



THE SALVATION ARMY

ALPENA CORPS

FRONTLINE REPORT – 2022

The Salvation Army in Alpena opened its doors for service in 1888. Our Administrative, Social Services offices and our church campus is located at 722 North 2nd Ave. Our Thrift Store is located at 2323 US 23. Below is a summary of our current programs and services:

SOCIAL SERVICES

FOOD AND PERSONAL CARE ITEM PANTRY: We offer a food and personal care item pantry experience that is client choice. Each client speaks to a volunteer or employee to help them select the food or personal care item that will best benefit their family. Clients in need are eligible to shop in the food and personal care item pantry once every three months, or more often if they have a financial hardship such as a layoff, medical or other emergency. ***This year we will be able to assist people with more healthy eating options as we received a grant for dairy products from the Michigan Dairy Association and personal care items grant from Walmart.***

EMERGENCY UTILITY ASSISTANCE: We offer help with electric and gas bills to clients and families who are low income and have fell behind in payments. To prevent our clients from getting their utilities shut off, we can place holds on accounts and send payments once a client is approved. We have also implemented becoming an access location for DHHS and their utility programs. People in need can come to our office and use computers with our staff to apply online for assistance through DHHS. ***Again this year, our location will be able to help families in Alpena County with a matching grant from DTE.***

SEASONAL EVENTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Camp: The Salvation Army provides overnight camping experiences during the summer in Leonard, MI. Youth, women, men, and families can attend camps that help them to grow physically, educationally, and spiritually. Camps such as Music, STEM and Sports are a part of their experience.

ARCHERY: This program will be available this spring for youth. It is a six-week course that is taught by a certified teacher. Certification is done through the National Archery in School Programs (NASP). This is an amazing opportunity to see people grow in confidence as their skills improve, and to see children learning how to follow directions and work together through the process. ***This year, we hope to have a training to provide more leadership and classes in the community.***

Other Season Distributions: In August we provide families in need with school supplies to send their children to school with the tools they need for success. Later in the fall, we distribute outerwear such as coats, hats, scarves, and gloves to make sure everyone can stay warm in our harsh winter climate. During our Christmas distribution parents were requesting undergarments. We decided to

add another distribution during the back to school distribution for socks, t-shirts, underwear, and other miscellaneous items. **In 2023 we hope to serve 175 youth with these needed items.**

Christmas Services: We also provide a Christmas food box to make sure every family will have access to a traditional Christmas meal, and we have a "Toy Shop" where parents have the opportunity to choose toys for their children to find under the tree Christmas morning. ***In 2022, we served 137 families/individuals with food and 300 children with gifts. We also provided stocking stuffers and books with a total of all items distributed to children totally 2942. Nursing Home gifts totaling 1,205 to 241 residences.***

EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES: We have a very active team for emergency disaster work. We respond regularly to house fires and other situations that as our local Fire or Police require on-site respite care for those involved in the emergencies as well as first responders. Being able to provide warmth with a cup of coffee to a displaced family, replenishing cooling water or Gatorade to a Fireman or Police Officer, a nice warm meal when the temperature is well below zero or when the body is running on empty the 'ministry of presence' is a privilege; one we take very seriously. ***This year, we hope to increase our volunteer numbers by 8 so the work is not left to our faithful few.***

COMMUNITY CENTER

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Every Thursday evening at 6 p.m., we have a Women's Ministry meeting. This is a great group of women that join to do service projects, receive education on important issues of today, worship and to just enjoy the company of women. ***This year we want to increase this program by being more aggressive in our promoting of this great program for women of all ages.***

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: We were able to start up Bible Study on Tuesdays at 6:00pm. Both members of our congregation and community are encouraged to attend as we looked at God's word. ***We hope to see more community people attend this year.***

BUILDING RENTALS: Our building is not always used some days and evenings. We decided to serve the community by providing our building for rentals. We are concerned for youth and those who deal with addiction. 2022 we made available to AA, NA, and the Girl Scouts weekly rental for the cost of a donation to assist these groups in serving those in need. We are at max for evening rentals since we do want to encourage our own growth in programs. Daytime is still available.

This year we will be reaching out into the community to see what needs are still unmet. There are struggles in this area and we want to make sure we are up to date on who and how we serve the community. One way we will achieve this goal will be to build an Advisory Board, which will help to assist the Officer, employees, and volunteers of The Salvation Army with strategic planning for the future. Another way is to hire a part time Business Director which will assist the Corps Officer in the duties of business so the Officer can spend more time in the community.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

As William Booth, founder of The Salvation Army believed, transformation is the goal of all services we provide. We assist all people without discrimination while at the same time helping people

understand that our motivation is Jesus Christ – His grace, love and mercy to us all. On Sunday we have Sunday School at 10:00. Morning Worship at 11am. ***We hope to see youth attend so that we can start a youth Sunday School class soon.***

THRIFT STORE

The Alpena Family Thrift Store, on US 23, assists in funding the programs of The Salvation Army plus assist in providing needed items such as clothing and/or household items. When someone is going in for an interview a nice suit or dress would help set the tone of the interview and help the person with self-confidence. When a family loses all, they own in a fire it is less stressful to them to know we can assist. We can provide vouchers for the above situations and more. Anyone can shop and receive a deal to help them financially. We are open Monday – Saturday for shopping and donations.

Major Prezza Morrison currently serve as the Corps Officer of the Alpena Corps Community Center.

Major Prezza Morrison has served The Salvation Army as Officer and employee since 1985. She has a degree in Pastoral Ministries from Olivet Nazarene University. Major Prezza has served The Salvation Army at appointments in Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota, South Dakota, Kansas, and Missouri, including an appointment as an instructor at The Salvation Army College for Officer Training.

In 2002 Prezza traveled to New York to help after the September 11 disaster at the World Trade Center. She supervised and counseled at the food service tent at the makeshift coroner's office after the attack. When Hurricane Katrina hit the south, she also served meals and gave counsel to homes in the state of Louisiana.

She is originally from Michigan. Her Parents both graduated from Alpena High in the early 60's. Prezza has four adult children and two grandchildren all living in the Midwest. Prezza enjoys music, reading books, working with youth, and serving as an Officer in The Salvation Army.



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