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2026 Leaders Doing The Most Good Award Winners

Fourth Annual Luncheon Recognizes Excellence in Greater Richmond

RICHMOND, Va. (FEB. 12, 2026) – The Salvation Army Central Virginia announces the **2026 Leaders Doing The Most Good Award** honorees, recognizing outstanding contributions across the nonprofit, corporate, and individual sectors. Serving Greater Richmond since 1885, The Salvation Army is proud to recognize this year's honorees for their commitment to service and community impact.

The **fourth annual** awards luncheon is **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**, at **The Dominion Club** (6000 Dominion Club Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23059). Reception begins **11:30 a.m.**; lunch is **12:00–1:30 p.m.** Proceeds benefit The Salvation Army programs in Central Virginia.

2026 Shield Excellence Honorees:

- Daily Planet Health Services – Nonprofit
- Mr. Dick Guthrie – Individual
- Marco's Pizza RVA – Corporate

"We are honored to celebrate these outstanding community leaders who have partnered with The Salvation Army Central Virginia in serving those most in need," said Major Samuel Kim, Area Commander of The Salvation Army Central Virginia. "Daily Planet Health Services, Marco's Pizza RVA, and Mr. Dick Guthrie have dedicated themselves to strengthening our community, and we look forward to recognizing their contributions."



About the Honorees:

Daily Planet Health Services – Nonprofit Excellence

As the region's leading provider of healthcare for individuals experiencing homelessness, Daily Planet Health Services reduces barriers to care through Mobile Outreach and a hands-on partnership with The Salvation Army Central Virginia. Daily Planet supports shelter guests through outreach, Rapid Re-Housing assistance, and weekly

onsite medical and behavioral health services at the Inclement Weather Shelter (IWS), strengthening pathways to stability and whole-person care.

“We are honored to be recognized for our partnership with The Salvation Army Central Virginia. Through our Integrated Medical Outreach Program at the Inclement Weather Shelter, we are providing comprehensive healthcare and supportive services to some of our most vulnerable neighbors,” said Dr. Patricia Cook, Chief Medical Officer, Daily Planet Health Services.

Mr. Dick Guthrie – Individual Excellence

From 2010–2025, Dick Guthrie served on The Salvation Army Central Virginia Advisory Council and Advisory Board, championing youth and neighbors experiencing homelessness across Greater Richmond. A trusted mentor and longtime supporter of the mission, he continues to inspire others to join in Doing The Most Good.

“It’s been an honor to serve on the advisory council and advisory board over the years. The Salvation Army consistently shows up for our community, helping thousands of individuals and families across the Richmond region,” said Mr. Guthrie.

Marco’s Pizza RVA – Corporate Excellence

Marco’s Pizza RVA has been a steadfast champion of The Salvation Army Central Virginia, with longstanding support of the Christmas Assistance Angel Tree program and Christmas in July. Last year, Marco’s expanded its partnership to support Run for Hope and other community initiatives—serving families through generosity, volunteerism, and neighborly care.

“It is a privilege to stand alongside The Salvation Army Central Virginia in serving Richmond. Our team is honored by this recognition, and Harry Ragsdale and I are deeply proud of them for showing every day that small acts of generosity and care make a real difference in our community,” said Sara Ragsdale, Co-Owner, Marco’s Pizza RVA.

Event Details & How to Support:

Emcee: Ms. Jasmine Turner, 12 On Your Side

Tickets and donations can be made at: www.salvationarmycentralva.org

Past honorees include Ukrop’s Homestyle Foods (2023), The Page Auto Group (2024), Puritan Cleaners (2025); Richmond Christmas Mother Fund (2023), Feed More (2024), Live Red Foundation (2025); and Mary Ann Wilson (2023), Reginald Gordon (2024), Jasmine Turner (2025) in corporate, nonprofit, and individual respectively.

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About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army annually helps more than 25 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction and economic hardships through a range of social services and youth programs and is #DoingTheMostGood at 7,600 centers around the country. Since 1885, The Salvation Army has been serving the Richmond area, and today, The Salvation Army Central Virginia Area Command meets needs across 16 localities through the Men and Families Housing First Shelter, Inclement Weather Shelter, food assistance, canteen ministry, rent and utility assistance, mentorship programs at the Red Shield Youth Center and ministry outreach at the Corps/Church.

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