

"He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the **needy** honors **God**." Proverbs 14:31 (NIV)

Can you imagine an organization that used 3.5 million volunteers last year?

A really good part of being so large and diverse is you can easily find a place you "fit in" to volunteer and you can donate goods really close to home. Within 5 miles we have 3 Salvation Army centers ... Trenton, Wyandotte and Southgate.

Such a large operation also offers a variety of volunteer opportunities such as Office Work, Food Pantry, Maintenance, Meal Share and Nursing Home Visits. The opportunities are great and the reward is without measure.

One of the better-known benefits of volunteering is the impact on the community. Unpaid volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people, animals, and organizations in need. And volunteering is a two-way street: It can benefit you and your family as much as the cause you choose to help. Dedicating your time as a volunteer helps you make new friends, expand your network, and boost your social skills.

Prayer:

May God bless all of us and open our minds and hearts so that we can help each other. Help us to be your ears listening to those in need and your voice speaking out love and acceptance. Help us to be your feet walking beside them. Help us to be your hands giving them clothing, food, and shelter. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.



The Salvation Army provides housing, food, financial and other assistance to those who are homeless or living in poverty. Last year, they provided more than 30 million people in the U.S. with a variety of services, including more than 10 million nights of lodging and nearly 60 million meals

"The Salvation Army exists to meet human need wherever, whenever, and however we can"

What They Do:

Salvation Army has 7500 centers of operation throughout the country? I'm sure for most of us the image of bell ringers at Christmas is the first image that comes to mind but the Salvation Army is much more. They serve here at home and in countries throughout the world. They serve without discrimination and wherever the gospel is welcome.

> Disaster relief, Homeless Shelters, Food Pantries, Job Training, Alcohol and Drug Rehab, Spiritual Healing, Life Skills to Escape Poverty, Summer Camps, Solutions to Human Trafficking, Veteran Services, Services for the Aging, LBGQ Support, Help for Domestic Abuse, After-School Programs

There's a phrase we say all the time at The Salvation Army: "We couldn't do what we do without our volunteers," or something to that effect. And it's true. We need our volunteers. **ALL 3 MILLION OF THEM**. But what exactly is it that we do that wouldn't get done without this elite list of 3 million people?

- 3 million volunteers = 55 million hot meals provided to those in need
- 3 million volunteers = 275,900 people receiving assistance in the aftermath of a natural disaster
- 3 million volunteers = 982,800 people participating in senior citizen programs
- 3 million volunteers = 3.2 million people getting help with gifts, food, and clothes for the holidays
- 3 million volunteers = 232,700 youth attending summer camps
- 3 million volunteers = 1 million people benefiting from community center programs in underserved communities
- 3 million volunteers = 25 million people, every year, receiving some kind of help from The Salvation Army

But 3 million volunteers equals so much more than just services, gifts, and programs. Three million volunteers also equals an increased sense of community, changed hearts, and happy faces, and an overall increase in people simply Doing the Most Good.

So when we say, "We couldn't do what **we do** without you," what we really mean is "We hope you realize just how much good **you do.**"

And so, to those of you who already serve alongside us, thank you! To those of you who



want to start Doing the Most Good, we encourage you to get in contact with your local Salvation Army to see what volunteering opportunities are available. You won't be disappointed, and neither will those whose lives you change.



DONATE TODAY

Trenton Donation Center: 3004 Van Horn 734-362-7087

Southgate Store and Donation Center 14275 Eureka 734-284-0717

Wyandotte Corp 1258 Biddle Ave

https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/wyandotte/volunteer/

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To find The Salvation Army in your area and discover ways you can give back to your community, enter your ZIP code in the search bar <u>https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/</u> volunteer/

