neighbor Energy Fund, a cooperative effort of the local utilities and The Salvation Army, has provided energy assistance to people like Joanne and her family in a temporary crisis. These are people who cannot pay their energy bills and do not qualify for federal or state funds.

During these tough times, local families need our help more than ever. You can give warmth to a Rhode Island family in need, suffering from sickness or loss of a job. For every dollar you give to the Good Neighbor Energy Fund, Rhode Island energy companies will reciprocate with various matching and giving programs.

The Fund raised a total of more than $11.2 million and assisted over 40,500 families. Last year alone, the Good Neighbor Energy Fund helped almost 1,000 families pay an electric, gas or oil bill.

The Rhode Island Good Neighbor Energy Fund disburses funds year-round. The campaign to raise funds begins each November, when the demand rises.

So, “Warm Thy Neighbor” by including your tax deductible gift in the donation envelope enclosed with your energy bill. Another option would be to send your check payable to “Good Neighbor,” The Salvation Army, 1515 Elmwood Avenue, Cranston, RI 02910, or call: (401) 490-0240.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

- The Salvation Army was founded in 1865
- William Booth, a Methodist Minister, was the founder of The Salvation Army
- The Salvation Army is located in 126 Countries around the world
- London, England is International Headquarters for The Salvation Army
- The Salvation Army first came to Connecticut in 1883
- Bridgeport was the first city where the Army located in Connecticut
- The Salvation Army first came to Rhode Island in 1889
- Newport was the first city where the Army located in Rhode Island
- The Salvation Army came to Hartford in 1896
- The Salvation Army came to Providence in 1885
- The Salvation Army has 64,145 employees in the United States
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SUPERSTORM SANDY: ONE YEAR LATER
THE SALVATION ARMY RESPONDED FIRST TO THE STORM, BUT THE WORK GOES ON

Superstorm Sandy was the deadliest and most destructive hurricane of the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season. To many, it was another inconvenience in a run of severe weather. But to some shoreline residents, it was much more than just an inconvenience . . .

When the storm hit in October, Salvation Army Emergency Disaster canteens were immediately dispatched to the hardest hit areas up and down the coast. Thanks to donations from generous friends like you, we were able to offer victims and first responders meals, drinks, clothing blankets and toiletries. We also provided emotional and spiritual care to those in need. The Army continues working with storm victims through our network of local service providers to help rebuild lives after the disaster.

One year later, we still have a presence as long-term care providers after the storm. Captain Todd Hughes, Danbury Corps officer, works closely with the state, FEMA and others to coordinate information.

“We are actively working with residents to rebuild their lives, which could take up to two more additional years,” says Brenda Downing, Director of Social Services at Headquarters in Southern New England. “The goal of our Disaster Case Management process is to provide support, advocacy and connect residents with as many possible resources available to them without adding additional work and confusion to their already challenging process.”

MARSHALL HOUSE SHELTER HOSTS NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

With partnerships that have expanded to include many corporate, nonprofit, and neighborhood organizations, the 10th Anniversary South Marshall Street Block Party was bigger and better than ever!

“`This event not only allows Marshall House to let its neighbors know they are appreciated, but it also promotes positive fellowship in an area of Hartford that was at one time seen as violent and unsafe,” says Sandy Barry,