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NEWS

How you're Doing the Most Good in Connecticut and Rhode Island

Hope Renewed

Jeff's daughter, Madison, first learned about The Salvation Army when a neighbor invited her to a youth ministry called the Rock Program. "When she went to the Rock for the first time, she learned how to pray," says Jeff. "Come to find out later, that's what she would do constantly. Pray for me to find Jesus and to get saved. And it worked."

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Because of YOU

So what difference does your generosity make? A great deal. Here's a quick story to illustrate just how powerful it can be...

In 1963, Edward Lorenz presented his hypothesis about the butterfly effect.



His theory stated that a butterfly could flap its wings and set air molecules in motion that, in turn, would move other air molecules—which would then move additional air molecules—that would ultimately

influence weather patterns on the other side of the planet. Years later, his theory proved to be accurate and viable. It worked every time.

YOUR caring support has a butterfly effect.

Loyal donors like you have helped the Army:

- Stabilize homeless families and teach them how to avoid future evictions
- Provide early learning centers for preschool children so their parents can work
- Unlock vibrant futures for people in our poverty reduction program, Pathway of Hope
- Heal and rehabilitate victims of human trafficking through our Anti-Human Trafficking Bloom Initiative
- Provide a life-changing experience for a child at Camp CONNRI
- Enrich the lives of those who are struggling through programs at our Corps Community Centers

YOUR generosity is the beginning of good that echoes through the lives of those we serve. In individual lives and family networks, communities, and schools, sports clubs, and worship centers. We know this theory works! As an Army, we've seen it for 150 years...and

we thank you for making it possible!

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Without friends like you, Jeff and Madison would still be struggling to find hope. Thank you for changing their lives!

"Maybe next week, daddy, you'll come?" This is the question that Jeff's 9-year-old daughter, Madison, would ask him every Sunday when she came home from church.

But before Jeff accepted Jesus as His Lord and Savior, he was ruled by alcohol. It was the driving force behind every decision he made—and eventually, it just took control of everything. His cycle of self-destruction continued for 30 years and came to a screeching halt when he overheard one conversation.

"Madison was talking to a neighbor and mentioned that it scared her when I went out and drank. That she was worried about me," he says. "That was the day I decided to quit."

Two months into his recovery, Jeff visited Camp CONNRI in Ashford, CT, where Captain Jon Jackson, Camp Director, shared the Gospel with him. That day marked yet another turning point in Jeff's recovery. In the three months that followed, he quit smoking and started going to church every Sunday.

"I was the part of society that everybody wanted to avoid. Today, I'm on the other side of that," says Jeff.

Thanks to your support, Jeff and Madison's lives have been forever changed. The spiritual guidance that they received from staff has filled them both with the hope and forgiveness of Christ.

After getting clean and sober, Jeff started working for The Salvation Army. In less than two years, he has gone from janitor to facilities coordinator and is getting ready to start officer training school. "I was the part of society that everybody wanted to avoid. Today, I'm on the other side of that," says Jeff. "Thank you for giving me the opportunity to meet Jesus and to change my life."

You're making a direct impact

By providing holiday meals for seniors in need, you're also giving Sara and her family a beautiful family tradition of serving others on Christmas morning.

As one of our most faithful supporters, you know that your gifts help provide meals to people in need—but have you ever thought about how those meals are distributed? Sara has. Every holiday season, she and her family participate in our Holiday Meals Program. Sara and her family deliver meals provided by donors to seniors who have nobody to celebrate the holidays with.

"We are in people's homes who don't have one person to celebrate with sometimes," explains Sara.

A group of volunteers like Sara begin their Christmas morning by gathering for the Chaplin's blessing. They pray together for the people whom they will serve that day and prepare the meals. Once the meals are ready, each team packs some of them in their car and travels to their assigned location to deliver them.

"Their family lives in another country, or it's too far away to travel home. We listen to them about whatever it is they want to talk about. We smile and sing with them. Whatever it is,



we are open to them and to the experience that they would like to have."

You can see how great an impact your generosity has—not only on people who are struggling, but on volunteers like Sara and their families, who can experience the joy of serving others by distributing the meals you provide. "Whether you're donating or you're preparing something to get sent out, you're making a direct impact," Sara says. Thank you for doing your part in doing the most good.

To volunteer for the Holiday Meals Delivery Program, contact Yazmin Cruz at Yazmin.Cruz@use.salvationarmy.org or call 860-543-8413, Ext. 124.



Make "Doing the Most Good" your legacy, too

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 1-888-468-5356 (toll free) or visit tinyurl.com/MyGiftPlan

Worthy of Your Trust

81 cents of every dollar spent sustains life-changing programs that bring hope to hurting souls.

81%
Programs and
Services

12%
Administrative
Support

7%
Fundraising



Source: Latest National Salvation Army Annual Report

Mark your calendar

THE ARTS & THE ARMY

When: Thursday, September 13th, from 6:00 - 9:00pm.

Where: Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street, Waterbury, CT.

Ticket Price: \$30

WATERBURY'S KETTLE KICKOFF/ANNUAL DINNER

When: Thursday, November 1st, from 5:30 – 9:00pm.

Where: La Bella Vista, 380 Farmwood Road, Waterbury, CT.

Ticket Price: \$55 by September 30th, \$60 October 1st or after

THE SALVATION ARMY, BRIDGEPORT OPEN HOUSE

When: Wednesday, September 19th, 6:00 – 8:00pm.

Where: 30 Elm Street, Bridgeport, CT.

14TH ANNUAL FIONDELLA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Monday, October 1st.

11:00 lunch & registration, 1:00 start, 6:00 reception.

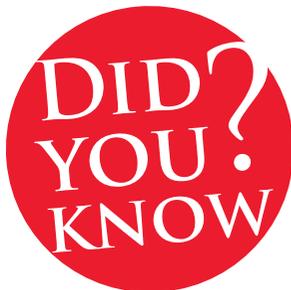
Where: Golf Club of Avon **Ticket Price:** \$175 per golfer

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For more information and other events, go to ctri.SalvationArmy.org

Blessing children with love, kindness, and brighter futures

The Salvation Army cares for children of all ages throughout the year, providing everything from holiday gifts to emergency assistance. Your support impacts many young lives in our community!



The Salvation Army red kettles can be found in 128 countries around the world.

In 1891, Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee promised to provide Christmas dinner for 1,000 of San Francisco's poorest neighbors—but he had no money to purchase the food. He remembered his days as a soldier in Liverpool, where he saw a large stewing pot into which charitable donations were thrown by passersbys. That memory sparked the concept for the Army's very first Red Kettle.

Every year, volunteers and donors continue The Salvation Army's legacy of providing a wonderful Christmas for the less fortunate.



You have made a lasting difference for many struggling children, families, and seniors in Connecticut and Rhode Island. You have given them hope, and filled countless hearts with gratitude.

To help more neighbors in need, please send your next gift today. Your compassion transforms lives!



Your gift to The Salvation Army will be used now and throughout the year to support Salvation Army services in our community.

To learn more about The Salvation Army visit our website at ctri.SalvationArmy.org