



**KCAPS**  
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**OCTOBER 2020**

**NEWSLETTER**



**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING**

If you have participated in bell ringing the last few years, you should have, or will soon receive a text message inviting you to sign up again this year. Our nifty system will allow you to sign up online, and will also allow us, with your permission, to text you a reminder when it's your turn to ring the bell.

If you didn't receive a text, haven't volunteered before, or would prefer not to use our online system you may volunteer by contacting our office and asking for JoAnn (897-7961).

For available dates and times and to sign up online text the word **KCAPS** to 559 426-0320. Amanda will help you get signed up. The Salvation Army is requiring that ringers wear masks.

Thanks in advance for volunteering! 10% of the funds raised go directly to the Salvation Army for administration and other areas of ministry, such as the Creek Fire. **90% of the funds raised stay in Kingsburg to help your neighbors in need.** Your cash and checks are appreciated.



**ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE – NOVEMBER – REQUIRES SOME CHANGES**

For more than 25 years – November has brought the Young Life Canned Food Drive for KCAPS. This year, we feel that asking large groups to gather to collect, sort, and box the donations would be inappropriate. We are therefore going to change, at least for this year, how this is done. **As with any other year – this food drive is extremely important to our operation.** From January – September of this year, we have provided enough food for more than 27,000 meals. Our food bank is busy, and we need to keep it full. **Please plan to participate!**

**FOOD DRIVE CHANGES FOR 2020 – Doing the food drive the COVID way**

Bags will be dropped on your doorstep prior to November 9<sup>th</sup>

**NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> - NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

**PLEASE DELIVER YOUR FILLED BAG TO KCAPS**

(1139 Draper Street – Kingsburg)

**Office Door Delivery - 9:00 – 12:00 Monday thru Thursday**

**also**

**Back-of-store delivery (same place as store donations) Monday thru Saturday 8:30 – 3:30**

**Our goal is 28,000 pounds of food.**

**Thank you. We are counting on your donation!**

Prayer requests: ☺For successful Food Drive and Toy Store events ☺Thanksgiving for Traver Library funding ☺For our staff during this upcoming time of year – it is busy, fun, rewarding, and stressful ☺As we look to fill two store positions – we need the right people ☺For our clients -particularly those with mental health issues ☺For those that are ill, stressed, underemployed, homeless, scared, angry, confused – they come through our doors daily ☺Praise for HIS blessings!



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**CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY – TOY STORES**

What is this ministry about? Rather than just giving away toys – we put together special toy stores in Kingsburg, London, and Traver. Parents sign up – pay a nominal fee of \$5.00 per child (or less if we feel it is warranted) – and then can shop themselves for brand new toys and clothing for each of their children. That’s where the dignity comes in. Just like you, these parents want to provide for their own children. This allows them to do that, by giving them an opportunity for a hand-up, not a handout. We bundle the gifts according to age and gender – each bundle being valued at \$35.00 – or more. The gifts are obtained through donations of new unwrapped toys, or financial gifts to KCAPS. We take the designated funds and go shopping, for thousands of dollars of toys and clothing.



Although it’s October we are already in the planning stages for these important, BIG, successful events. In past years we have had **500 - 700 children** a year blessed through this ministry. **This year we feel these events are more important than ever. We are seeing reports of high incidents of depression in children. There are no two ways about it, families are stressed! You can help.**

Based on the amount of food we are distributing through the food bank we anticipate a number of new families signing up for these toy stores. We never know actual numbers until the signup period is over. During the signup process we do our best to discern between families who truly need this ministry and those who may wish to take advantage.



Waiting in London

Every year our staff also identifies children we believe need a special boost and some positive attention in their lives. These children come from families who did not sign up to participate. Typically, their parents for one reason or another aren’t functioning well in life, and their children are reaping the consequences. Toys are selected and delivered by staff or one of our local pastors.

Traditionally, our toys have been donated primarily by local churches and through the Kingsburg Elementary schools. We frankly don’t even know how to estimate how that is going to play out in this COVID year. We are certainly open to other avenues of donation. **Do you have a business that would like to be a collection point? Would your service club like to collect toys or money specifically for these events? Individual donations are certainly encouraged.**



Starting the line up in Traver



This is 1/12<sup>th</sup> the amount of gifts needed for Kingsburg alone.

We don’t want to leave out a single deserving child! **Please let us know now how you plan to help.**

**WE ARE ALREADY ACCEPTING FINANCIAL DONATIONS TOWARD THIS MINISTRY.** With the money we receive our staff does the shopping for you. Please make checks payable to KCAPS and notate on your check that it is for Christmas Toys. (All donations to KCAPS are tax deductible.) Donations of toys can be delivered to our office. **We need to start our shopping in the middle of November – so please donate NOW!**