



LOVE BEYOND *CHRISTMAS*

Love beyond despair and loneliness.

Love beyond cold nights, overdue bills, and skipped meals.

Love beyond Christmas morning.

Love beyond measure.

Together we can provide the priceless gifts of health, warm homes, belonging and wrap our vulnerable neighbors in hope and love this holiday season and beyond.



Love in Christ's Name **CHURCH BELLS RING** **December 8 & 9**

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Love Beyond...

Dear Friends,

For 129 years, The Salvation Army of Traverse City has been loving all who feel lost. This holiday season we humbly ask you to join us in our mission to help our neighbors who are suffering and love beyond the moment, beyond the barriers, and beyond our differences.

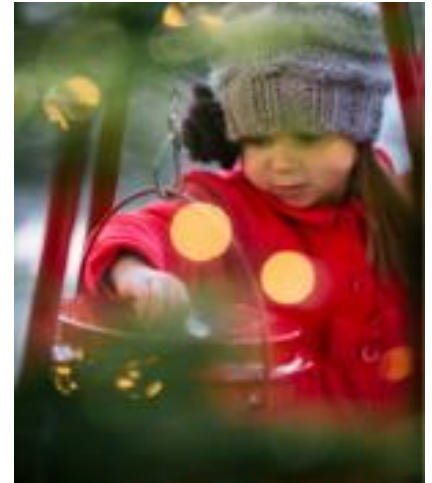
The ringing of The Salvation Army bell is not just a sound of a bell...it's the sound of curing hunger, the sound of Christmas to a child in need, the sound of a safe place for our neighbors to sleep. It is the sound of comfort and hope to our neighbors during the darkest of times.

"Doing the Most Good" - in these four words is our undertaking - to feed, to clothe, to comfort, and to care; to rebuild broken homes and broken lives. By walking with the addicted, we can lead them to recovery. In fighting hunger and poverty, we can feed and nurture the spirit. In helping families take the first step out of poverty, we can lead them and future generations out of the darkness of crisis. By exploring and providing new experiences for youth, we can grow confident leaders of tomorrow. And, in living and sharing the Christian Gospel by meeting tangible and human needs, we give the world a lasting display of the love behind our beliefs.

The "miracle" of Christmas is repeated over and over again through the joy of caring and sharing. I invite you, your congregation and your followers to join us during Church Bells Ring Days in bringing spiritual light and love to our neighbors this Christmas and beyond so that the real meaning of the season is not forgotten.

Our goal is not to only meet the physical needs of those who turn to us but to also provide for their emotional and spiritual needs as well. We are humbly asking you to join us by enlisting in Love's Army during the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign to help us bring hope and love beyond empty cupboards, hunger, eviction, and poverty.

Will you join us in making Christmas Bright and Bring Hope in 2024? We are grateful for your support and prayers.



*Some gifts don't come wrapped in packages.
With bows.
And ribbons.
They aren't hidden away.
Then torn into with reckless abandon.
Some gifts are needs – like food or shelter.
And those can be the most precious of all.*



Here are just a few reasons why partnering with The Salvation Army during the Christmas season is a wonderful thing to do:

Money raised through the Red Kettle Campaign goes directly back to programs in your community. All donations stay local.

Your support will help to fund programs year-round, not just at the holidays.

You can start or continue a meaningful holiday tradition for your company.





You are letting the community know your company is there for them in a very visible way.

You'll be part of an iconic campaign that helps thousands of people in Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Benzie counties each year.

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

CHURCH BELLS

Doing Good In Christ's Name

-  Donations collected stay in our community and fund local programs.
-  Invite your congregation, choir, youth, family and friends to ring.
-  Host a special Red Kettle offering at a Sunday service.
-  Make an even bigger impact by matching donations to your kettle.

REGISTER TO RING DURING CHURCH BELLS RING December 8 & 9

1. Select a date(s) your congregation/group would like to ring
2. Select a location(s) where you would like to ring
3. Contact Mary Vollink for more information or to register by phone at 231-946-4644 or via email at mary.vollink@usc.salvationarmy.org or register online at RegistertoRing.com.

PRAYERS

Please include The Salvation Army and our community neighbors who are struggling in your thoughts and prayers this holiday season.

Together We Can Do More

Your support will help to fund programs year-round, not just at the holidays.

You can start or continue a meaningful holiday tradition for all age groups of your congregation.

You can share God's love and your love for others in a very meaningful way.

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OPEN DOORS AND OPEN HEARTS

Through the shared blessings of our Community our doors are open to provide for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our neighbors.

FOOD, HEALTH, AND NUTRITION

Food Pantry, Community Meals
Free Food Market

HOPE IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Emergency financial and utility assistance

PATHWAY OF HOPE

Pathway of Hope anchored in a strengths-based, long term, intensive case management approach that engages and empowers families to take action, set goals, and overcome their barriers to self-sufficiency.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Tuesday night family fun night and character building, Summer Day and Away Camp, Archery, SA Gaming, Vacation Bible School, and Sunday School

COMMUNITY CARES

Community outreach reaches in the community to provide hospital, nursing home and other vulnerable individuals visitation, along with special events and holiday programs.

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE

Provides gift, toys, holiday meals and food baskets to families and individuals so that everyone can experience the joys of the holidays.

EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES

EDS provides immediate physical, emotional and spiritual assistance and well as hot food and beverages to victims and first responders when disaster strikes.

Visit our website for additional programs and services



There are many ways we can work together to make the Holidays Bright and Bring Hope in 2024

- Learn more about Red Kettle and Holiday Sponsorship opportunities
- Holiday Meals and Food Baskets, (1) \$5000
- Holiday Meals (Thanksgiving and Christmas) Community Meal (1) \$3000
- Holiday Food Basket Sponsor (1) \$2500, (2) \$1000, (4) \$500
- Host a Red Kettle as bell ringers for a day or adopt a location for select time and day for the season
- Host a Red Kettle at your family, church, business or group holiday event (small counter Red Kettles available)
- Register to bell ring as an individual or group - register online at [Register to Ring.com](https://www.register-to-ring.com) or call Mary at 231-946-4644
- Set up a personal, business or group [virtual Red Kettle](#)
- Adopt a Thanksgiving or Holiday Food Basket so families can gather around the table in celebration - \$40 Donation
- Host a [Christmas Wishes](#) gift drive
- Host a [Food and/or Hygiene Drive](#) and drive home health, nutrition and dignity
- Host a Winter Accessory or Sock Drive
- Become a [Teen Angel](#) by adopting a Teen this holiday season through the Teen Angel program.
- [Volunteer](#) to assist with Christmas gift sorting, packing and distribution of food and gifts
- [Make a financial gift](#) to The Salvation Army



**"Above all, love."
1 Peter 4:8**



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