ARMY ON CALL
IN AN EMERGENCY . . . YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON THE SALVATION ARMY!

When Superstorm Sandy hit Connecticut last fall, more than 600,000 homes lost power. Although electricity was restored at a much faster rate than after other recent major storms, if you were one of the homes with no lights, no heat, no water, and in some cases no food, then it really didn’t seem to matter.

When The Salvation Army’s Norwich Corps Officer, Captain Jerry Uttley, took a phone call from Griswold First Selectman, Philip E. Anthony, asking if he could be of any help, Captain Uttley jumped into action.

Captain Uttley immediately called Major Steve Lopes at The Salvation Army’s Divisional Headquarters in Hartford. Major Lopes then called on the New London Corps to check on the status of its Emergency Disaster Services canteen. Bob Heal, EDS Director for the New London Corps, called Captain Uttley and dutifully asked, “what do you need, when, and where?”

The truck arrived, and by 1:00 P.M. The Salvation Army was already serving meals. That day, volunteers served food to 262 people. Lunch was franks, beans and chips; dinner was turkey with mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberries and mixed vegetables.

Volunteers from the Corps, Jacob and Steve, closed the truck down at 7:00 P.M. and headed back to New London for another day. “We are grateful for the manner in which everyone responded so quickly,” Captain Uttley says. “We all partner together to help fulfill our mission of helping others.”

This is how The Salvation Army responds to disasters. When there is a need . . . and with your support . . . the Army will find a way!

WHAT’S A THRIFT STORE?
Almost everyone knows them as thrift stores, but in The Salvation Army, we call them ARCs – Adult Rehabilitation Centers. You may not be aware that these stores are the main source of revenue for our rehabilitation program. When you donate items to our stores, those goods are then sold through our Salvation Army Family Stores where the proceeds are used to fund our ARCs, serving those in the grip of addiction and their families.

Every donation dropped off and every item purchased at our stores can make a life-changing difference.

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DEAR FRIENDS:

What is your favorite color? Yellow, green, red, blue, pink, gray or brown? Ours happens to be GREEN as it draws our attention to the trees, grass and other wonderful aspects of our world.

Did you know that The Salvation Army has a favorite color also? Can you guess what color it is? In the Old Testament book of Nahum (chapter 2, verse 3) we can find a clue: ‘the shields of his mighty soldiers are RED!’ Yes, our organization’s favorite color is red.

Behind the red shield of The Salvation Army many people find hope, encouragement and the support they are seeking as they come through the doors of Army facilities.

On the field of battle, shields are used to protect soldiers from harm intended by their enemies. Hunger, homelessness, loneliness, frustration and desperation are just a few of the harmful conditions that threaten many of our neighbors.

May we suggest that there are two specific groups who are sheltered and hidden behind the red shield of The Salvation Army? First there are the individuals and families whom we serve, and second are people like you, the terrific partners and financial supporters who contribute to our work.

It is to our supporters . . . those behind the red shield . . . that we convey this very sincere thank you.

Without your generous, consistent support, the effectiveness and scope of Salvation Army work in Southern New England would be greatly diminished. We are all aware of the tremendous needs throughout our communities, needs that have certainly been increased in recent months by natural disasters, economic uncertainty, private hardships and more.

There is more room behind the red shield . . . we hope you will support the work and ministry of The Salvation Army.

Majors Dave and Eunice Champlin
Divisional Leaders

HERE COMES THE ARMY!

Salvation Army Rhode Island State Commander, Lieutenant John Luby reports that the Providence Corps introduced a new feeding and outreach program in the Providence DownCity area last summer and it was a huge success.

Lt. Luby said, “We, The Salvation Army, were delighted to introduce this new community program last year. The Army served complete meals from the Mobile Community Response/EDES canteen. Our truck has previously offered food, water and more at community events such as: prayer walks, public events with other non-profits, emergency disaster responses - such as last year’s spring floods and last fall’s hurricane, feeding breakfasts and dinners at area shelters and the truck has also operated as a hydration station during especially hot days to prevent dehydration.”

Luby added, “The Salvation Army in Providence is thankful and thrilled to be able to join the other faith-based and charitable organizations helping provide meals and other services for the homeless and the needy on a large scale effort. The size and needs of the homeless population in the Greater Providence area are growing and we are striving to do the most we can to meet these needs. We will continue to evaluate where we can fill in any gaps and hope to introduce additional mobile feeding sites in Pawtucket and Woonsocket this summer.”

DANFURY FIRE DEPARTMENT VISITS CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

Can you think of a better way to teach kids about fire safety than to have firemen visit the children at The Right Place, early-learning program, every year?

The firemen from Engine 8 arrived early in their big, bright, and red fire truck, jumping into the job just like firemen do, this time as educators! The teachers quickly gathered the children so the show could begin.

These professionals then presented their “Fire Safety Tips,” where, for example, they explained the importance of having working smoke detectors with fresh batteries. They explained the significance of having two escape routes from every bedroom as well. They also reminded the children not to play with matches.

There was also a demonstration of the “Stop, Drop and Roll” technique.

“Look forward to these visits! It’s a great opportunity to get in front of the kids and explain fire safety in an easy-to-understand, show-and-tell format. We enjoy it . . . and the kids do too!”

Suzy Almeida, Director of The Right Place, notes, “We are so blessed to live in such a caring community. Fire Chief Herald is always eager and willing to help us whenever the need arises. He knows how important it is to teach the children about fire safety at an early age and the children are always eager to learn and be attentive.”

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Our Mission
The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.
So as Americans enjoy a delicious doughnut this year, we ask everyone to consider giving back to support their local community.

The Salvation Army celebrated the first National Doughnut Day in Chicago in 1938 to help raise funds during the Great Depression, and commemorate the work of the “doughnut lassies” who fed the tasty confection to American soldiers and made the doughnut what it is today. The doughnuts became synonymous with The Salvation Army, as well as the American soldiers who were returning home with the nickname “doughboys.”

Today, The Salvation Army continues to provide meals, including doughnuts, and numerous other services to clients who visit Salvation Army programs daily.

**WORD SEARCH**

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Dawn Fleming is the Donor Relations Director for The Salvation Army in the Southern New England. She began work at the Army in May of last year. She is most fortunate to spend her career associated with people who lead organizations that enrich and improve lives as well as the philanthropists who support them. She is a Connecticut native and she lives in Southbury with her husband Michael and their three daughters.

**INVEST IN THE FUTURE!**

Living in poverty, many children across the country hope for a better life. The Salvation Army’s youth programs offer physical, mental, and spiritual enrichment kids need to overcome such adversity and succeed in today’s demanding world. When you make a contribution to The Salvation Army, you change the lives and help to invest in the future of our community.

*As the new Donor Relations Director for The Salvation Army in Southern New England, I look forward to working with you to help improve our children’s futures.*

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIVISION

CONNECTICUT: ANSONIA — Major Theresa Burkholder was the recipient of the TEAM, Inc. Lillian Chrostowski Award “in recognition of a social service professional whose outstanding work has had a profound and positive impact on the community” . . . CAMP CONNRI in ASH福德 — Captains David and Stephanie Childs welcomed 625 children to a week of summer camp. Captain Colette Masom ran a seniors camp, and added a program for special needs seniors . . . BRIDGEPORT — Major Lydia Pearson teamed up with “Feed The Children” to give 800 families a 25-pound box of food and personal care items . . . BRISTOL — Corps Captains Charles and Kathy Adams were recognized by the Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce with a “Special Services Award” for their outstanding contribution to the people of Bristol . . . DANBURY — Captains Todd & Rosemarie Hughes invited the Danbury Fire Department to visit The Right Place - Early Child Care Center during fire safety week . . . HARTFORD — Area Commander Major Brian and Captain Christine Glasco helped raise over $211,000.00 at the WTIC Holiday Store and served 780 meals on Thanksgiving and Christmas . . . Hartford Temple (our Hispanic ministry) with Captains Juan and Caroline Ramos have seen a steady growth in all programs . . . Hartford’s North End Captains Brian and Ruth Thomas started a drum corps and drill team to keep local kids involved . . . Hartford’s Laotian Corps with Envoy Poun Luangrath continues to grow . . . MANCHESTER — Majors Doug and Linda Jones held a concert by the Salvation Army New York Staff Band . . . MERIDEN — Lieutenants Isad and Brenda Gonzales introduced a new financial literacy program . . . MIDDLETOWN — Captains Felix and Irma Padilla report a 700% increase in the number of meals they served during the year increased by 600% . . . NEW BRITAIN — Majors Stanley and Norma Newton continue to help the homeless through the New Britain Men’s Shelter . . . NEW HAVEN — Lieutenants Jac & Jin Im report 36% increase in the number of people they served to more than 10,000 last year . . . NEW LONDON — Envoy Mark and Sharon Vanover nearly doubled the number of meals they provided to people in need . . . NORWALK — Captains Diego and Antonia Bedoya report the number of meals they served during the year increased by 600% . . . NORWICH — Captains Jerry and Mindy Utley continue expanding the weekly community meal program for more than 100 people on the second Sunday of every month . . . STAMFORD — Lieutenants Walter and Lila Droz provided hurricane relief to the victims of Hurricane Sandy . . . TORRINGTON — Envoy Philip Hostetler oversaw the Winsted Service Unit merge with the Torrington Corps for greater efficiency to serve people in need . . . WATERBURY — Corps Officers Major John & Annette Lock kicked off the holiday season with a successful “Bells are Ringing Breakfast” . . . WILLIMANTIC — Lieutenants Felix & Johana Alexis Torres provided groceries for 1,841 people in need . . . RHODE ISLAND: NEWPORT — Lieutenants Kevin and Helen Johnson delivered more than 4,500 toys and gifts this year - an increase of 233% from last year . . . Pawtucket — Captains Leonardo & Persida Standemate started The Good News Kids Club with over 100 kids participating . . . PROVIDENCE — Lt. John and Major Gayle Luby supervise the Good Neighbor Energy Fund to help keep struggling Rhode Islanders warm . . . Major Valerie Lopes oversees our Veteran’s Programs in HARTFORD, NEW HAVEN and PROVIDENCE. Across Connecticut and Rhode Island Major Phil Ferreira has more than 500 children participating in music & arts programs.

GIFT ANNUITIES ARE A FAMILY AFFAIR

Florence Bognar enjoys life – and helping her family and The Salvation Army. Those twin objectives led her to establish multiple charitable gift annuities for herself, her daughter Suzanne and two granddaughters, Laura and Erin.

“I love The Salvation Army, and have always trusted them to be there when people need help,” Mrs. Bognar explained, citing the Army’s disaster relief efforts after tornadoes struck many parts of the country last year.

“I’m fortunate to be in a position to help The Salvation Army financially, and have always tithed whenever money came my way,” she adds. Mrs. Bognar makes annual gifts to a number of charities, including the Army, but charitable gift annuities have always been close to her heart.

“In 2007, I set up a two-life gift annuity for my daughter Suzanne and myself, and will be leaving a P.O.D. account to The Salvation Army that will provide another annuity for Suzanne through my estate plan,” she says. “I like the idea that she will receive money on a regular basis for the rest of her life.”

Mrs. Bognar’s enthusiasm for gift annuities was such that she even persuaded two of her aunts to establish their own charitable gift annuities. The gift annuities for her granddaughters are somewhat unusual. Laura and Erin are not yet old enough to have immediate payment gift annuities, so Mrs. Bognar and The Salvation Army gift planning officer arranged “deferred payment” gift annuities that will start paying “the girls” following their 55th birthdays.

“I love The Salvation Army, and have always trusted them to be there when people need help.”

Mrs. Bognar emphasizes how satisfying it was to her to be able to benefit both the work of the Army and her granddaughters. The payments to Laura and Erin will be a quarterly reminder of their grandmother and the love she had for them and The Salvation Army.

Our Office of Planned Giving would be pleased to provide personalized illustrations of how charitable gift annuities and other arrangements can be of assistance to you, your family and The Salvation Army.

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