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THE SALVATION ARMY OF THE COASTAL BEND

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RESPONSE TO KERRVILLE



The Salvation Army Texas Division quickly responded to the disaster in Kerrville, providing relief and hope to those affected. Three mobile feeding stations were deployed to serve hot meals, reaching as many people as possible in the impacted areas. In addition to meals, The Salvation Army distributed cleaning kits and hygiene kits to help families begin the recovery process. This compassionate response would not be possible without the dedication of volunteers and staff, who worked tirelessly to support the community. The Salvation Army remains committed to demonstrating the love of Christ through both words and actions, bringing comfort during difficult times.

Assistance provided as of July 15, 2025

Meals	6,134
Snacks	37,548
Drinks	39,525
Cleaning Kits	1,099
Hygiene Kits	1,908
Items of Clothing	1,636

Mail your donation to:

The Salvation Army Divisional Headquarters
PO Box 36607
Dallas, TX 75235

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IN JUNE, WE PROVIDED:

2,783



Nights of Lodging

37



Average of children sheltered

3,506



3,266 Shelter Meals
240 Street Outreach

209



Food boxes distributed

130



Individuals received
Rent/Utility Assistance

Kerrville Prayer



**Lord of mercy, we lift up Kerrville—
A town touched by rising flood.
Bring peace to the frightened,
Strength to the weary,
And healing where damage has come.
May neighbors be light to each other,
Hands reaching out in Your name.
Guide first responders, volunteers, and leaders
As they work to restore what remains.
Shine through the darkness with comfort,
Wrap every heart in Your care.
Let this be a time of compassion,
Where hope grows strong through prayer.
In every tear, be present.
In every need, be near.
Amen.**

Jonathan Gonzalez

CHILDREN WENT TO CAMP HOBLITZELLE



This past June, The Salvation Army of the Coastal Bend sent two groups of children to Camp Hoblitzelle in Midlothian, Texas, for a week of learning, growth, and fun. One group attended Music Camp, where children with musical talents practiced instruments, learned new techniques, and joined in choir and band rehearsals. They worked alongside trained music instructors, honing their skills and preparing for special performances at the end of the week.

The second group attended Summer Camp, where kids enjoyed classic camp activities like swimming, hiking,

arts and crafts, and team-building games. They learned new skills, made friends from across the state, and created lasting memories.

While both camps offer exciting experiences, the heart of the week is about much more than just activities. The Salvation Army's primary goal is to share the love of Christ with each child. Through daily devotionals, worship services, and Bible lessons, campers are introduced to the message of Jesus. These camps create a safe, nurturing environment where kids can grow spiritually and discover God's love for them.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Salvation Army of the Coastal Bend recently welcomed the Corpus Christi Police Department's Training Team and new cadet trainees for a day of service. Together, they rolled up their sleeves and assembled hundreds of food boxes for families in need across the community.

With teamwork and determination, the officers and cadets joined The Salvation Army staff and volunteers, packing each box with care. These food boxes provide essential pantry items to local families facing difficult times, especially during the summer months.

Volunteers like the CCPD training team are vital to helping The Salvation Army fulfill its mission of "Doing the Most Good." Their time and compassion directly impact neighbors in need, offering both practical support and hope.

Thanks to these volunteers, The Salvation Army continues serving those who need it most—one food box and one act of kindness at a time. More groups are welcome to participate in the preparation of food boxes and other services that benefit people in need in the Coastal Bend.

SUCCESS STORIES



After two years of homelessness—living on the streets, in his car, or couch surfing. Joshua moved from Denver to Corpus Christi in search of a fresh start. The Salvation Army welcomed him into the emergency shelter, where he found peace, safety, and support. Now employed full-time, Joshua is grateful for the chance to rebuild his life. He looks forward to his future.



Before coming to the shelter, Christopher faced instability, sleeping in cars or on couches with no direction. He felt lost with no where to go. Since arriving at The Salvation Army, he has found stability, secured a job, and is saving for his own place. He has rebuilt his relationship with his children and is grateful for hot meals, shelter, and people who truly listens.



Since age 17, Myra faced years of uncertainty, often on and off the streets and struggling with her health. After coming to The Salvation Army, she found safety, employment, and a renewed sense of peace. Today, Myra is thriving in a safe environment and has reconnected with her faith. For her, every day is a new beginning, and an opportunity to take action to do better.



After moving from place to place, Monica came to The Salvation Army seeking shelter, and was welcomed with open arms. With a safe place to stay, she's now working with staff to access resources and explore housing options. Her journey isn't over, but Monica is hopeful and determined to build a brighter future. She thanks The Salvation Army for their support.



Joann was evicted while seven months pregnant. Unsure where her family of four would sleep, they bounced between relatives' couches until she found refuge at The Salvation Army. There, she was able to rest, deliver a healthy baby, and find stability. Now, she's working with case management and entering Rapid Re-Housing, hopeful for a brighter future ahead.



After losing his longtime job, veteran Mr. Rocco could no longer afford rent and was eventually evicted. Feeling lost and with no where else to go, he turned to The Salvation Army for shelter, safety, and meals. Rocco participates in church activities. He is grateful for the support he receives and now has a place to live and is on his way to stable, independent living once again.