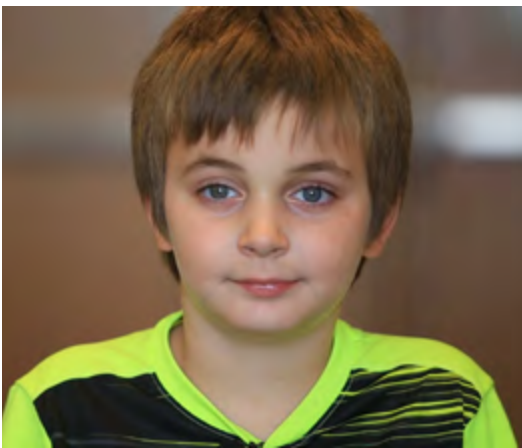




GOOD NEWS

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MUSIC LESSONS GIVE JOSHUA A DREAM



Nine-year-old Joshua had never played a musical instrument until he began taking free music lessons at The Salvation Army. Now he receives music instruction as part of the after-school program at our community center in Plano.

Through the program, children can try their hand at various instruments, including piano, guitar,

drums and recorder. Comedy and dance lessons are also taught by dedicated tutors from the community.

“I thought it would be fun to do something extra,” said Joshua, whose favorite instruments are guitar and drums. “My parents think it’s really cool and they want me to keep going with the music.”

Joshua believes music holds prospects for his future. “I intend to take my music skills to a high level, so I can be really good, and one day I can be on the stage and iTunes,” Joshua said.

He seems to have the right measure of support to help him realize his dreams.

“The teachers and my mom make me feel like I know what I’m doing, and that gives me the courage to press on.”





Major Barbara Rich, Gillian Breidenbach, Dallas Cowboys great Darren Woodson, Robin Woith, Richard Holt, and Major Jon Rich at our Christmas Center in Dallas when the Dallas Cowboys and Bank of America helped distribute the food boxes they sponsored and Christmas gifts to local families.



Majors Barbara and Jon Rich with FC Dallas mascot Tex Hooper and Clark Hunt, chairman of Hunt Sports Group, which oversees operations of FC Dallas and the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs, at the dedication of a new soccer field donated by FC Dallas at our center in Plano.



Major Jon Rich, with CBS-11 anchors Russ McCaskey and Angela Marie Madison, when he made a visit to the station to present a cake to say thank you for CBS-11's sponsorship of our red kettle campaign.



Representatives from Davita presented an oversize check for \$27,000 to support our red kettle campaign.



THE BIGGEST NEWS OF THE HOLIDAYS WAS EZEKIEL ELLIOT, DALLAS COWBOYS ROOKIE RUNNING BACK, JUMPING INTO ONE OF THE BIG RED KETTLES AT AT&T STADIUM WHEN HE RAN FOR A TOUCHDOWN DURING THE COWBOYS WIN OVER THE TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS.



Dallas Cowboys Ring of Honor member, Drew Pearson, who played for the Cowboys for ten seasons, was interviewed by Kristi Scales at the 2016 Super Lunch fundraiser for The Salvation Army in Irving.



Advisory Board Members, Joyce Fox, Mary Clare Finney, and Debbie Oates with Jimmy Wayne, the keynote speaker for our 2016 Annual Doing the Most Good Luncheon.



Major Barbara Rich stopped by NBC 5 and Telemundo 39 to say thank you for sponsoring Angel Tree. She is pictured with NBC 5 President and General Manager, Tom Ehlmann; NBC 5 anchor, Marc Fein; executive producer, Dean Travinski; and Nada Ruddock, VP of Community Affairs.



Volunteers from The Home Depot did a makeover of the veteran's wing at our Carr P. Collins Social Service Center in Dallas.



Scotty Kay and Bret Mega of KLIF-FM Hot 93.3 conducted a stuff-the-bus promotion at Stonebriar Centre in Frisco to collect donated toys for our Angel Tree program.



Dr. Chris King, President of Dallas Christian School; Major Barbara Rich; Trammel S. Crow; Advisory Board Member, J.D. McCaslin; and Major Jon Rich at a reception at Mr. Crow's home to announce a new Project Tomorrow scholarship partnership that will enable low-income students to get a quality education at Dallas Christian School.



Mother Leslie Stewart, Vicar of Resurrection Episcopal Church in Plano, with Major Jon Rich. Mother Leslie donated 19 Little Free Libraries to be installed at our centers across the Metroplex, and also donated children's books



Verizon Wireless awarded a \$25,000 Hopeline grant for our residential domestic violence shelter to help us continue providing important services to victims of abuse.



Tom Cornell of the Houston J. and Florence A. Doswell Foundation with Major Barbara Rich and Sr. Development Specialist Allison Sheeder. The foundation donated \$125,000 to support our youth programs in DFW.



Captain David Swyers, Assistant DFW Metroplex Commander, with Mayor Besty Price at the Fort Worth City Council meeting when Mayor Price put a donation into a red kettle.



A small herd of cattle was "Mooing the Most Good" at the Cattle Drive for the Kettle Drive at Ridgmar Mall in Fort Worth.



Majors Barbara and Jon Rich walk with the Coca-Cola polar bear and Coke representatives when they delivered Angel Tree gifts in two huge Coca-Cola 18-wheelers.



We recognized the Box 4 Fire Buffs, our volunteer group that provides support for firefighters, for their great service. They respond to every two-alarm fire or greater in Dallas and have not missed going to a major fire in 53 years.



Professional golfer, Jordan Spieth (center), put a donation in a red kettle when Pro Football Hall of Famer and former Dallas Cowboy Charles Haley (left), and former Dallas Mavericks shooting guard and the Mav's Assistant Vice President of Basketball Operations, Michael Finley (back right), rang bells at a red kettle at NorthPark Center.

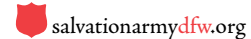
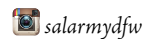
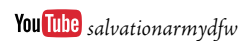
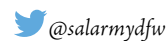
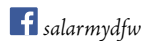


Sgt. Rodney Hinkle with Maria and Jim DeSimone, owners of Lula Mae Pillow Company, when the first delivery of donated pillows was made at our Carr P. Collins Center in Dallas. Jim and Maria donated 750 pillows so our transitional shelter residents would have a 100-percent cotton pillow to lay their head on at night.

Thank you to our signature partners



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