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Renewed Building, Renewed Hope

Renovations were recently completed at The Salvation Army – Fox Cities' new Worship and Community Center located at 1525 Appleton Road, Menasha. One of the big improvements is the expanded Children's Learning Center, and that makes the kids in The Salvation Army's day care program and their parents very happy.

Along with the expanded day care program, the new building includes commercial kitchen facilities, a multi-purpose room, a chapel, and classrooms. The newly renovated building makes it possible for The Salvation

Army to reach out to even more people in the Fox Cities.

Funded by public donations, the \$2.5 million renovation project began in the Fall of 2008 and was completed in Spring 2009. A building dedication for the 20,000-square-foot remodeling will feature the Chicago Staff Band and will be held October 25. Boldt Construction was the general contractor. The electrical work was done by Faith Technologies Inc. and the design by the McMahon Group. For more details on the renovation, visit www.safoxcities.org.



Day care staff and children attending the expanded Children's Learning Center, along with Salvation Army officers and members of the contracting team who worked on the \$2.5 million dollar renovation project.

A Garden Grows

Some of the urban gardens created by folks at The Salvation Army.

What do you get when you combine a burlap sack with topsoil, compost, and gravel? Well not much until you add the some plants or seeds. Then you have an urban garden.

This past summer, some of the folks receiving help from The Salvation Army participated in a self-sustaining gardening project. The gardens were provided by the Community Garden Partnership a program of Goodwill Industries from a grant

through the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley, Inc. It was a fun and instructive project that we're looking forward to repeating next spring!



Major Jose Tamayo and Susan Richardson of the Community Garden Partnership provide some hands-on gardening help.

Foreclosure Forced Her Out of Her Home

How Patricia Found Help, Thanks to Your Support

Patricia and her two children were happy. They were living in a nice house that they were renting, in a neighborhood they liked.

But then the home foreclosure crisis shattered their comfortable life. The house that Patricia was renting was foreclosed. The owner couldn't keep up with the mortgage, and there were no other buyers willing to take it over. The result? Patricia and her kids were out. They were suddenly homeless.

With nowhere to go, Patricia came to The Salvation Army Emergency Lodge.

"It was a tremendous relief when we walked into the Lodge and had a roof over our heads," Patricia said. "I didn't know what I was going to do, but the Lord blessed me through The Salvation Army."

But as grateful as she was, Patricia still faced challenges. She is suffering from the trauma of physical abuse at the hand of her ex-husband as well as from other relationships over the years. It began when she was first married at 18 and continued for years.

"I'm a strong woman," Patricia said, "but abuse leaves a scar on a person."

Patricia with her kids, Charlene and Jeremiah, grateful for the help they received from The Salvation Army and donors like you.

In time, Patricia gained the courage to remove herself and her children from that environment. With no one to confide in, she sought answers and solace in self-help books.

In addition to emotional trauma, Patricia also suffers from diabetes and high blood pressure, for which she needs consistent medical care.

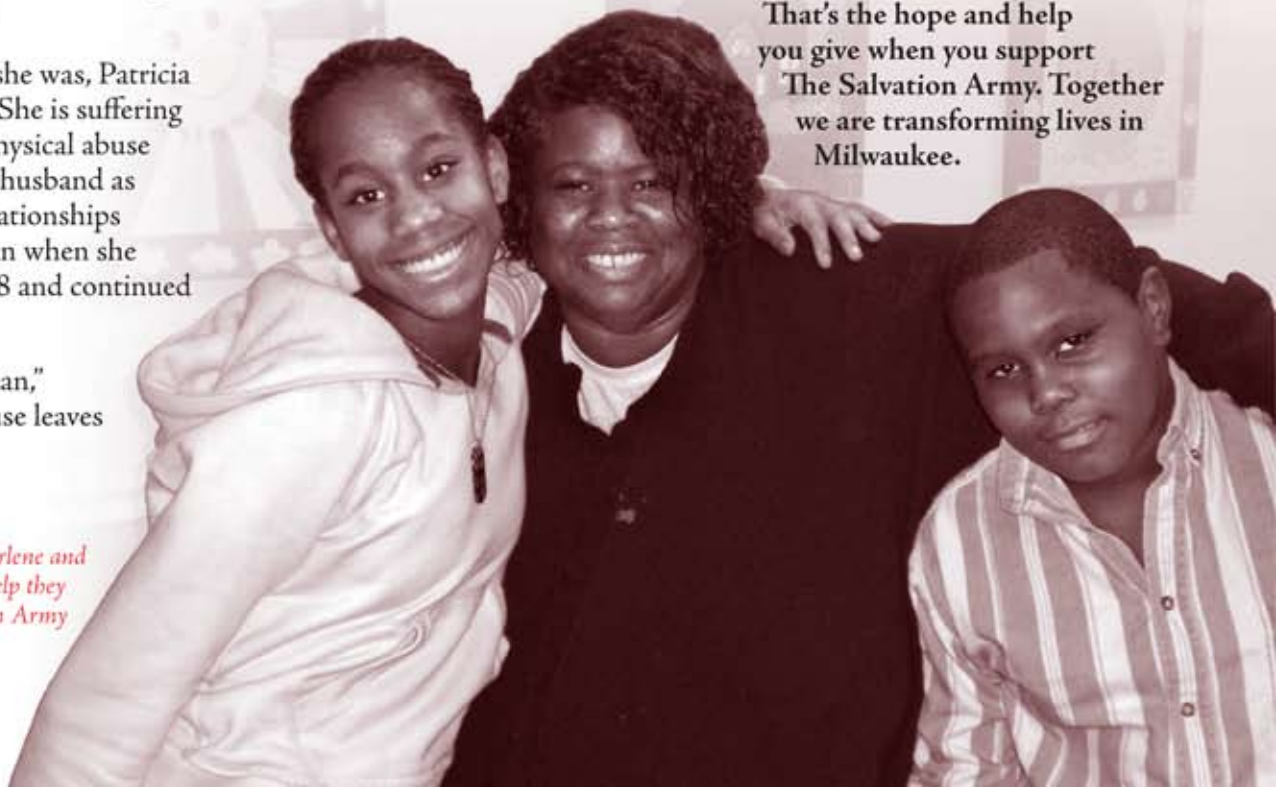
That's why The Salvation Army has been a godsend. At The Salvation Army Emergency Lodge, Patricia and her children received food, shelter, clothing, safety, and security. She's receiving medical attention for her health challenges. And just as important, she's receiving emotional support and encouragement to deal with the pain of her past physical abuse.

"I meet with the Chaplain here once a week, and we pray together and read the Bible," Patricia said. "That's been tremendously helpful. And I also have an appointment to see a psychiatrist. I'm feeling very positive about that. I think it will be good for me, and what helps me will also benefit my children."

While Patricia is working through her emotional and health issues, she's also working on an action plan created for her with goals and milestones that will ultimately lead to her and her children living independently again in their own home or apartment.

"The Salvation Army is the answer to a prayer," Patricia said. "They address the whole spectrum of needs — physical, emotional, and spiritual. I don't know any other place where I could have received the help I've gotten. I'm so grateful."

That's the hope and help you give when you support The Salvation Army. Together we are transforming lives in Milwaukee.



Relief from the Recession

Dear Friend,

The economy is on everyone's minds these days. We watch the news about unemployment, business closings, and home foreclosures.

It is distressing for most of us. Maybe there have been layoffs where you work. Maybe you've had to cut back. Maybe you aren't able to take a vacation, or go out to dinner as often, or get that gourmet coffee every morning.

But for others, the recession has been devastating.

I'm seeing people coming to The Salvation Army for the first time — people who never dreamed that they would have to ask for help. These are good, hardworking families.

Some need help with food because they can't afford to feed their kids. Some need help with utility bills because they just can't pay them. Some are at the end of their rope.

They've lost everything — their home, their car, their possessions. The recession has ground them down, and

they have nowhere to go but The Salvation Army.

What I love about The Salvation Army is that we welcome everyone. Our arms are as wide as the ocean. But when times are as hard as they are, the number of people coming to us for help increases greatly.

And that means our resources and our budget get stretched to the breaking point. So we turn to friends like you for your support.

I am deeply grateful for the generosity you've shown us in the past.

You are at the heart of everything we do to reach out to those in need, to keep families together and in their homes when they stumble, and to help them get back on their feet when they fall.

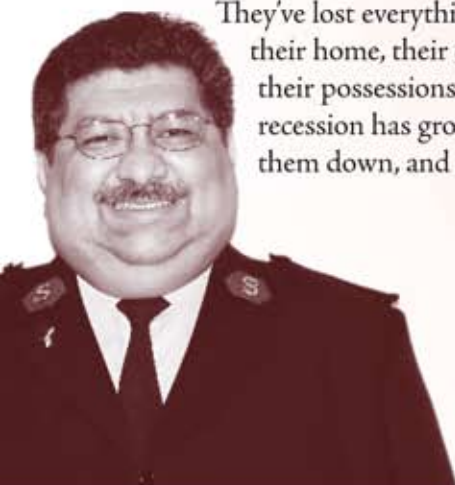
Together, we help those who need it because that's what compassionate people do. I realize that times are tough for all of us. But there's always someone who's got it tougher. And that's the person we reach our hand out to. That's what makes us a community.

Joyfully serving others,

Major Jose Tamayo

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Corps Officer

Major Jose Tamayo is grateful for your continued support of The Salvation Army in the Fox Cities.



Save the Date

Here are some upcoming events that you might want to know about and take part in. At The Salvation Army, we're grateful when members of the community like you get involved. That's what makes the Fox Cities such a great place to live! To find out more about any of these events, just call us at (902) 734-3324.

September 14 — On-line registration begins for Bell Ringing volunteers at www.foxcities.org

September 18 — Fall Harvest food drive with Piggly Wiggly and NBC TV 26

September to November — Coats for Kids drive for new or gently used coats

October 11 — Fox Cities CROP Hunger Walk

October 24 — White Heron Chorale and the Chicago Staff Band performance at Lawrence University Chapel

October 25 — Worship and Community Center building dedication ceremony with the Chicago Staff Band

November 6 — Red Kettle 2009 Bell Ringing kick off

November 27 — "Get Out and Ring on Black Friday" bell ringers at every kettle

December 4 — Thrivent Foundation Red Kettle Match Day!

Volunteer!

Why not help others this Christmas season by volunteering at The Salvation Army? It's a great way to get that Christmas spirit and do something good for people in need. To help or to learn more, contact Ashley Timm, Volunteer Coordinator, at (920) 955-1230 or visit www.safocities.org and click the "Your Help" tab.

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