What is a Service Unit? A Service Unit is a group of local professionals who lend their expertise to The Salvation Army through volunteering in areas where The Salvation Army does not have a Corps Community Worship Center. There are 43 service units in CT and RI with over 300 volunteers. In Fiscal Year 2019, an unduplicated 31,783 people received Comprehensive Emergency assistance. This response is accomplished through donations, which is why our local kettle campaigns are so very important. Did you know that 90% of funds raised are returned to the local community for assistance?

Assistance may address needs such as rent, utilities, energy, food, back to school supplies, holiday assistance and more. Our volunteers are often considered the army, behind the Army! So if you were one of those amazing volunteers that rang the bell for us during this past 2019 Red Kettle Campaign, we THANK YOU!!

Without you to brave the cold weather and spread the holiday cheer, this simply would not have been possible! If you’ve not yet had the opportunity to ring the bell, fear not! The Salvation Army’s Red Kettle Campaign will happen again for our 2020 season! Please visit: tinyurl.com/SalvationArmyVolunteerForm to fill out your information and be sure to check off the box that you’d like to be a bell ringer!

CT Service Units raised a grand total of $163,345.00 in assistance funds for their local communities!

We thank the 1,692 volunteers that manned those kettles!

Mission Statement
The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.
The United Way of Central and Northeast CT Year of Caring!

In a partnership that has been taking place for the past few years, The Salvation Army is grateful to once again be the recipient of hard-working volunteers that come from the United Way’s Year of Caring volunteer program!

“The volunteers from The Travelers came to The Right Place ready to work! They transformed two of the classrooms with a new coat and color of paint. They did an amazing job at beautifying the school!”  - Taylor Pratt, Director of The Right Place

The Right Place is a year-round, full-day school readiness program for children ages 3-5. With two sites in Hartford, a total of 7 classrooms and the capacity for 116 children, this program is a blessing to the Hartford community. With the new coat of paint and a whole new feel, the children have a fresh environment in which to learn in!

The Faithful and Dedicated: Volunteer Spotlight

Jenny Vongxay has been volunteering her time at the Bridgeport Salvation Army church for the past seven years. With a heart for helping others, Jenny has volunteered year-round helping with administrative duties, holiday assistance, youth programming and has even helped to recruit more volunteers! Jenny had recently secured a donation of laptop computers to be used to help children with their homework and tutoring at the Corps’ afterschool program.

With an upbeat and positive attitude, Jenny continues to be one of the Bridgeport Corps, most faithful and dedicated.

“I volunteer as much as I can because there was a time when I was in need and I was very blessed to receive such help in my hardship. Volunteering is my way of answering this call to help people because one person CAN make a difference,” said Jenny.

WELL DONE JENNY! THANK YOU!!
Bradley Airport WWII-Era Plane Crash

On Wednesday, October 19, 2019 an unfortunate incident took place involving a vintage World War II plane crash at Bradley International Airport.

In the aftermath of the plane crash, the EDS team, requested by Airport Command, deployed to the site of the crash to serve at the Command Post. The EDS team was supported by the local Fire and Police Departments alongside the FBI, hazmat teams, airport personnel and other emergency response teams.

Meal service and the ministry of presence were provided for three days including the removal of the wreckage. During this time, EDS stats show the following:

- 328 Hot Meals Served
- 598 Drinks Served
- 790 Snacks Served

Montville Gas Leak

In the early morning hours of November 13, 2019, there was a low-pressure alert in the gas line that affected over 600 homes in Montville, CT. The New London Salvation Army EDS team responded to the call and started providing immediate support to the local first responders at the Oakdale Fire Department staging area.

The New London EDS team served over 100 first responders and local workers for over ten hours. With 123 meals, 48 snacks and 196 beverages served, we tip our hats to the many volunteers of the New London EDS team! Your desire to help others in their time of need was certainly