Easter eggs aren’t the only treasures children are finding at The Right Place...
Our School-Readiness Program Gives Hope to Families in Need

When Sofia needed help most, The Salvation Army was The Right Place...

Marion* stopped what she was doing to give a closer listen. Was she hearing things? Or was her young daughter Sofia* actually reciting words in English?

The single mom had been thrilled when she first learned about The Right Place, The Salvation Army's school-readiness program for preschool-age children. Marion had been looking for a safe place for little Sophia while she was at work. She was also concerned that Sophia didn't know a word of English and was set to start kindergarten the following year.

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The staff assured Marion that Sofia would have all the skills necessary when the time came. They were right, as was Marion's hearing. Sofia was indeed saying words in English, and she soon began teaching mom some new words, too.

Right Place at the Right Time

For 20 years, The Right Place preschool has been a beacon of hope for families like Sofia's who live in underserved communities. “The Right Place serves many lower income families, and we value their unique cultural differences,” says Suzy Almeida, Director of our Danbury campus. And according to Suzy, school-readiness isn't the only benefit the children receive. Another reason the program is unique is that families' additional needs, such as food and clothing, can be taken care of onsite,” she says.

Taylor Pratt, Coordinator for our two Hartford campuses, is deeply grateful for the role friends like you play: “Salvation Army donors impact the children in a very big way, whether it be through building improvements and school supplies, or purchasing fresh ingredients for the meals provided to the children. Donations also allow us to continue to provide scholarships to those who may not be able to pay for their full tuition.”

When you support The Salvation Army, you help in so many ways and are a blessing to so many children and families.

For more information, visit ctri.salvationarmy.org/SNE/trp

Thank you for your continued support today!

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An Easter Story Changes a Camper’s Life

Your support helped get Anthony to camp. God did the rest.

Anthony could sometimes act out. At least that’s what Marilyn, a counselor at our Camp CONNRI, had been told. But she saw in the young boy a big heart with limitless potential.

“When I met Anthony and started speaking to him, I realized he was the sweetest kid with the kindest heart,” she says. “His smiles were so genuine because he didn’t smile often but when he did, his whole face lit up.”

Still, Marilyn knew that deep down Anthony had struggles. That was not a surprise, as many children who come to camp are dealing with various problems and issues. But Marilyn couldn’t help but feel a soft spot for Anthony. And she made it her mission to show him God’s love.

One day, during the middle of the week, the campers experienced “Jesus Theater,” a production depicting Bible stories beginning with Adam and Eve and working up through the Easter story. When it was over, Anthony decided he wanted to live his life like Jesus. He turned to Marilyn, with tears in his eyes, and said, “This is the best decision I have ever made in my whole life. I feel peaceful.”

For vulnerable children like Anthony, camp is much more than fun in the outdoors. It is a place of peace, a place of healing, and a place where lives are changed. Thank you for blessing them with an incredible experience they will never forget!

For more information about Camp CONNRI, please visit ctri.salvationarmy.org/SNE/campconnri

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You Gave a Mother and Daughter a Fresh Start

When Sandi and Hannah fled an abusive home, you helped restore them… body and soul.

Enough was enough. For some time, Sandi* had endured verbal and emotional abuse from her boyfriend, the father of her 8-year-old daughter Hannah.* But when bruises started showing up on the young girl, Sandi knew they needed to leave. She and Hannah packed a few things and fled for safety.

Thankfully, Sandi was able to find housing in a safe neighborhood. But she would need help with basic necessities while she searched for a job. That’s when Sandi turned to The Salvation Army. Through the support of friends like you, we were able to provide food and clothes to help the two get back on their feet.

Sandi thanked us profusely for the kindness she was shown. Then, as she was preparing to leave, she noticed a flyer about our summer camp for kids. She told us her story and shared what a difficult time it was for Hannah. We all agreed camp would be a wonderful experience for her girl and told Sandi not to worry, that caring people like you would make sure Hannah got there.

That day was the beginning of a fresh start for both mom and daughter. Sandi soon found a good job working at a doctor’s office and is feeling confident about their future. Hannah thoroughly enjoyed two weeks of camp and is now participating in several of our other kids’ programs, including our girls dance group.

Thank you for making fresh starts like this possible!

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You can ensure your life’s work continues to reflect your values by naming The Salvation Army in your estate plan.

You will have peace of mind knowing that your legacy gift will be distributed according to your wishes. And, you will find joy in your heart knowing that, for generations to come, you have done your part to help those less fortunate.

To learn more, please contact: Michael Afflitto, CAP®, Director of Planned Giving at 888-468-5356 (toll free), or visit tinyurl.com/MyGiftPlan

Help Someone Chase New Dreams

When you shop at one of our Family Stores, the men and women participating in our Adult Rehabilitation Centers recovery program directly benefit. They are provided with a healthy living environment, good food, work therapy, counseling, and numerous resources to help them develop life skills and a personal relationship with God.

See how your support is changing lives: ctri.salvationarmy.org/SNE/ARC

Your Impact At Work

- **595 kids** attended camp last summer.
- **74,199 people** were served through our emergency services last year.
- **1,490 Hurricane Maria survivors** evacuated from Puerto Rico were helped locally.