

**2014 ANNUAL REPORT
THE SALVATION ARMY FORT WAYNE
CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER**

“How wonderful it is
that nobody need wait a
single moment before starting
to improve the world.”

-Anne Frank



GIVING HOPE, TODAY

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.

Following our retirement my wife and I felt God's leading to support the Salvation Army in a more active role as volunteers. Shortly thereafter, Major Mark Turner invited me to become a member of the Advisory Board. Being a Board member has allowed me the opportunity to serve alongside many great servants of Christ in one of the world's greatest faith based organizations. Our role, as advisors, is to support the Corps officers providing guidance, direction and solutions ranging from spiritual, financial, business matters, etc. Each Board member contributes their own spiritual gift, background, skill set and knowledge base as a functioning member to this ministry. Hopefully, my special contribution is to share the voice of the Volunteer Organization.

~Ben Cox, Board Member~



A message from Capt. Luis Acosta

Fort Wayne Community Center



In The Salvation Army we have the saying, “Need knows no season” and it is very evident as we assist those less fortunate year round here in Fort Wayne. Looking at our annual report you can see the amount of lives that are helped here in our facility. You can see how your donations provide for programs and individuals that come through our doors on a daily basis.

Here at our Community Center, we not only provide for their physical needs but we provide hope as we share with the love of God to them. It is our mission in The Salvation Army to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

With your support, whether it is financial or volunteer your time, we can continue serving in this community.

Sincerely,

Luis Acosta
Captain

WE HAVE A NEW PROGRAM!

Charlotte Ministries is a NICU Assistance program, inspired by a staff member’s struggle with having a baby in the neonatal intensive care unit.

Evaluated on a case-by-case basis, The Salvation Army provides care packages as well as financial assistance for families with a child currently in an Allen County NICU (and in special cases, children with cancer or other medical issues.) Assistance is provided upon demonstration of need and based upon donations received. The program is still small, but we are all excited to see where it goes.

“Having a child in the NICU can be devastating to a family.” states Jama Smith, founder of the program. “Having to juggle caring for the other children, work, or lack of it and keeping a positive attitude doesn’t leave much room for anything else. Charlotte Ministries strives to relieve some of these stressors while a family has a child in the NICU. By providing a few basic needs, and a some extras, to a family in this situation allows them to focus on what matters most. And hopefully makes their life a little bit better during this challenging time.”



Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets Fiscal Year 10/01/2013 to 09/30/2014

Support and revenue		Temporarily Restricted	Total
Public support	Unrestricted		
Received directly			
Contributions	\$1,004,830.00	\$ 51,960.00	\$1,056,790.00
Affiliated organizations of The Salvation Army	\$ 170,522.00		\$ 170,522.00
Total received directly	\$1,175,352.00	\$ 51,960.00	\$1,227,312.00
Received indirectly			
Allocated by federated fund-raising organizations	\$ 87,701.00	\$ -	\$ 87,701.00
Total Public Support	\$1,263,053.00	\$ -	\$1,315,013.00
Fees and grants from government agencies	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00
Other revenue			
Program service fees	\$ 28,582.00		\$ 8,582.00
Other revenue	\$ 17,177.00		\$ 17,177.00
Total other revenue	\$ 45,759.00		\$ 45,759.00
Total support and revenue before reclassifications	\$1,348,812.00	\$ 51,960.00	\$1,400,772.00
Net assets reclassified due to fulfillment of donor restrictions	\$ 46,960.00	\$ (46,960.00)	\$ -
Total support and revenue	\$1,395,772.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$1,400,772.00
Expenses			
Program services			
Corps Community and Youth Center	\$ 455,071.00	\$ -	\$ 455,071.00
Social Services	\$ 505,064.00	\$ -	\$ 505,064.00
Total program services	\$ 960,135.00	\$ -	\$ 960,135.00
Supporting services			
Management and general	\$ 123,298.00	\$ -	\$ 123,298.00
Fund-raising	\$ 273,421.00	\$ -	\$ 273,421.00
Total supporting services	\$ 396,719.00	\$ -	\$ 396,719.00
Total expenses	\$1,356,854.00	\$ -	\$1,356,854.00
Change in net assets from operations	\$ 38,918.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 43,918.00
Insurance recoveries			
Change in net assets			
Net (deficit) assets, beginning of year	\$ 100,095.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 140,095.00
Net (deficit) assets, end of year	\$ 139,013.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 184,013.00

The Salvation Army has been serving the greater Fort Wayne community since 1886. Our mission is “to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.” The Salvation Army continues to fulfill its mission by offering a wide variety of programs and services that address the numerous needs existing within the Allen County community. These programs include:

Social Services - provides emergency financial assistance for rent/mortgage payments, utility bills, food, clothing, transportation and other emergency needs. The Salvation Army Social Service programs provide hope for low income families and those individuals who may otherwise fall through the cracks, by combining financial assistance for basic needs with encouragement and referrals to other local resources. In 2014, The Salvation Army served 6,195 individuals through the social services direct assistance and case management programs, providing them with the help they desperately needed.

Christmas programs - provides families with food, as well as clothing and toys for their children. In 2014, The Salvation Army helped 775 families, including 3,075 individuals, have a very Merry Christmas through our various holiday assistance programs (*Angel Tree, Adopt a Family, Card A Teen, etc.*).

Tools for School program - provides new school supplies for students whose families need assistance. The Salvation Army provided 1,074 youth with 23,241 school supplies in 2014.

Operation Cool Breeze – provides individuals with critical medical illnesses aggravated by the heat with new or gently-used air conditioners and fans during the hot summer months.

Emergency Disaster Services - provides emergency assistance for victims of natural disasters such as, floods, tornadoes, fires or other unforeseen incidents.

Emergency Shelter – provides a warm and safe place when those affected by disaster have nowhere else to go. The Salvation Army has the facilities and equipment to house up to 90 individuals at a moments notice.

Caring Ministries - provides visitations and gifts to patients in nursing homes, hospitals and private homes. Caring Ministries provides comfort to those who are elderly and/or ill individuals.

Youth programs – provide after-school activities, a character building program and summer camps. The programs engage youth in activities to build skills and personal assets, by challenging youth physically, mentally, socially, emotionally and spiritually. The Salvation Army offered quality programs to over 300 youth throughout 2014, providing a safe and nurturing environment. The afterschool program offers youth a place where they can develop healthy relationships and receive homework assistance they need to be successful in the classroom along with activities that provide youth with a safe place where their differences are respected and they can build physical skills.

Adult Rehabilitation Center –offers residential housing, work, and group and individual therapy, all in a clean, wholesome environment. The physical and spiritual care that program participants receive over a 6 month period prepares them to re-enter society and return to gainful employment. Many of those who have been rehabilitated are reunited with their families and resume a normal life. Participants pay nothing for these services. All proceeds from the area family stores fund the local Adult Rehabilitation Center.

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~Mary Lou Wade, Board Member~

In order to thank our hundreds of volunteers in the Fort Wayne area for the thousands of hours they donate to The Salvation Army, we hold an annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. This dinner is typically held in May and gives us the opportunity to say a heartfelt "Thank You" to our volunteers who support us through out the year. At this event we also award several volunteers, families, or groups with special recognition for their outstanding service to us.

2014 Volunteer Awards

Outstanding Individual Volunteer Award – Kayla Murphy
JoAnn Stoker Social Service Award – Barb Clifton
Generous Giving Award – Bruce Dye
Generous Giving Business Award – Lutheran Hospital
Fashionable Heart Award – Elevation 138
Christmas Spirit Award – Scott Welch & Class, Mary Jo Bireley (Lutheran Hospital), Ben and Thelma Cox
Highest Fundraiser – Hannah Smith
Christmas Kettle Award – Organization Raising the Most – Central Lions
Christmas Kettle Award – Church Raising the Most – Trinity Presbyterian Church
Christmas Kettle Award – Family Raising the Most in Two Hours – Eric & Nicole Beuchel Family
Christmas Kettle Award – Most Raised in One Hour – Channel 21 Melissa Long, Curtis Smith and Tommy Schoelger
Christmas Kettle Award – Outstanding Kettle Volunteer – Joe Stellhorn



The 2014 Neverland Charity Auction & Ball focused on a Peter Pan theme. Several local clothing and accessory companies were given the opportunity to show off their Fall lines.

Between the different lines, items were auctioned off live to the audience. At the same time dozens of items were up for silent auction. At the end of the day, the fashion show and auction items raised over \$53,976. And since all of the auction items were donated, the proceeds went directly to The Salvation Army.



The Queen of Charities Pageant

has become an annual event typically held in April as a fundraising event for The Salvation Army. This is a non-glitz event to encourage young women and men to participate in charity while building confidence and making life-long friends. In 2014 our contestants raised \$32,059. Including gift in kind, the pageant generated \$42,553.

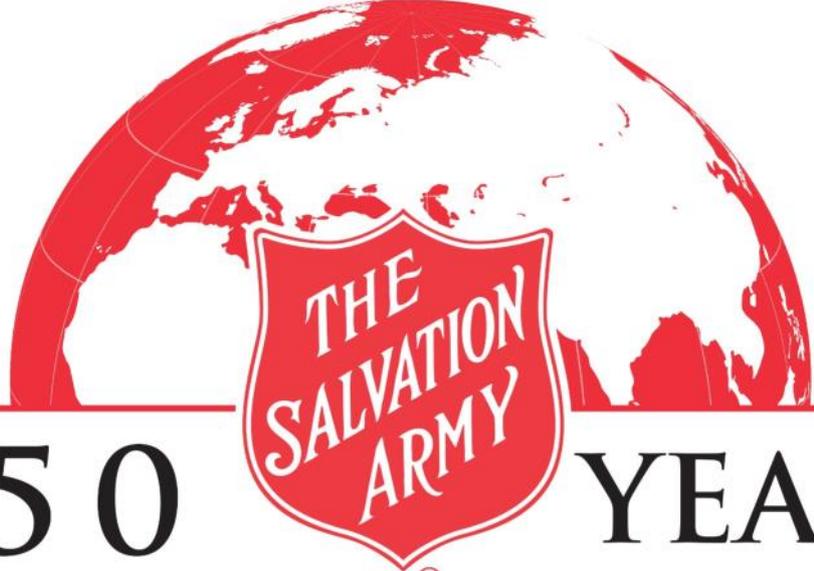
2014 Queens and Kings of Charities Winners

Toddler Miss Queen of Charities – Charis Lechleidner
 Little Miss Queen of Charities – Regan Vowles
 Junior Miss Queen of Charities – Summer Ann Mihm
 Miss Queen of Charities – Taylor Zalenski

Mini Miss Queen of Charities – Jaslina Yarbrough
 Little Mr King of Charities – Joseph Truelove
 Pre Miss Queen of Charities – Samantha Smith
 Mrs Queen of Charities – Deidre Golden



Charis – Jaslina – Regan – Joseph – Summer Ann – Samantha – Taylor – Deidre



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I have been blessed to be granted a life membership on the Salvation Army Board. I have and do serve on many Boards but always continued to be impressed with how much of the contributions dollars go to those in need. Being a Salvation Army Officer is a calling and highly respect them for their personal sacrifices in the process of helping others. If you are looking for a way to invest in others work with and support the Salvation Army.

~Mike Eikenberry, Board Member~

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