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Serving All of Wake County Since 1887

## a letter from the captain:

DEAR FRIENDS

**What a blessing it is to be in Wake County!** My wife and I are learning very quickly what a wonderful and generous community this is. We thank you for opening your hearts to us and we look forward to becoming more deeply involved in the community.

Fall is the busiest time of year for The Salvation Army, as we ramp up our after school programs, continue all of our outreach efforts, and prepare for the Christmas season. We are busy readying staff and volunteers for this exciting time of year — a time of vital fundraising for our organization, as well as the time when our mission to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ is heard by thousands of individuals around our county.

My prayer is that each and every one of you will find a place in our organization to serve, support or contribute. We need everyone. You are our life support. I hope you continue to recognize the importance of our programs and the hope we provide to those in need in our community.

I look forward to meeting you and getting to know your “story” — how your life has been touched by the red shield. Whether you are a faithful servant of The Salvation Army, or you have been served — or maybe both, there is a reason you are connected with us. Whatever that reason is, whatever your cause, we are thankful you have chosen The Salvation Army of Wake County. And I pray you will continue your commitment to our organization.

May God bless you and all citizens in Wake County.

In His Service,

Captain Greg Davis

## christmas cheer

IT'S THAT TIME ALREADY! If you would like to volunteer for any of the following Christmas Cheer opportunities, please contact Haven Sink at 919-834-6733 x210 or email her at Haven.Sink@uss.salvationarmy.org.

### **Holiday Bell Ringers**

Represent the Army at area stores in the community by ringing the bell to collect donations!

*November 19 – December 24, 9am – 9pm*

### **Angel Tree Client Registration**

Help families register to be a part of our Angel Tree program. Volunteers will interview clients and input their personal data into computers. Bilingual volunteers are needed. Basic computer skills are required. *Monday, October 26 – Saturday, October 31. 8:30am – 3:30pm*

### **Christmas Cheer Distribution**

Assist families in collecting their Christmas gifts during our two distribution days.

At the end of each distribution day volunteers are needed to restock/break down.

*Wednesday, December 16 & Thursday, December 17. 8:30am – 12pm;*

*12:30pm – 4pm; 4pm – 6pm*

### **Stuff Stockings**

Each child that is registered for our Angel Tree program receives an age-appropriate stocking. Volunteers are needed to fill stockings on our behalf. A list of suggested items can be provided. *Stockings must be returned by December 11.*

### **Adopt an Angel**

Buy gifts for a child or a whole family in our community! Angels can be picked up at Crabtree Valley Mall, or groups may contact us to adopt a family or a large quantity of angels.

## **Employer Matching Gift Program**

*Does your employer have a matching gift program? If you are planning on making a financial contribution to The Salvation Army, your gift could be multiplied to impact more lives for good!*

*And if you volunteer with us, some companies match dollars or materials for volunteer hours, so please check with your HR department for details.*

## our shelves are bare

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN DESPERATE NEED of food donations! Due of the economic impact on individuals around our county, there has been a significant decline in food and financial donations. And because of state and local budget cuts, some organizations from which we usually receive funding are unable to donate to us either, leaving our food pantry shelves empty.

“The shelves are bare and it saddens us to not be able to provide the essential food items for those in need,” says Captain Greg Davis, Commanding Officer of the Wake County Command. “We provide food for 50 families weekly and serve 150 nightly in our soup line,” he continues. “It will be detrimental for us to purchase food in order to continue these services, but we cannot cut short our programs for the people of this community.”

We are asking you, our community, to respond immediately! Please join with your family, friends, co-workers and churches to provide the much needed food and supplies for our pantry. More and more people are standing in our lines on a daily basis — citizens that have never asked us for help and mothers who are desperate to provide for their children. We do not want to turn people away who need us the most.

Please help us feed the hungry... **and restore hope.**

If you would like to donate canned and dried goods to the Salvation Army or set up a food drive in your area, please contact Haven Sink at 919-834-6733 x210 or at Haven.Sink@uss.salvationarmy.org.

## coming early 2010: a capital campaign to build the Center of Hope

IN 2008 ALONE, The Salvation Army met the needs of 120,421 individuals in Wake County — that's over 10% of the population. Our current programs and services continue to change lives each day, providing food, shelter, counseling, mentoring, salvation... and hope. But despite our efforts, the level of need keeps rising. Our food pantry empties as soon as it is filled, our soup line extends longer every evening, and the pleas for crisis assistance are growing louder and more urgent.

Today, as we have through the past 12 decades, The Salvation Army reaches out to Wake County residents in the name of Jesus Christ. Our programs and services are designed to help anyone who needs us — the addict, the abused, the discouraged, the hungry, the hopeless. Our efforts continue to be successful — lives are constantly impacted. But we can do more. We need to do more.

For the first time in several decades, The Salvation Army of Wake County will soon be turning to you, our community, with a request: Help us build the Center of Hope and do more good. A Capital Campaign, aimed at raising \$12,000,000, will accomplish more than the construction of a larger building. Rather, the 41,000-square-foot Center of Hope will allow us to better meet the mounting needs in Wake County — providing more shelter, serving more food, offering more hope. Yes, it's a Building Campaign... but it's also a Campaign for Hope.

Please look for upcoming information about the Campaign for Hope.



## gifts for good

The following is a list of items of which The Salvation Army of Wake County is always in need:

- Clothing
- Linens (towels, washcloths, twin sheet sets, blankets, twin comforters, pillows)
- Plastic storage tubs
- Toothbrushes
- Baby items (cribs, bottles, playpens, diapers)
- Craft supplies for schoolwork (pens, pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, etc.)
- Calendars, planners
- Family games for game night
- Canned food
- Toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.)

### giving coupon

YES! I would like to help *Do The Most Good* by making a gift to The Salvation Army of Wake County.

To make a gift by credit card, please call toll free 1-800-SAL-ARMY or visit [KeepTheBellRinging.org](http://KeepTheBellRinging.org). We do not rent, sell, or exchange mailing or email lists.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\$20     \$35     \$100     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

