



The Salvation Army, 1239 Barlow St. Traverse City MI 49686 Phone 231.946.4644

Dear Friends,

We hope this finds you well! It is hard to believe that the holidays are quickly approaching. Once again we are preparing to make Christmas bright for area children and teens. The need for assistance has continued to be great throughout the year and we anticipate significant need for assistance during the holidays.

We are sure that you will agree that every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning. However, often their teenage siblings are left behind. Thanks to Teen Angels like you, Toys for Tots, and our Toy Shop partners, hundreds of our neighborhood children regardless of age will find gifts and joy waiting under their Christmas trees this year.

We invite you as a group, business, family, or individual to join us in spreading the joy of the season by becoming a Teen Angel! Together we can ensure that teens, 13-17 years of age are not overlooked this holiday season. We know that it is tough to buy for teens - however, through the Teen Angel program families provide a wish list, sizes, favorite colors, and other personal information to make the gift buying fun and rewarding.

We hope you will complete the Teen Angel Adoption Application and join us in fulfilling Christmas Wishes for area teens this holiday season or one of our other opportunities to make Christmas special for area children and families that works best for you. Completed fillable forms can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to The Salvation Army. Additional forms can be downloaded in the [Making Christmas Bright](#) page on our website.

The Salvation Army Holiday Assistance sign-up begins October 30 and runs through December 6th. We will strive to have everyone matched as soon as possible! **If you are a first-time participant or you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me via cell at 231-649-2752, office at 231-946-4644 ext. 308, or e-mail at Ruth.Blick@usc.salvationarmy.org.**

No child or family should be left out of the wonders of the holidays. For struggling families who do everything in their power to maintain a safe warm home, food on the table, and their family clothed - for many Christmas extras are beyond their reach. Together, we can share the true meaning of Christmas, ensure a season bright with smiles, laughter, and hope as well and bring families together around the table in fellowship for a Holiday Meal.

Please complete the attached Teen Angel adoption application as soon as possible or select other areas of interest. During the Christmas season and throughout the year there are many ways to get involved! Volunteer as a bell ringer, serve during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Community Meal, assist with Toy Shop set up and distribution, and more. Please call me at 946.4644, ext. 308 to find out how you can join the holiday celebrations.

We hope to hear from you soon! Merry Christmas, thank you, and God bless.

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Mission: Our mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

The Salvation Army Teen Angel Application

Please complete the information below and **return by Monday, November 16**, (all gifts must be delivered by December 12).

Sponsoring Name		
Contact Person	First Name:	Last Name:
Contact Person 2	First Name:	Last Name:
Street Address		
City, State, ZIP		
Phone Number(s)	Phone 1:	Phone 2:
E-mail Address		

We would like to participate in the following Teen Angel Christmas Adoption Program or support The Salvation Army Christmas Programs:

Adopt-a-Teen (Ages 13-17)

- Number of teens we would like to adopt (select from drop down): _____ or #
 - Preferred: Male Female Either
- Other additional custom requests please add in Comments Box below.*

I would like to support the Teen Angel Christmas Adoption Program but prefer not to do the shopping. Please accept my donation to purchase gifts for teens.

I wish to make a donation to the Holiday Assistance program and ensure that all the children receive a gift and families a Holiday meal.
**The cost to sponsor a Thanksgiving or Christmas Dinner Basket with all the fixings is \$40.00.*

\$ _____ Check enclosed (Please make checks out to The Salvation Army Traverse City)

Charge my credit card: Visa Master Card Discover American Express

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ 3 digit Sec. Code: _____

Amount: \$ _____ Signature: _____

Please read the following statements and check each, signifying your agreement.

I understand that we as the sponsor will remain anonymous throughout the teen adoption process and will have no direct contact with our assigned adoptees. The Salvation Army will be responsible to distribute our gifts in order to protect the privacy of the individual.

I understand that the adoptees have been screened by The Salvation Army and have all been determined to be in need of assistance.

I understand that the gifts on the list that will be given to me are simply suggestions that have been given by the adoptee. I am not obligated to provide any certain gift, or all of the items listed. (We suggest a value of approximately \$150 per adopted teen.)

Comments:

Please return by Wednesday, November 16, 2023:		Office Use Only	
<p style="text-align: center;">By Mail: The Salvation Army P.O. Box 5228, Traverse City, MI 49696-5228</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Person: The Salvation Army 1239 Barlow Street, Traverse City</p>	Client Number	Client Last Name
<p style="text-align: center;">FAX (231) 946-4822</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">By E-mail mailto:ruth.blick@usc.salvationarmy.org</p>		