



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, teens and families. The need for assistance has continued to be great throughout the year and we anticipate significant need for assistance during the holidays.

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 sponsoring a Holiday Food Basket with all the fixings. Attached are also other partnership opportunities that are available this year. We know that things are not back to normal and are happy to work with you on what works best for you to make Christmas special for area children and families.

The Salvation Army Holiday Assistance sign-up begins mid—October and runs through November with both in-person and online applications being accepted. We will match teens with Teen Angel sponsors by Thanksgiving in time to take advantage of the holiday sales.

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 during this critical time is 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. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me by phone 231.946.4644 ext. 308, cell 231.649.2752 or by e-mail at ruth.blick@usc.salvationarmy.org.

Thank you for joining us to ensure Hope Marches On for our most vulnerable neighbors.

Be safe and be well...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.

Please complete the information below and **return by Monday, November 15** (all gifts must be delivered by December 13).

Sponsoring Group/Individual Name			
Contact Person (First & Last Name)			
Street Address			
City, State, ZIP			
Phone Number(s)	() -	() -	
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 (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
- Preferred: ___ Male ___ Female ___ Either

_____ 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 \$35.00.*

\$_____ Check enclosed

Charge my credit card: Visa _____ Master Card _____ American Express _____

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

Signature: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Please read the following statements and initial 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 \$100-150 per adopted teen.)

Comments:

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