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Erica Wilson, who was charged with planning the event for Clarus Commerce, shared a similar thought, “My team thoroughly enjoyed volunteering at The Salvation Army. Lieutenant LeNissa, Kathy and their staff were gracious hosts in welcoming us to their site and providing a better understanding of what their organization does. It was rewarding to provide hands-on help and really see the impact. Thank you for this experience!”

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From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your generosity and compassion.

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Dear Devoted Donors,

Time and again, you’ve stepped forward to help us meet people at their point of greatest need.

You help us feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, cloth and assist folks in crisis, provide companionship to the lonely, and invite everyone to draw closer to God’s love for them.

These are the hallmarks of what you allow us to accomplish. And they are at the very core of The Salvation Army’s 150-year-old mission. It is who we are. As long as human suffering exists in the world, we will continue to offer healing and hope. And we thank you for making that possible.

Some problems, however, are so complex — some needs so great — it’s hard to know how to even begin to help . . .

But we are an Army — called to respond to that which we can. So we listen for the stirrings of human need. We pray. We discern. And then we MOBILIZE. Today, right here in our community, big challenges exist. Challenges that can devour lives if they are not addressed. And we are MOBILIZED to take action. Will you help us take them on? At the right are some examples.

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PATHWAY OF HOPE
A free life-skills initiative that helps motivated families become more self-sufficient by pairing them with a Salvation Army Case Manager who mentors them regularly for up to 2 years.

Goal: Sustained stability in the areas of employment, housing, education, transportation and relationships.

Numbers served: 20 families per year at each center of service.

Cost: $100,000 per year per Pathway of Hope service location.

Current service: Pathway of Hope operates in Bridgeport, New Haven and Meriden.

Need: Additional funding is needed to expand Pathway of Hope to other cities in need.

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING
A Survivor Specialist will work one-on-one with survivors of human trafficking.

Goal: To restore dignity and self-sufficiency to victims, through trauma informed counselling with a Survival Specialist.

Numbers served: 12 individuals per year at each location.

Current service: Anti-human trafficking was launched in Greater Hartford, CT, summer 2017.

Need: Additional funding is needed to support Greater Hartford and to expand to other critical cities with high rates of trafficking.

BRIDGING THE GAP
A free life-skills development program for first-time juvenile offenders and at-risk youth, ages 12 to 17 years.

Goal: To maintain the 87% success rate experienced by the same program in Massachusetts (sustained for 6 years) by giving youth the tools needed to make better decisions, break the cycle of violence, improve school performance and build positive relationships.

Numbers served: 30 youth per year at each area of service.

Need: This program needs funding to launch in Greater Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport.

Jessica first came to The Salvation Army in a state of fearful apprehension. Her unemployment was drawing to a close, and her husband Alberto was out of work. Jessica wanted to ensure some form of steady income in order to provide a stable environment for her two sons, Steven and Cristian. She recalled her initial thought process before entering the Pathway of Hope initiative and said, “We live in a world of what seems like so many necessities that sometimes, we lose sight of what matters. Pathway of Hope has not only empowered me by meeting my personal needs, but has also enhanced my understanding of the importance of family values.”

After working to revise her resume and cover letters with The Salvation Army’s Pathway of Hope case manager, Jessica wasted no time submitting them to multiple employment agencies. Practicing mock interviews with Pathway of Hope staff and following up with every potential employer, Jessica quickly found employment, and stated, “The Pathway of Hope has allowed me the opportunity to be employed for 8 months now since enrolling in the initiative.”

Jessica’s drive and determination simultaneously motivated her husband, who decided to seek training to become a school bus driver. Upon successfully completing the course, he too found employment. “Pathway of Hope also gives us the opportunity to interact with other families that are going through the same or similar situations. We are a family,” Alberto mentioned when thinking back on his experience.

After successfully securing employment, our work with the family was not over. Jessica became focused on additional self-improvement and advancement. She hopes to continue to improve her English, allowing her more professional opportunities. Her case manager shares her excitement and has put her in contact with a local partner and community provider, The Literacy Volunteers, so that she may begin taking English as a Second Language courses this spring.

When a Pathway of Hope caseworker was asked what the best part of her job is she responded, “There is nothing more satisfying than seeing that we can make such a big difference in the lives of the clients we serve. I have been able to see clients glow with pride because they have completed goals, from the most simple to the most complicated.”

This family has no interest in resting on their laurels and it is the intention of The Salvation Army’s Pathway of Hope initiative to journey directly alongside them as they continue to pursue self-improvement.

For more information on Pathway of Hope, go to: ctri.salvationarmy.org/SNE/PathwayOfHope

You can make a difference!