

# THE SALVATION ARMY



## MUSIC & ARTS PROGRAM PEORIA, ILLINOIS

**In addition to band and choir programs, some of The Salvation Army's music programs include:**

### **Academy of Performance Arts (APA):**

Sterling Middle School in Peoria, Illinois serves an area where one in three children live in poverty. Realizing the positive outcomes music instruction provides these students, the school collaborated with The Salvation Army to provide a supplemental, free afterschool music program for any student wanting to learn an instrument.

### **Operation Piano Player:**

The Salvation Army provides affordable, quality piano lessons at local corps community centers, such as The Peoria Citadel, through Operation Piano Player. Students must be at least eight years old and have regular access to a piano for practice (which can be the corps piano).



### **A Life Changed for Good:**

Music and Arts programs provide so many benefits for the children who participate that it can be life-changing for some of them. One of the best stories come from a local family whose daughter benefitted from these programs. Aniya, a fifth grader at Sterling Middle School in Peoria decided to join The Salvation Army's Academy of Performance Arts (APA), held after school at Sterling. Learning keyboard made a stunning impact on Aniya's life. **Not only did she grow in her music skills, but her grades also turned around from D's and F's to A's and B's!** Learning music in a safe and encouraging environment also helped solidify her self-confidence and build her self-esteem (as is evident in the picture below of Aniya performing at APA's winter concert).

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