Surely by now you have all of your Christmas decorations packed away and put in storage until next Christmas.

No more Christmas music or movies, no more decorations proclaiming “A child is born” or “Jesus is the Reason for the Season.” Everything is safely wrapped, stored in a box and put away!

At The Salvation Army, our kettles might be out of sight and our bells have stopped ringing, but there is no “packing up” need or “storing away” those individuals or families who need our help.

You see, while we are most visible during Christmas time, the assistance we provide during the holidays is assistance we provide every day of the year.

We feed, clothe, shelter and serve those in need and those who call upon us for help every day.

As for “A child is born” and “Jesus is the Reason” Christmas messages, that’s not packed away either. That same “child” we proclaimed to be born, we now proclaim “He is risen!”

Our message and our mission has no season. Daily we serve with our “Hearts to God” and our “Hand to Man.”

Thank you for all you do and for all of your support in making this possible.

May God bless you,

Major Chris Flanagan
Area Commander
Greater Houston Area Command

Serving Harris, Montgomery and Fort Bend Counties

Winter 2016
Christmas Season a Grand Success!

Thanks to your support, we were able to help countless individuals and families this holiday season

All year long The Salvation Army is here to help those most in need without discrimination. During the holidays, we offer additional programs like Angel Tree Christmas gift assistance and Thanksgiving and Christmas community meals so these individuals and families can also enjoy the season.

Our iconic Red Kettle program not only raised over a million dollars for local programs and services, but also provided seasonal work for those who needed extra income or job experience on their resume. The Red Kettles also gave the community an opportunity to get involved by either volunteering as a bell ringer or donating when you were out holiday shopping.

For decades, The Salvation Army has served as Santa’s helper via our Angel Tree program. This past Christmas we helped over 9,000 families who registered for Christmas gifts. Thanks to your donations, we collected over 60,000 gifts for more than 20,000 children and seniors.

All of this would not be possible without your support. More than 150 companies adopted angels and over 600 volunteers came out to Santa’s Secret Warehouse to sort, distribute and bag gifts for Christmas. It really does take a village and we are grateful our village is so big and generous.

The Salvation Army hosts First Ever Christmas in July 5K

Join us on Saturday, July 9th for our first ever 5K

Who else loves the Christmas season?

You know we do! In fact, we love Christmas so much we have made plans to celebrate it again in July. How? By hosting our first ever, inaugural Christmas in July 5K.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 9th, 7 a.m. Runners of all levels are invited to join us in running for good.

The course will start and end at Area Command in Downtown Houston.

Make sure to register early for discount prices. Registration for the Christmas in July 5K is $25, Holly Jolly team is $20 and Fa La La La Kids -13 and under- is $15.

Learn more by visiting our new website ChristmasInJuly5K.com.

Donate your appliances, clothing, furniture, household goods and other items to the Adult Rehab
Thank you for Supporting our Programs
Connecting those in need with services and resources The Salvation Army has to offer

Bryan Kelly
Former Client, Adult Rehabilitation Center

Bryan was born and raised in Santa Fe, Texas. He wanted to see the world so he joined the Navy after high school, where he served for over a year until he was honorably discharged.

For the next several years, Bryan waited tables to pay his way through college. He graduated with an Associate's Degree but also picked up an addiction to pain killers during this time. He held different jobs and secured a full time job with a chemical plant but was fired shortly after because of his addiction. Jobless and facing eviction, Bryan knew he needed help.

Bryan entered the Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) in September 2014 and graduated six months later. He moved into the ARC’s Transitional Living Center and started working full time driving a truck for the ARC.

Today, Bryan has his own place, owns a car and is a Salvation Army Family Store manager. “My life is back on track after having lost everything.”

Edwin & Breaney
Recipients, Angel Tree Christmas program

Edwin and Breaney are the youngest of four siblings in a family of six. Their dad is the sole breadwinner, but his work hours have been cut substantially due to the economy.

Their mom learned about our Angel Tree Christmas gift assistance program at our Salvation Army Family Store on Washington Ave. She registered her three youngest in 2013, and Edwin and Breaney, who still qualified, this past year.

Thanks to this assistance, the family was able to pay their rent without worrying about how to afford gifts for the youngest two. On Christmas morning, Edwin and Breaney were delighted to see Santa had delivered gifts for them once again.

Mom said, “God bless all the people who donate gifts to the Angel Tree program. There’s a lot of people in need who turn to The Salvation Army for help. May God bless those who donate and their loved ones tenfold. And God bless The Salvation Army for all their help.”

Homeless Shelters in 2015

466,948 Meals Served
193,938 Beds Provided

Social Services in 2015

$80,853 Utility Assistance
$1,024,148 Rental Payments
Why I Support
The Salvation Army

Ginger Blanton
Chair, Reflections on Style

Before joining the Women’s Auxiliary in 2004, I knew that The Salvation Army supported those in need and were there when disasters struck.

My first experience with the Auxiliary was volunteering in the Angel Tree program and at Santa’s Secret Warehouse. This year I got the opportunity to help with Angel Tree registration and interview parents requesting toys for their children. It was fulfilling to know that the work we are doing means so much to so many.

Last year I was invited to Chair this year’s Reflections on Style Luncheon, Runway Show and Chic Boutique. Having been widowed the previous year, the timing was right to embrace a rewarding project with supportive friends.

My husband loved to “make good things happen” and The Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary does it every day! Our co-chairs and volunteers are a great team of talented women who are working hard to make this year’s event a great success.

There is a quote that I feel embodies the spirit of The Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary...

“People are homeless, hungry and sick. Somebody should do something about this. Be Somebody.”

-Bonnie Brady

Come be “somebody” with us and make miracles happen!

Our Family Stores Change Lives
Your donations and purchases fund our Adult Rehabilitation Center

We all love a great bargain! Finding an item you love for a fraction of the cost. These are the treasures you will find at one of our seven Salvation Army Family Stores. Somebody else’s old becomes somebody else’s new.

But did you know that unlike other Salvation Army programs that receive funding from foundations, grants and monetary donations from donors like you, our Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) is solely funded by purchases made at our Family Stores?

Since 1899, the ARC has been helping men battle drug and alcohol addiction and turn their lives around. These men are also working at getting back into a daily routine, with work and other responsibilities they neglected in the past.

During their stay at the ARC, their work therapy at our Family Stores will help them save money and be ready to reintegrate back into society.

Next time you are taking out the old to make space for the new, give us a call at 1-800-SA-TRUCK or schedule your donation pickup online at houston.satruck.org. Your goods to The Salvation Army Family Stores help change lives!

“Reflections on Style”
Chic Boutique Showroom

Wednesday, April 13, 5-8 p.m.
“First Chance” Evening Shop Party
($20 donation at door)

Thursday, April 14 – Saturday, April 16
10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
6010 C Washington Ave. at Westcott Circle

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Our Mission: 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.

The Salvation Army of Greater Houston is proud to be a United Way agency.