



The Salvation Army Delaware October Newsletter 2023

A Message From The Majors

Dear Friends,

Some say that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. That may be true, but if you ask us, dinner is certainly the most festive. We recently celebrated our Annual Civic Recognition Dinner. If you didn't have a chance to be with us for the festivities, we're happy to share a glimpse of the event, especially noting this year's deserving awardees.



As far as special dinners go, Thanksgiving is probably the most festive dinner we celebrate collectively in our country. It's hard to believe that the holidays start in just a few weeks. Turkey day is a lot of work for thirty minutes of munching followed by lots of clean-up and turkey-induced napping. Still, it's a feast with family and friends that we all anticipate. Thanksgiving is also the start of the Christmas season.

Here at the Salvation Army, we have started preparing for that highly anticipated Christmas day. Halloween may be upon us, but we are already making our lists and will check them twice. Unfortunately, that list is quite large. There are still many parents who are barely able to take care of their family's basic needs, let alone provide a Merry Christmas. Enter our **Angel Tree Program!**

The Angel Tree Program collects donated toys and gifts and distributes them to these families, along with grocery gift cards so that a proper Christmas dinner can be made. Tags are created for each child with items from their wish

list. You can be one of our Angels by choosing tags and donating toys, etc. It truly is better to give than to receive. Just imagine the look of excitement on the faces of these kids when they see presents under their Christmas tree. That is true Christmas joy, for them and for you (*program info below*).

As we move into this hectic season, please remember your neighbors who may not be as fortunate as you and take time to enjoy the season. It is always so fleeting.

With hope and gratitude,
Majors Lisa and Tim Sheehan

2023 Annual Civic Recognition Dinner

M&T Bank

Thank you to our presenting sponsor M&T Bank and all of our sponsors for supporting our 2023 Annual Dinner which was held on October 12, 2023. Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long was our Honorary Chair again, and we welcomed back Tim Furlong, NBC10 Delaware Reporter, as our emcee.

Awards were presented to Thomas J. Hanna, Harvey Hanna & Associates, and Michael J. Hare, Buccini/Pollin Group. Guests then saw the positive impact that the Salvation Army has through a discussion with our Keynote Speaker Mohammad Oliver, Basketball Coordinator for The Salvation Army, Newark, NJ.



Hon. Chair Lt. Gov. Bethany Hall-Long with *The Others Awardee*, Michael Hare. This award honors an individual or organization exemplifying an extraordinary spirit of service to others.



The *William Booth Award* is one of the highest Salvation Army awards conferred upon an individual. **Thomas Hanna** was chosen due to his outstanding service to the community through his donation of time, expertise and energy, and his outstanding humanitarian effort within the



Emcee **Tim Furlong** "interviewed" **Muhammad Oliver** who along with his wife, Felyce, welcomed Rutgers University Star Basketball Player Cliff Omoruyi into their home when he came to the US from Nigeria at the age of 14. As legal guardians, the Olivers not only consider Cliff a member of their family, but have guided and supported him through the years. In appreciation for all he received, Omoruyi donated nearly \$100,000 of endorsement money in Muhammad's name to revitalize the basketball court at the Westside Corps of TSA Newark, NJ.

community. He was presented the award by Jim Harker, Esq. and Majors Lisa and Tim Sheehan.



Major Tim Sheehan and **TSA State Advisory Board Chair, Claire McElwee** who has served on the Board since 2007 and has filled the roll of Chair since 2018. Claire is moving on the the next phase of her life in Florida. We are grateful for her years of work and support. Although we wish her all the best, she will be missed!



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Program Highlight: Angel Tree 2023

It may be time for Halloween, but we are already preparing for the 2023 Holiday Season. Christmas brings additional stress for families struggling throughout the year. How can they pay the bills, provide meals, and give their children presents?

The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program assists families by providing gifts that have been donated by individuals and companies.

Angel Tags will be placed on a Christmas tree in the **Christiana Mall** starting on **Friday, November 3rd**. Please consider taking a tag and purchasing the requested gift listed for a child in need.

Companies that would like to be involved on a larger scale should contact Major Lisa Sheehan.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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ANGEL TREE

Find extra Joy this holiday season by participating in our Angel Tree Program. Your generosity will bring joy to so many, especially the children.



Upcoming Events

Blue Knights Delaware-1 40th Toy Run

Thank you for supporting
The Salvation Army Delaware's
Holiday Assistance Program for
40 Years!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Chambers Memorial Hall
3900 Kirkwood Hwy
Marshallton, DE 19808

**\$15/Rider & \$10/Passenger
PLUS**

Toy or Gift Card/Person

Ages 1-13 years old

Canned goods also welcome

Blue Knights



Delaware Chapter-1

**REGISTRATION:
9:00am-11:00am**

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**MORE INFO: bkdel.org or
FB: [BlueKnightsDelaware1](https://www.facebook.com/BlueKnightsDelaware1)**



OPEN HOUSE

November 15, 2023

Pat's Pizza, Lewes, DE

4:00PM-8:00PM

Buy a painting and get a
MEDIUM PIZZA FREE!

Start your Christmas shopping
at Pat's Pizza!

Come see our Paintings,
Holiday Gnomes, Cards and
Christmas Cards!

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