



FOX CITIES UPDATE

A JOURNAL OF HAPPENINGS AND HOPE

The History of the Kettle

Brass bells and red kettles have been the time-honored symbols of The Salvation Army for over 100 years. They symbolize the spirit of the season of giving. Here is the story of how this wonderful tradition started.

In 1891, Captain Joseph McFee of The Salvation Army decided to provide a free Christmas dinner to poor people living near San Francisco, California, but how would he pay for the food? Suddenly, he remembered his days on the waterfront in Liverpool, England, where a popular restaurant collected donations for the poor in a large soup kettle called "Simpson's Pot."

Captain McFee wasted no time in getting a soup kettle and placing it in a conspicuous spot on the Oakland Ferry Landing at the foot of Market Street. As passengers going to and from the ferry boats passed by, they tossed their loose change into the kettle. Captain McFee soon had the funds to pay for the Christmas Dinner and start-

ed a Christmas tradition that has spread throughout the world.

Today, thousands of volunteers spend countless hours ringing bells at the kettles and collecting the generous donations. The Salvation Army's ability to reach out and touch the lives of the many less fortunate people in our communities is due to the outstanding volunteers who show compassion and concern for the welfare of others. We are thankful for their gift of service...it's a gift from the heart. If you would like to volunteer this kettle season, please visit us online at www.ringbells.org or contact Andrea at (920) 734-3324 ext. 25.



"Coats for Kids" Campaign Kicks Off



The 13th annual "Coats for Kids" campaign, an effort to collect and distribute coats to area children in need, has begun.

The continued slump in the national and local economy will leave many area children without a warm coat for winter, unless they receive a coat from the "Coats for Kids" campaign. Coats are distributed in the Fox Valley by The Salvation Army of the Fox Cities.

New or gently used coats of all sizes can be donated to the "Coats for Kids" campaign, with a special need for sizes 4T to 20. The Salvation Army of the Fox Cities estimates it will need approximately 3,000 coats to meet the anticipated need, with additional coats needed in other areas where coats are being collected. The overall goal of the drive is 10,000 coats in Northeastern Wisconsin.

The coats are being cleaned, as needed, by Tierney's Dry Cleaners, 1109 W. Wisconsin Ave., Appleton and then distributed to The Salvation Army. Some other drop-off locations in Appleton include: Pick N' Save stores, SECURA Insurance at 2401 S. Memorial Drive, M & I Bank at 221 W. College Ave, North Shore Bank at 320 E. College Ave and 2835 W. College Ave., St. Elizabeth Hospital 1506 S. Oneida St., Appleton, and the offices of Coldwell Banker The Real Estate Group.

Last year, The Salvation Army of the Fox Cities distributed 2,060 coats, running out of coats before all requests were fulfilled. Coats should be brought to drop-off locations no later than November 8th.

Sign-up for coats for those in need and the coat distribution

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7,200 lbs of food was collected during the food drive.

NBC TV 26 Summer Harvest™ a Success

A total of 7,200 pounds of food was collected during the sixth annual, Summer Harvest™, food drive for The Salvation Army of the Fox Cities, held recently at the Copps Food Center, 2400 West Wisconsin Avenue, Appleton.

"The support shown from area residents is so heart warming. We very much appreciate the donations, our thanks to all who helped out." said Major Larry Cowper, commanding officer for The Salvation Army of the Fox Cities. "So much of the work that we do depends on the generosity of the public."

The Salvation Army Food Pantry, located in Appleton at 130 East North Street, serves residents throughout the Fox Valley including: Neenah, Menasha, Grand Chute, Kimberly, Little Chute and Appleton. Groceries are provided at no cost to income qualified families, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 AM until Noon at the food pantry.

Robb Waugus, Director of Communications, reported that the food distribution from the pantry has been averaging over 28,000 pounds a month during the past seven months. "A greater demand is being placed on our pantry each month, while at the same time food donations are not keeping pace," said Waugus. "Due to this trend more food drives are being planned to help maintain the stock levels in the pantry."

Area groups or organizations, churches, schools and businesses interested in hosting a food drive for The Salvation Army can call Robb at 734-3324 ext. 35 for additional information.

The Summer Harvest™ food drive was sponsored by: WGBA NBC TV 26, WIXX 101.1 FM radio, Copps Food Center, Schneider National and Orde Advertising.

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will be on November 12th, 13th and 14th at the Valley Fair Mall in Appleton.

WLUK-TV, Bellin Health Systems and the Cumulus Broadcasting radio stations are co-sponsors of the "Coats for Kids" campaign for The Salvation Army.

ADDITIONAL "COATS FOR KIDS" DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

APPLETON

TIERNEY'S CLEANERS 1109 W. Wisconsin Ave.

KIMBERLY

PICK 'N SAVE 850 E Maes Ave

MENASHA

BUSY BEA'S DRY CLEANERS 1077 Racine St.

NEENAH

SHILOBRITS DRY CLEANING & COIN LAUNDRY
1231 S. Commercial

DONALDSON'S ONE-HOUR CLEANERS, INC.
110 W. Cecil St.

PICK 'N SAVE 647 S. Green Bay Road

NEW LONDON

DRY CLEANERS, ETC. 102 E. Cook St.

OSHKOSH

MERCY MEDICAL CENTER 500 S. Oakwood Road

Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program and Guidelines

Adopt-A-Family:

Adopt-A-Family is a Christmas sharing program where community members are matched with families struggling financially. The Salvation Army qualifies families based on income and family size. The income guidelines are based on the Federal Government's TEFAP Commodities program. We will also consider families who may marginally exceed the income limits but suffer from unfortunate or special circumstances (i.e. extenuating medical issues/costs).

The matching process begins:

Volunteers will match Adopters with families from

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VOLUNTEER!

We are in need of volunteers year-round, but especially during the holidays. If you are interested in these opportunities or would like information on other opportunities please contact Andrea at 734-3324 ext. 25 or stop by.

The Salvation Army of the Fox Cities
130 East North Street, P.O. Box 1605
Appleton, WI 54912-1605

Driver's Helper: A driver's helper is needed to pick up donated toys for distribution from different areas throughout the Valley. Volunteers are needed from October 15th through December 16th. Schedule will vary. Contact Andrea at (920) 734-3324 ext. 25 for details.

Front Desk/Reception: We need help at our front desk/ reception area. Main duties include answering the phone, greeting clients and scheduling appointments. Computer skills would be helpful, but not required. We will train. Serve one half day shift Monday through Friday at your convenience. Contact Andrea at (920) 734-3324 ext. 25 for details.

Kitchen Help: Do you have an interest in cooking and a desire to help others? Do you have one morning a week to volunteer your time? We are in need of regular kitchen volunteers. Kitchen volunteers assist in the preparation and clean-up of the noon meal that is served daily. Volunteers are asked to commit to one shift a week, a shift starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 1:15 p.m. or when work is completed. Contact Andrea at (920) 734-3324 ext. 25 for details.

Bell Ringer: Bell ringers are needed to cover multiple locations throughout the Fox Valley. Indoor and outdoor sites are available. If you have a smiling face and a desire to help others this is a fun and unique opportunity to help your community. Sign up will be available to the public in the middle of October. To see a list of locations and sign up visit www.ringbells.org. If you don't have internet access, contact Andrea at (920) 734-3324 ext. 25 for details or return the slip at the bottom of the page to our office at the address listed above.

Office Help: Assist finance department with processing donations. Volunteers needed from mid-November through December 23rd. There are morning or afternoon hours available. Must be able to write legibly. Computer skills are a plus. Contact Carol at (920) 734-3324 ext. 27 for details.

Data Entry: Requires accurate data entry skills. Help needed after November 12th. Morning or afternoon hours available. Basic knowledge of spreadsheets or Access a plus. Contact Carol at (920) 734-3324 ext. 27 for details.

ARE YOU READY TO RING THOSE BELLS?

Sign up online at www.ringbells.org or return this slip to Andrea at the address listed above.

Please Print Legibly

WE WOULD LIKE TO RING BELLS AT _____

ON THE FOLLOWING DATE(S) _____

AT THE FOLLOWING TIME(S) _____

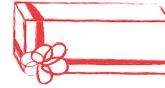
NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____



Christmas Activities Sign Up

Please mark the shift you are available to work with an "X".



CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE INTAKE

Wed. November 12

- 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Thur. November 13

- 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Fri. November 14

- 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Tue. December 9

- 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

TOY AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Wed. December 17

- 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Thur. December 18

- 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Fri. December 19

- 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Tue. December 23

- 8:30 am - 1:30 pm



Christmas Assistance Intake:

Assist clients by reviewing applications for the programs. Volunteers will verify identification, income, and residency documents provided by applicants. Volunteers will also be needed to answer and return phone calls from families and organizations who want to adopt families.

Toy and Food Distribution:

Assist clients in picking up food and toys.

Toy Sorting: Sort donated toys by age group. Volunteers are needed from October 15 through December 16. There are two shifts. Some evenings and Saturdays may also be available. Call Char at (920) 734-3324 ext. 24 for available times.

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____



CHRISTMAS LEAGUE OF MERCY

Visit local nursing homes and distribute gifts provided by The Salvation Army to residents.

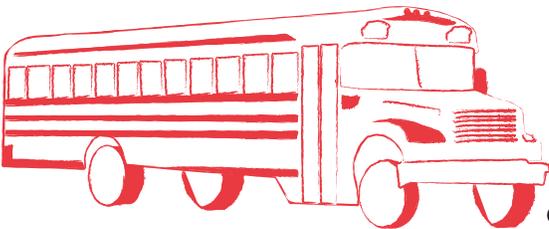


NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

Contact Char for more information (920) 734-3324 ext. 24

Thursday December 4, 2003 at 5:30 p.m.



We Want to Help Santa!

Volunteers are needed to assist residents of local residential care facilities in a Christmas light tour throughout the Fox Cities and a stop at Fire Station #1 to visit Santa.

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

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November 24th to December 5th, Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to noon and 1:00 to 4:00pm.

How to contact us about adopting a family:

Phone: (920) 734-5360, If the phone lines are busy please be patient and try calling us again *or*

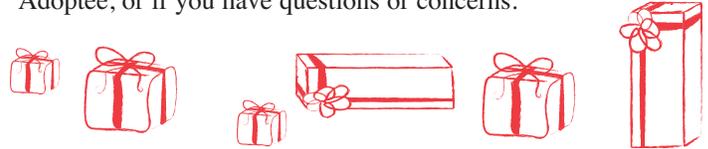
Internet: www.salvationarmyappleton.org click on "What We Do" to register online.

Guidelines:

Please use these guidelines when adopting a family. Each family signing up for the program also receives a copy of the guidelines. They have been established to eliminate confusion and establish fair and consistent treatment for all. Adhering to the guidelines, will also eliminate any presupposed expectations either party may have in the current or upcoming years.

Suggested Guidelines:

- Please contact Adoptee within 48 hours.
- Suggested maximum should not exceed \$50 per child.
- No cash should be given.
- Talk to the parent or guardian to determine what the child(ren) should receive.
- You can purchase a gift for the parent(s), if you like.
- Provide food for Christmas Dinner or gift certificate in lieu of food.
- Arrange a date and time to deliver gifts.
- Call (920) 734-3324 ext. 32 if you cannot connect with your Adoptee, or if you have questions or concerns.



Board and Volunteers Honored at 85th Annual Meeting

The Salvation Army of the Fox Cities, recognized its volunteers at the 85th Annual Meeting held in May. Major David Dalberg, the National Disaster Services Coordinator for The Salvation Army, was the keynote speaker. He shared his experiences of coordinating disaster relief efforts in New York City following the terrorist attack of September 11th.

The Salvation Army's "Volunteer of the Year," award was presented to Marion Hurley, Appleton, for her past 18 years of service. Hurley, contributed over 1,800 hours of her time, by participating with the "God's Sunday Servants," helping to prepare and serve the Sunday noon meal. She also volunteers at the front-desk.

Victor and Mercee Schmidt, Menasha, were honored as the "Christmas Volunteers of 2002." Since 1999, the couple has helped to distribute food and toys during the holiday season by volunteering over 100 hours each.

The Golden "K" Kiwanis, Appleton, received the "Bell Ringing Group of 2002," award for helping to raise thousands of dollars each year for The Red Kettle campaign. Along with their Christmas bell ringing, the Golden "K" group helps to prepare and serve noon meals at The Salvation Army Corps Community Center several times each month.

Jim Kauth, Menasha, was recognized as the "Individual Bell Ringer of the Year," for his volunteering efforts since 1999. Kauth put in over 48 hours of bell-ringing this past December.

Cited as "Corporate Partner of the Year," were Barb and Jim Tierney, Tierney's Cleaners, Appleton. Each year they clean and prepare thousands of coats for the "Coat's for Kids" program.



L to R: Char, Susan, Sandy, Andrea, Carol, Volunteer of the Year Marion Hurley, Kathy, and Becky

Over the past years, the couple has donated their services to clean over 10,000 coats for needy families throughout the Fox Valley.

Major Larry Cowper, commanding officer of The Salvation Army of the Fox Cities, presented recognition awards to two retiring members of the Army's Advisory Board. Dr. Blaine Claypool, Combined Locks, and Leland Ester, Appleton, each were honored for more than 10 years of advisory board service.

Missing Coat: At our annual Volunteer Dinner on May 5, 2003 there was a coat room mix-up. A shorter length black coat with tan cuffs, collar, and hood with Kohl's and Copps receipts in the pockets was taken accidentally. A similar coat (Braetan, size small, no hood) with a tube of mauve lipstick and berry color gloves in the pocket was left behind. If you own a similar coat please check to see you wore the correct one home that night. Please contact Andrea if you can help!

A Message from Major

Charles Dickens, in *A Tale of Two Cities*, writes "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." This statement holds true today. We live in a world shaken by recent events, both here and abroad. September 11th, Afghanistan, Iraq, Israel, terrorism, drops in the stock market, natural disasters, business closings and down-sizing have all become part of the current landscape of life. For some, this may seem to be the "worst of times."

Yet, in the "worst of times" we see the strength of the human spirit. People reaching out beyond the uncertainties to help and support their fellow man. I'll call these people heroes. For a hero is not a person who is without fear, but an individual, who in spite of fear and the uncertainties responds to help others in need. It is this heroic spirit that we see in the people helping others that is society at its best. In that sense, it is the "best of times."

For The Salvation Army of the Fox Cities, it is the "best of times" and the "worst of times." We are seeing an increase in need in the Fox Valley. Our meal program, and food pantry, for many months now, have been setting new highs in the number of families and individuals coming for help. The resource center and shelter are seeing more people seeking assistance for the first time. All this taxes our resources.

There have been many times when we have questioned whether we would have the means to meet the needs but, time after time you, the heroes in our community have responded with the resources for the task.

As we look forward to Christmas, we anticipate great need. Our prayers are for the people of the Fox Cities - to take up this

heroic spirit, and rise above all our fears and uncertainties - to help our neighbors in need.

I pray for God's blessings on you.



Commanding Officer



A Tribute Gift is Just the Answer!

Giving a gift in recognition or in memory of another is a great way to express love and respect for the honoree, while giving hope to people in need. The Salvation Army will notify the honoree or the family of all tributes. Birthdays, graduations, anniversaries...any special day is an appropriate occasion for saying, "I'm thinking of you."

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

in memory honor of _____

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Donor Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please call me with information about establishing a memorial through my will. Phone _____

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