



EL PASO CONNECTION

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A Monthly Newsletter of The Salvation Army of El Paso

FINDING HOME: ANA'S JOURNEY

FROM REFUGE AT THE RED SHIELD TO HOME IN THE SUN CITY

For 125 years, The Salvation Army in El Paso has focused on providing for the physical, social, and spiritual needs of the people of El Paso County. The Salvation Army's institutional work to address hunger and homelessness includes providing food, shelter, and emergency financial assistance.

Ana came to The Salvation Army with her husband and two young children shortly after arriving from Venezuela. At the Red Shield Family Center, they were assigned a case worker to help plan their way forward.

That's the goal of the Red Shield Family Center - to provide not only food and shelter in response to the immediate crisis - but to help people acquire and attain permanent housing. Case workers meet regularly with clients to set realistic goals and discuss barriers to permanent housing solutions and self-sufficiency.

For Ana, her time at the Family Center introduced her to many opportunities in El Paso. Her husband is working full-time, and the family moved out of the shelter into their own apartment in Spring 2023. The family attends church at The Salvation Army Citadel, and Ana's daughter is a student in the Music & Arts Conservatory - learning to read music and play an instrument for the first time! "We're very grateful for this opportunity and excited for our future here in El Paso," said Ana.

For more information about The Salvation Army's work in El Paso, visit southernusa.salvationarmy.org/elpaso or call 915-544-9811.



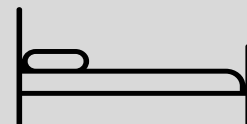
LOVE BEYOND

The Salvation Army provided 20,764 night of shelter in 2022.

"ABOVE ALL, LOVE."
— 1 PETER 4:8

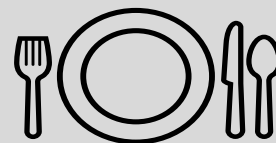
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JANUARY 1 – JUNE 30



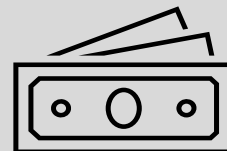
8,884

NIGHTS OF SHELTER



56,957

TOTAL MEALS



\$41,369

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



2,131

VOLUNTEER HOURS



Commissioners Kelly & Donna Igleheart, Territorial Leaders

Kelly and Donna Igleheart were born and raised in Western Kentucky. They met as teenagers and soon committed themselves to each other and to the Lord. The Salvation Army became their shared church home and formed the basis of their spiritual journey.

The Iglehearts entered the College for Officer Training in the USA Southern Territory and were commissioned in 1992 in the Followers of Jesus Session. Together they served 10 years as corps officers, followed by specialized appointments in youth ministry and then divisional leadership. The Iglehearts were appointed at Territorial Headquarters in the Southern Territory as Youth Leaders and later to lead the Program Section.

Their first adventure outside of their home territory was in 2015 when they were appointed as the Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministry in the Southern Africa

Territory. Their journey in Africa has left an indelible impression upon their hearts and ministry. Completing their appointments in 2020, they were transferred to the Western Territory in July of the same year also serving as Chief Secretary and TSWM.

September 1, 2022 Kelly and Donna were appointed as the Territorial Leaders of the USA Southern Territory where they took up appointments as Territorial Commander and Territorial President for Women's Ministries.

The Iglehearts have three daughters who are all married to wonderful men of God. Two of the couples are serving as officers in the Southern Territory and the third couple works with the Army in various ministries. The Iglehearts' pride and joy are the blessing of eight sensational grandchildren. They enjoy traveling, photography and spending time with family and friends.

LOVE BEYOND MEASURE



THE SALVATION ARMY CONTINUES ITS HUMANITARIAN MISSION; VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PREPARE MEALS

As a federally recognized response agency, The Salvation Army has been actively participating in the emergency response effort for the migrant crisis since 2018.

The Salvation Army is providing meals and hygiene kits to hundreds of asylum seekers at the County Migrant Services Center. In partnership with the City of El Paso, The Salvation Army is providing meals to unsheltered families, individuals, and migrants in quarantine at local participating hotels.

This summer, employees from El Paso Electric generously volunteered their time to help prepare hundreds of hygiene kits for the County Migrant Services Center.

"Volunteers are especially crucial for these type of emergency projects that see fluctuating numbers," says Lorine Villa, Project Manager.

Volunteers can help by distributing meals and hygiene kits at the County Migrant Services Center or preparing to-go meals at The Salvation Army. Call 915-544-9811 to learn more.

This service that
you perform is not
only supplying the
needs of the
Lord's people but
is also overflowing
in many
expressions of
thanks to God.

2 Corinthians 9:12



SERVING THE SUN CITY SINCE 1898



1904

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS IN EL PASO

Beginning with the Lowe's Hometowns grant in August 2022, The Salvation Army Family Center has been undergoing extensive renovations to repair and update the facility that provides food, shelter, and case management for families and individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

"This project made a significant impact on our

shelter and social services," says Major Floiran Estrada, Commanding Officer. "This summer, we celebrate the completion of the renovation project and 125 years serving in El Paso County."

The Salvation Army came to El Paso in 1898 – that's exactly 125 years ago! So much has changed since then, but the mission of The Salvation Army remains the same.