



THE SALVATION ARMY MISSION STATEMENT

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

DOING THE MOST GOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

~Jeremiah 29:11

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

- Christmas Toy Shop
- Breakfast with Santa
- Senior Christmas Party
- Adopt a Grandparent
- Adopt a Family
- Community Care Ministry-Visitation Program to Eldercare Facilities
- Christmas Food Boxes
- Thanksgiving & Christmas Community Meals

YOUTH SERVICES

- Character-Building Programs
- Summer Day Camp
- Structured After-school Activities
- Tutoring & Mentoring
- Camping Trips
- Basketball League

CHURCH MINISTRY

The Salvation Army is both a social service and a religious organization. The Army practices an integrated ministry uniting spiritual, social and physical support. The Army seeks first to meet the immediate needs of families and individuals in crisis. The goal is to stabilize their situations through long-term solutions that promote self-sufficiency. As part of its holistic approach to serving the total person, The Salvation Army also makes spiritual counsel available to those who seek it.

The Salvation Army is a church. Worship services take place each Sunday morning in the chapel located within our community center. The Army also offers Sunday School for all ages throughout the year, as well as special ministry programs for men, women, children and teens. The Army extends an open invitation to the community to join in our worship services.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

The Salvation Army's core social services focus on meeting basic human needs. The Army was founded with the desire to help those less fortunate and the belief that all people are entitled to essentials like food, clothing, safe housing, second chances and the opportunity to prosper.

The Cedar Rapids Salvation Army holds true to these founding principles. It also engages in ongoing community needs assessment and adapts to remain responsive to local concerns and priorities.

EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES

- Aid/Support to Victims & Responders Following Natural Disaster, Fire & Other Tragedies
- Mobile Feeding Canteen
- Disaster Recovery Unit & Mobile Command Center
- On-call Staff & Volunteer Response Teams
- Disaster Response Coordination Networking & Training

SENIOR SERVICES

- Days Trips
- Lunch Outings & Potlucks
- Bingo & Other Games
- Exercise Groups
- Arts & Crafts Activities

ON-SITE COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAM

- Free Breakfast & Lunch Weekdays

PANTRY

- Supplemental Food Boxes & Personal Care Items

HOMELESS PREVENTION

- Rent & Utility Assistance
- Crisis Intervention & Management

EMERGENCY SHELTER

- Short-term Emergency Lodging
- Support Services to Local Shelter Programs

THRIFT-STORE VOUCHERS

- Clothing & Household Needs

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

- Gas Vouchers
- Local Bus Passes
- Bus Tickets – Longer Distances



VOLUNTEER

We have year-round volunteer opportunities. Whether you're interested in short- or long-term service, your experience with us will be personally rewarding. Find out how you can make a difference. Contact our volunteer manager or visit our Website and click on the Volunteer link. We welcome group service projects!

MAKE A DONATION

THE BELL IS RINGING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

The sight of a child dropping a few coins into a Salvation Army kettle is a familiar one throughout the holiday season. A lesson on the importance of helping others often goes hand-in-hand with those coins. The holidays are a common time to think about those less fortunate. Need, however, knows no season. It exists right here in our community 365 days a year.

Be assured that your financial contributions to The Salvation Army of Cedar Rapids will directly benefit our community's most vulnerable. In addition to monetary support, we also accept donations of food and other items. Visit our Website for a listing of current and ongoing needs.

We are also happy to visit with you, your business, service club or other group on the programs we provide and the impact of your donations. Contact our office to schedule a presentation, or for details on the many ways you can support The Army. Consider a tour of our facility and see your donations at work.

DOING THE MOST GOOD WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

The Salvation Army has a long-standing reputation of effectively and efficiently meeting local needs. Our experience and compassion means that we are doing the most good with the money, time and other resources that you contribute. As our donors and volunteers, you are our partners in **Doing the Most Good.**

HISTORY

The Salvation Army was founded in 1865 in London, England by William Booth. Booth sought to meet basic human needs and to minister to those in England not welcome at the mainstream churches of the time—the poor, the homeless, the hungry.

The movement made its way to the United States in 1880. The Army continues to make an impact worldwide with religious and social service activities reaching millions of men, women and children in more than 100 nations.

The Cedar Rapids Salvation Army opened its doors in 1888 in what's now recognized as Czech Village. The building still stands at 1123 3rd Street SW. The Army built a new facility in 1974, relocating operations to the current site at 1000 C Avenue NW.

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You can help us in Doing the Most Good for those in need in our community by supporting the work of The Salvation Army throughout the year.