

Evening to Rejoice to ring in season

Christmas music program kicks off year's most critical fund-raising drive

A special musical program in November will feature spectacular performances of favorite Christmas classics and also officially kick off The Salvation Army's single-largest and most critical fund-raising event of the year.

"Evening to Rejoice," an annual event that will feature some of the area's most talented choirs and musicians, will be at 6 p.m. Nov. 9 at South Church, located at 5250 Cornerstone Drive in Lansing.

The event is free and the public is welcome.

'EVENING TO REJOICE'

Enjoy an evening of special performances of some favorite Christmas classics by talented area choirs and musicians.

6 p.m. Nov. 9
South Church
5250 Cornerstone Drive
Lansing

The Salvation Army encourages all attendees to donate non-perishable canned and boxed food at the event to help stock The Salvation Army's food pantries, located at 525 N. Pennsylvania Ave. and 701 E. Jolly Ave., for the holiday season.

"Evening to Rejoice" will begin The Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle campaign, during which The Salvation Army intends to raise \$850,000 in financial contributions to help those less fortunate in the Lansing-area community throughout 2009.

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A Salvation Army volunteer examines wash-out damage to a major roadway that was caused by a flooded river this summer.

MIDWEST FLOODS

An Army Responds

Widespread flooding — and months of cleanup — wreaked havoc on every day Midwesterners this summer. Rising waters and their destruction took their toll. But The Salvation Army was there for those in need, offering comfort, care, assistance and spiritual counseling.

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Coats for Kids drive begins Sept. 27

The Salvation Army is set to again embark on a program that will provide free, warm winter coats for less-fortunate children. Coats for Kids begins Sept. 27 throughout the Lansing area. Residents are asked to donate new or gently used winter coats for infants through high school seniors to The Salvation Army. Coats will be professionally cleaned, sorted and distributed long before cold weather strikes.

Lansing radio station WMMQ Classic Rock with Rich Michaels is partnering with The Salvation Army to help achieve the goal of distributing 1,200 winter coats throughout the greater Lansing community. Salvation Army volunteers will accept donations at locations inside Meridian Mall from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 27 and from noon to 6 p.m. Sept. 28.

Boy Scouts volunteering for The Salvation Army will collect coat

donations Oct. 4 at Michigan State University's homecoming match-up against Iowa; The Salvation Army will also man a disaster services response vehicle in MSU's homecoming parade.

Coats will be distributed Oct. 30 at The Salvation Army's distribution center at 3305 S. Pennsylvania Ave. Families do not need to demonstrate need to receive a free winter coat. Questions? Call (517) 482-9715.



Natural disasters wreak havoc locally, nationally, globally

Our friends, so much has happened since the last time I wrote to you.

The Salvation Army has been extremely active in the Lansing area, throughout our nation and around the world combating poverty and homelessness — but lately, the fight has been against all that was left behind by devastating natural disasters.

Our battle has been a struggle. However, our commitment has been strong and that has allowed us to persevere in the long run.

Here in our greater Lansing community, The Salvation Army has extended care, comfort and support to hundreds of victims affected by strong storms, flooding and tornadoes.

Nationally, flooding wreaked havoc on hundreds of thousands

of lives throughout the Midwest this year and again, The Salvation Army responded with immediate aid, safe shelter, healthy food, caring shoulders upon which to cry and meaningful, perhaps life-changing spiritual guidance.

We are so pleased to share with you, our friends, that The Salvation Army no matter where something devastating happens, our team is here.

We provide immediate help, no matter who needs assistance and no matter what their needs are.

In times of natural disasters, we assess what happened, assemble our staff and teams of dedicated volunteers and take to the streets — literally — to do anything and everything we can to help people who have been forced from the comfort of their lives to deal with the



MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERS

MAJORS ROBERT AND ALICE SCOTT

unknown. We provide hot meals and sustaining food, refreshing drinks and helpful guidance and support to those facing trying times. We offer a helping hand in their time of dire need.

The Salvation Army thanks you, our friends and our financial supporters, for helping us help others during these trying times.

And we thank each and every one of our many volunteers who

have rolled up their sleeves and participated in all of our relief efforts to help those in need.

We're only half-way through the year 2008.

Who knows what the rest of the year will bring?

With great confidence, I can assure you that no matter what happens here, in our Lansing-area community, in our nation and wherever in our world, The Salvation Army will be strong, confident and ready to face the challenge armed with God's strength, guidance, support and prevalence.

We thank you for supporting The Salvation Army, its mission and its causes.

And we sincerely thank you for caring about those in need, wherever they may be.

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Since June, Salvation Army mobile feeding units have served hundreds of thousands of meals, drinks and snacks to aide affected flood victims in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. Today, The Salvation Army continues to distribute food and clean-up and personal hygiene kits as residents' needs for help remain high — despite the fact that floodwaters have long since receded. The Salvation Army also is providing financial help and food and utility vouchers to help flood-affected residents.

All The Salvation Army has done and continues to do is possible due to its dedication to its mission, the willingness of volunteers to give their time and skills to help others and the generosity of financial supporters who give to help those in need after a disaster turns lives upside down.

To make a financial contribution to help area and Midwest flooding victims, call us at (517) 482-9715.



Area gives to Canned Film Festival

The Lansing community generously supported the area's inaugural Canned Film Festival for The Salvation Army, presented by Celebration Cinema, WMMQ and Rich Michaels. The donation drive raised more than \$200 in funds of support of The Salvation Army's local food pantry. Student volunteers from Sexton High School's football and National Honor Society (above) joined other volunteers to raise donations for The Salvation Army.

Doll, bear dressers needed

Individuals or groups can dress a doll or bear for distribution at Christmastime to less-fortunate children in our community. The Salvation Army provides dolls and bears and they are available to be picked up now. Pick up your doll or bear and return them dressed in style for distribution to children by Friday, Dec. 5. Questions? Call Major Alice Scott or Laurie Kellogg at (517) 482-9716.

Volunteer attorneys here to help those in need

A group of volunteer attorneys has agreed to help The Salvation Army help others by donating their talents and skills and offer legal assistance to those in need of legal help but cannot afford help at no cost. The Lansing Christian Legal Aid offers free legal advice. Appointments are required and are arranged through The Salvation Army office of Social Services by calling (517) 484-4424. Legal assistance offered is limited to advice and counsel only. Direct legal representation in pending matters, while sometimes offered by the individual attorneys, will not usually be offered. For more, call The Salvation Army of Lansing at (517) 482-9715.