Helping kids be kids

Youth

The need:
Low-income and disadvantaged children have less than a fifty percent chance of graduating from high school.

What we do:
Our summer camps, Sunday schools, and after-school and scouting programs help kids learn in a caring, safe environment.

How you can help:
$275 will send an inner-city child to a mountain retreat for a week. $80 will buy a new printer for a homework lab at a Salvation Army community center.

In almost every community in America, there are kids learning Bible stories in Sunday school, having adventures in a scouting program, getting help with schoolwork, attending overnight camp in a pristine mountain retreat, and playing soccer, basketball, or doing ballet at a youth center operated by The Salvation Army. Your support makes it possible for The Salvation Army to reach kids who are in danger of falling through the cracks and ending up broken by violence, illiteracy, or addiction. For more information, visit www.salvationarmy.usawest.org.
Bringing joy to those in need

Christmas Giving

The holidays can be an especially difficult time for people struggling to make ends meet. We help by providing hot meals, food boxes, gifts, clothing, toys, and much more. Volunteers deliver gifts to nursing homes and hospitals. And shelters offer sit-down dinners. Angel Giving Trees allow people to “adopt” and shop for an “angel” in need. And Toy and Joy programs give low-income families an opportunity to shop for gifts from a selection of new, donated items. For details, please visit www.salvationarmy.usawest.org.

The need:
According to the National Center for Children in Poverty, 43 million children live in poverty or in low-income households, with little or no hope of a merry Christmas.

What we do:
We provide Christmas meals, gifts, clothing, and toys—and hope—to those who need it most.

How you can help:
$250 will provide a family of four with a holiday meal, food box, toys, and a gift card for clothing or other needs. Or volunteer your time to serve hot meals, distribute gifts, or ring a bell at one of our red kettles this Christmas.
Combating natural disasters with acts of God

Disaster Response and Recovery

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The need:
Disasters come in many forms, both natural and man-made—always devastating to those involved.

What we do:
From immediate response through long-term recovery, we are there to give a hand—and hope—when it’s needed most.

How you can help:
$10 feeds one disaster survivor for a day. $30 provides one household cleanup kit.
$250 keeps a hydration station operational for 24 hours.

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Feeding the Hungry

The Salvation Army has been involved in the alleviation of hunger for more than 145 years. Founder General William Booth believed that it was impossible to minister to a person’s spiritual needs without tending to their physical needs first. We’ve followed his guidance ever since, feeding more than 3,000 people each Thanksgiving in Los Angeles, growing fresh produce in Oregon, distributing food boxes in dozens of cities each week, and much more. For more information, visit www.salvationarmy.usawest.org.

The need:
In the United States, more than 35 million people face the threat of hunger.

What we do:
We provide nutritious food through sit-down meal programs, food pantries, meals-on-wheels, and community gardens.

How you can help:
$30 will provide a family of three with a food box that will feed them for up to four days.
$19.50 will feed 10 homeless people a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings.
Lighting the path to sobriety

Rehabilitation

The Salvation Army ARCs comprise the largest residential rehabilitation program in the U.S. The program helps men and women overcome substance abuse and its effects by giving them a chance to stabilize their lives and regain confidence and self-respect. Development of a good work ethic, moral regeneration, and spiritual growth bring hope, purpose, and meaning to their lives. Housing, meals, and rehabilitation services are provided at no cost to the participants. For more information, please visit www.salvationarmy.usawest.org today.

The need:
More than 20 million Americans aged 12 and older are in need of rehabilitation for substance abuse each year.

What we do:
Our adult rehabilitation centers (ARCs) provide skilled counseling, spiritual guidance, and work therapy at no cost to participants.

How you can help:
83 cents of every dollar spent at a Salvation Army Family Store is used to provide no-fee rehabilitation through the ARC program. So donate clothing, furniture, appliances, or even your car for resale, and provide a source of revenue for the program. Or just go shopping at your neighborhood Salvation Army store.
LIVING WELL HAS NO AGE LIMIT

THE NEED:
Senior adults aged 60 and older are the fastest-growing age group in the United States.

WHAT WE DO:
We offer specialized programs and facilities geared toward the needs of senior adults—and their caregivers.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:
$10 will provide a one-day outing to a senior camp. $20 will provide a senior adult with lunches for one week.

The Salvation Army provides both educational and recreational classes, hot-meal programs, retirement seminars, daytime or weekend outings, and residential facilities where senior adults can enjoy an environment of support and encouragement.

And The Salvation Army sees to the needs of senior caregivers as well, with adult day care centers that allow senior caregivers to enjoy a much-needed day off now and then. For more information, please visit www.salvationarmy.usawest.org.
A WARM, SAFE PLACE WHEN NEEDED MOST

Salvation Army shelters and housing programs vary by the needs of our clients. Our emergency shelters provide basic necessities, counseling, and casework for up to 30 days. Our temporary housing programs offer more extensive services along with shelter for up to 90 days. And transitional housing gives the victims of substance abuse, domestic violence, and unemployment their own rooms or apartments for up to two years with services like child care, education, and job development to help them focus on regaining self-sufficiency. For more information, please visit www.salvationarmy.usawest.org today.

The need:
Shelter is one of the most basic human needs—and one of the most practical ways we can help people in crisis.

What we do:
We have a variety of shelter and housing programs. All provide safety and stability to help people get back on their feet.

How you can help:
$30 will provide someone a warm, safe place to sleep for a night.
SHOWING WOMEN THEIR TRUE BEAUTY

Salvation Army worship and community centers offer fellowship opportunities for elderly women, parenting classes, and basic necessities through Family Services for single mothers struggling to raise families on their own. The Salvation Army also provides substance abuse rehabilitation for women, domestic violence shelters, help for pregnant and parenting teens, and emergency or long-term housing for women trying to transition back to stability. For more details, please visit www.salvationarmy.usawest.org.

THE NEED:
For many American women, violence and poverty seem to go together.

WHAT WE DO:
We provide services and programs that address the variety of challenges faced by women in need.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:
$115 pays for a week of full-time child care. $280 provides a week of counseling and training for a teen mom.
Our volunteers move mountains

The need:
Volunteers help us keep costs in check: each hour given saves us $20.

What we do:
Last year, we gave volunteer opportunities to 3.4 million people nationwide.

How you can help:
Four hours of volunteer Bell Ringing at one of our famous Red Kettle raises about $84.
Packing food boxes for 4 hours can feed 40 families for a week.

The Salvation Army has volunteer opportunities to match your interest, your expertise and your heart; whether it’s painting a nursery at a transitional living center, serving food at a homeless shelter, tutoring an at-risk teen at an afterschool program, or serving a term on a local Salvation Army Advisory Board. For more details, please visit www.salvationarmy-socal.org or call (562) 264-3689.