



EASTER FAMILY NIGHT AT THE SALVATION ARMY COMMUNITY CENTER WITH MAJORS GABRIEL & CANDEE ELIAS



Serving the Coastal
Bend since 1908

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

THE SALVATION ARMY OF THE COASTAL BEND

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DONATE



Are you looking to make a positive impact in your community? Consider donating your vehicle to The Salvation Army! Vehicle must be in running condition. Proceeds from your donated vehicle directly supports The Salvation Army programs.

For over 116 years, The Salvation Army has been serving the Coastal Bend community, providing hope for men, women, children, and veterans to overcome homelessness. By donating your vehicle, you are helping us provide shelter, food, rehabilitation, and hope to those struggling to rebuild their lives.

PREPARING TO BEAT THE HEAT

The Salvation Army in Corpus Christi will provide bottled water to residents of the Center of Hope shelter. Families and individuals will receive bottled water during their meals and will be encouraged to take water with them so that they can have it during the day. Drinking water is crucial during hot weather to prevent dehydration, which can lead to various health issues.

Bottled water will also be available for individuals that come to The Salvation Army Center of Hope to receive food boxes and other services.

We will be purchasing 2-3 pallets of water each month. You are welcome to donate to our water fund to provide this water for people in need.

- **This pallet cost less than \$200 at SamsClub.com**
- **Each pallet contains 48 cases, with 40 bottles per case = 1,920 - 16 oz bottles**
- **Order to be picked up by The Salvation Army**
- **More information, contact Tiffany at 361.356.3607**
- **Donate today and help us to be prepared for this summer.**



THE SALVATION ARMY OF THE COASTAL BEND

In March, we provided:

1,966



Nights of Lodging

22



Average of children sheltered

2,082



1,722 Shelter Meals
360 Street Outreach

238

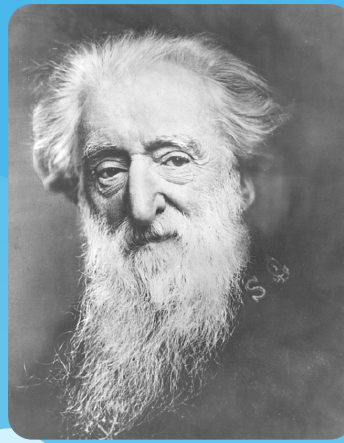


Food boxes distributed

153



Individuals received
Rent/Utility Assistance



*The
William Booth
Society...*

A Circle of Leaders

The Salvation Army of the Coastal Bend is celebrating a donor giving organization called The William Booth Society on May 22, at The Salvation Army Community Center of Corpus Christi.

William Booth, the founder of The Salvation Army, opened the first center in the slums of London in 1865. It is now all over the world and millions of lives have been changed, but only because of people who support the work in their local community.

Membership in the William Booth Society is based on annual giving of a minimum of \$5,000 for a non-capital campaign gift. Based on our records of the calendar years of 2023-2024, 27 members qualified to be part of this inaugural group!

MEMBER OF THE WILLIAM BOOTH SOCIETY
\$5,000

THE GEORGE SCOTT RAILTON CIRCLE
\$10,000-\$24,999

Commissioner George Scott Railton and seven Lassies "invaded" New York in 1880 to launch the first work of The Salvation Army in the United States.

THE EVANGELINE BOOTH CIRCLE
\$25,000-\$49,999

Evangeline Booth, dynamic daughter of William and Catherine, served as Commander of The Salvation Army in the United States, 1904-33, and was elected first woman General in 1934.

THE CATHERINE MUMFORD BOOTH CIRCLE
\$50,000-\$99,000

Co-founder of The Salvation Army, fighter for women's rights, and moral crusader, the wife of William Booth became one of the most influential women in modern religious history.

THE FOUNDER'S CIRCLE
\$100,000 AND MORE

William Booth, founder of The Salvation Army, turned the world's attention to the plight of the poor and changed the direction of Christianity.

YOUTH



During the weekend of April 4-6 the Youth Councils of the Texas Division joined together under the theme of Overflow, inspired by 2 Corinthians 9:12. Through four powerful and engaging sessions, youth explored how Jesus doesn't just fill our lives but also He overflows them with grace, love, and purpose. Each session challenged us to fully surrender and experience the abundant life Jesus offers.

In addition to the sessions, we enjoyed meaningful moments of fun and fellowship. From games and creative activities to painting and playing sports, youth from all across Texas came together to grow spiritually and simply enjoy time with one another.

We left refreshed, encouraged, and overflowing with hope ready to carry that same overflow back to Corpus Christi.



SUCCESS STORIES



Isabella found herself homeless on the streets of Corpus Christi. She experienced all kind of difficulties.

She found a safe place to stay at the Center of Hope Shelter. After two months at the shelter she has found employment, and sees life with hope of better days ahead. She has been able to save money to prepare herself to qualify for the Rapid Rehousing program.



Katie moved to her hometown in Corpus Christi with her 3 sons. Not having a place to stay she came to The Salvation Army for help.

The Salvation Army provided a family room, meals and case management. She was able to obtain ID's and employment allowing her to be selected for housing. She is excited about moving to her own home.



Jesse was released from the hospital with no place to go. He came to The Salvation Army seeking shelter.

He was accepted the same day he came to the single men's program. Today he has a safe place to sleep and has found employment allowing him to save enough money to qualify for a housing program. Jesse sees his future with hope to gain self-sufficiency.



Elizabeth lost her husband and her employment. She found herself living in her vehicle when she came to The Salvation Army.

The Center of Hope has been a good start for her providing a safe place and support. Today, she has a job allowing her to save money. She has qualified for the Rapid Rehousing program where eventually she will move into her own apartment.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you're thinking about volunteering your time and talents, The Salvation Army offers a remarkable opportunities to make a genuine difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Volunteer ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES



The Salvation Army of the Coastal Bend is always in need of volunteers to help in many tasks at the Center of Hope Shelter or the Family Store.

You can help in the following:

- ☐ Center of Hope - Food Pantry: preparing food boxes
- ☐ Center of Hope - Shelter: Serving meals during lunch and dinner
- ☐ Center of Hope - Shelter: Helping in cleaning and landscaping
- ☐ Family Store: Sorting clothing and household items
- ☐ Family Store: Organizing merchandise
- ☐ Family Store: Dusting, cleaning and fixing items

FAMILY STORE

⇒ *Donate*

⇒ *Shop*

⇒ *Support*



DONATE GOODS

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We're
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**MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 10 AM TO 6 PM
SATURDAY 10 AM TO 5 PM**