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Dallas Women's Auxiliary newsletter



Celebrating the Blessings of 2024-25

A Year-End Report by Laura Downing

What an amazing year for our Auxiliary! Our theme was *Be the Light*, based on Matthew 5:14-16. As Christians, we are called to be the light for others – to serve with kindness and compassion. You truly were a bright light to so many in need this past year.

Fall was fast, fun and meaningful with backpack stuffing, granting of fashion show proceeds, serving dinner to women and children in shelters, serving cupcakes at the Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC), ringing kettle bells, and working Angel Tree shifts at NorthPark then distributing Christmas gifts to families. Dinners at the shelter and celebrating sobriety milestones at the ARC continued throughout the spring. I am in awe of how you all volunteered.

Our Fashion Show & Luncheon in May was a big success thanks to our incredible chair Stacey Walker. Stacey and her committee worked tirelessly for a full year, and they executed every detail beautifully. Thank you to everyone who worked a shift collecting,

sorting and tagging clothes. Because of your efforts, we will be able to distribute a record amount of proceeds at our October General Membership Meeting and these funds will bless our neighbors who need it most.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of so many of our members, I am also thrilled to report that we surpassed our Auxiliary commitment of \$1 million for the children's playground at the new flagship Dallas Social Service Center which is now under construction. This playground will be an important part of the healing process for children and their families at the shelter.

Thank you all for giving your time, talents and financial resources to support The Salvation Army of North Texas and the clients it serves. It has been an honor and privilege to lead this organization of committed hard-working women. I am thrilled to now pass the gavel to Kimber Hartmann, who embodies the love Christ has for others. We are in great hands to continue supporting the mission of The Salvation Army.

A Farewell from Major Dawn McFarland

As Paul and I are unpacking and settling into the rhythms of our new appointment, it seems strange that I will not be with you packing backpacks, serving meals to the women at Carr P Collins, distributing Angel Tree gifts, or preparing for the next Fashion Show & Luncheon.

Over the past three years, your

dedication to serving impacted my daily walk with the Lord in ways both large and small. I am so thankful for your shared wisdom and kindness you showed me. When I think of you Philippians 1:3-7 is the Scripture that comes to mind: "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.... And I am sure of this, that he who began

a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace..."

It has been an honor serving Jesus with you, and I look forward to seeing you again one day!

Dawn



Doing the Most Good in Style

Fashion Show & Luncheon Recap by Chair Stacey Walker



The 32nd annual Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Fashion Show and Luncheon took place on Tuesday, May 6 at the Meyerson Symphony Center.

It was a resounding success, due to the hard work of so many dedicated Auxiliary Members. Clothing collection began in the fall. We are grateful to our retail partners who hosted dropoff events – Stanley Korshak and Elements. Clotheshorse Anonymous and Clothes Circuit generously provide us with donations weekly throughout the year as well.

Several special events occur leading up to the big event to raise awareness and generate excitement. Amber and Michael Cohen graciously hosted the Kickoff Party in January, and we celebrated our donors at the Patron Party at the beautiful home of Jennifer and David Lancashire. In between we honored former Auxiliary Presidents and Past Fashion

Show Chairs at The Legacy Luncheon in the Zodiac Room at Neiman Marcus Downtown. We are tremendously grateful to Neiman Marcus for their continued support of The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary.

We had record attendance at all of our sales this spring. The Designer PreSale gave our most generous donors the opportunity to shop our wonderful selection of clothing prior to the main event. The Chic Boutique at the Meyerson complimented the Runway and Silent Auction offerings on May 6. Our public Children's Sale and AfterSale saw unprecedented numbers of both shoppers and dollars sold.

The funds raised through the Fashion Show and Luncheon will be distributed to Salvation Army locations across North Texas this fall. My heartfelt thanks go out to every Auxiliary Member who worked so hard to make our 2025 event a huge success!



SAVE THE DATE

35th Anniversary Celebration of the Women's Auxiliary

FASHION SHOW & Luncheon 2026

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21
11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.**

Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center

Fashion Show & Luncheon Chair:
Katherine Coker



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