



Mr. Charles Doyle and his son Chris Doyle, two generations of supporters, visit construction site in Texas City



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THE SALVATION ARMY OF GALVESTON COUNTY

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Traci Puckett, VP of The Women's Auxiliary presents the Champions of Hope Award to **Charles and Mary Ellen Doyle**.

Planning committee for the 2019 Boots & BBQ event, led by chair **Dr. Vivian Hernandez** and co-chair **Karen Etheridge**.



The Women's Auxiliary present annual gift at Boots & BBQ

Supporters of The Salvation Army gathered on August 22, 2019 in the Wings of Heritage room at the Nessler Center in Texas City to honor Charles T. and Mary Ellen Doyle, long-time supporters of The Salvation Army and the community. As part of the celebration, the Auxiliary presented a gift from funds they had raised in the amount of \$35,000. "We were impressed and most grateful that the Women's Auxiliary was able to increase their annual gift by \$10,000 over last year," said Holly McDonald, Development Manager at The Salvation Army. "This group of talented and caring ladies are a great asset to our community and we're happy to have them on our team."

The Auxiliary also presented the Champion of Hope award to Charles and Mary Ellen Doyle for their unwavering commitment to inspire hope in Galveston County through selfless and tireless volunteer service to the community. The entire Doyle family have been tireless supporters of The Salvation Army for many years. Charles Doyle addressed the crowd, encouraging everyone to be kind and be involved in supporting their community in whatever way possible.

Vivian Hernandez and Karen Etheridge chaired the event. Sponsors included Texas First Bank, Southland Title, Del Papa Distributing, Fred & Kim Raschke, Gary & Kitty Potter, Moody Bank, Carlos and Sylvia Garza, United Way of Galveston County Mainland, Valero Texas City Refinery, Wyatt Real Estate and Affinity Urgent Care. Lighthouse Charity Team provided wonderful food and Mike's Mobile Music lit up the room with music. For information on The Women's Auxiliary please call President Terri Cole at (281) 433-6330.

BACK TO SCHOOL



ON AUGUST 22, THE SALVATION ARMY AND SALTY CUTS joined together to offer back-to-school haircuts to the community and school supplies for local children. Volunteers provided food and fun, too. Salty Cuts did 70 haircuts and gave out 59 packs of school supplies. School supplies were donated by the community through a Stuff the Bus event at Walmart in Galveston and League City on August 3. Volunteers collected donated supplies and Hospitality ER gave out free ice cream. Extra supplies are being shared with schools in the county.



SUCCESS STORY



JUSTIN originally came to Galveston from another state. He had secured an apartment before moving, but on arrival discovered that it had been rented out from under him. Suddenly and unexpectedly, he found himself homeless in an unfamiliar city. Regardless, he was still able to secure a job as a bartender at a local restaurant on the Strand.

He heard about The Salvation Army and arrived at the Center of Hope seeking emergency shelter. He took advantage of the offer of case management services that all shelter guests receive. His case manager helped him obtain a new Social Security card and set some goals for saving a percentage of his income while he sought affordable housing. After two weeks, his employer noticed his efforts and was impressed with his work ethic. Justin was offered a new manager position which included a place to stay and transportation. He was happy to report he was well on his way back to stabilization.

Thanks to the supporters of the Center of Hope, there was a place for Justin to go in his time of need.

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.

MEET THE STAFF



MICHELLE is no stranger to the non-profit community of Galveston. As a mother of a special-needs child, she has experienced first-hand the power of community. She recalls a time when she was struggling with her son, Alexx, and was referred to the Family Service Center for help. She was humbled when they suggested a parenting class but out of desperation she enrolled. It was a life-changing experience that transformed her relationship with her son. She was grateful to the woman who shared the resource with her that led to a life-changing experience and she looked for similar ways to help others. Michelle has the opportunity to use all the resources that she had developed from her years in the community as "Alexx's Mom" in her position as the caseworker at the Center of Hope. She has become a connection for many of the homeless in Galveston to resources that could change their lives in the same way hers had been transformed.

Michelle says that to her, success is when a client finally trusts her. She says they often don't feel comfortable initially sharing with her things that could potentially impact their path. She does what she can for each while maintaining her primary role as Alexx's Mom.

LIFETIME SERVICE



MISS BEA has been part of the Galveston Salvation Army since she was 12 years old. She will celebrate her 89th year on September 30th. Bea remembers going to The Salvation Army at 19th and Post Office with some friends who had invited her. She found love there and quickly began to serve. She led character building programs such as Girl Guards and Sunbeams, went to camp and eventually was invited by the Major in charge to work in the office. She learned how to do bookkeeping, worked in the Thrift Store and did social work. She even met a boy that she planned to marry. However, when the time came she couldn't leave her mother who spoke no English and was struggling to raise 6 children on her own. Bea stayed in Galveston while he went off to the School for Officer Training. Bea stayed with her mother until she eventually did marry a Galveston man and raised a son with him.

She still comes to church every Sunday and leads songs. She loves to pray with the residents of the shelter who come to church. The Salvation Army is grateful to Miss Bea for the great example she shows with her life of faithfulness to Christ by serving OTHERS in His name.

Thank you Miss Bea!

CHRISTMAS 2019 PLAN



THE ANGEL TREE is a program that benefits families by providing Christmas presents and clothing for their children ages 12 and under. Registration will start in October. Sign up for this program will take place in Galveston and Texas City. We are grateful to the city of Texas City for donating the use of the Showboat Pavilion for the Mainland registration. Angel tags will be available for sponsors by November 1st.



EACH YEAR we need a large storage and sorting area for our Angel Tree Christmas presents and clothing. This year our sponsor for this location is The Mall of the Mainland. We are grateful to Chris Malooly for his generous support. This location will make Christmas dreams come true for over 1,200 children in our community.



HOWIE AND RENAE BENTLEY OF CLASSIC AUTO GROUP GALVESTON are the proud sponsors of vehicles to be used by The Salvation Army for the Angel Tree and Red Kettle Campaigns in Galveston County from November 20 through December 24. You will be seeing these vehicles all over the county, filling the extra transportation needs of our Christmas season. We are grateful to Howie and Renae for this great gift.



The Red Kettle Campaign is the largest fundraising event each year for The Salvation Army in America. Our goal this year is \$250,000 - one dollar for every person in Galveston County. This funding not only provides a Merry Christmas for many in our community but also is our funding for the first part of the new year.



THE SALVATION ARMY is a volunteer organization. Our Red Kettle Campaign this year is shorter than in previous years. This year we have only 22 days to ring the bell. Having all kettle locations staffed is critical to the goal - we depend on volunteers to fill locations. Belling is a great group activity for churches, businesses or families. Reserve your place today by calling Holly McDonald at (409) 939-9013.

OUR GOAL

Big needs call for Big Goals!

HELP US REACH THE GOAL

\$250,000

\$225,000

\$200,000

\$175,000

\$150,000

\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

\$50,000

\$25,000



DOING THE MOST GOOD

Meals Provided

July: 3,399
August: 4,317

Nights of Lodging

July: 1,339
August: 2,326

Food Boxes

July: 19
August: 34

Rent, Utilities or Clothing

July: 50
August: 38