



GOOD NEWS

THE SALVATION ARMY DFW METROPLEX COMMAND | SPRING 2018

A MOTHER AND CHILDREN AVOID LOSING THEIR HOME

Tianisha was unable to work for almost a year after having emergency surgery from an unexpected illness. Her recovery took longer than expected, causing her to use up all her medical leave days,

including three additional months without pay granted by her employer. But still unable to work, she was eventually fired from her job.

“Bills were stacking up, I was behind on my mortgage, and I didn’t have a lot of help at the time,” said Tianisha, a single mother with two daughters. “It was like I didn’t have anything to fall back on. There were times when I didn’t know how we were going to make it or what we were going to eat.”

In the midst of her predicament, a friend suggested Tianisha contact The Salvation Army. That’s when she learned about our Home Sweet Home program, which helps families that are about to fall into homelessness stay in their homes.

After Tianisha enrolled in the program, we paid her mortgage for six months and gave the family groceries from our food pantry. We provided financial education classes that helped Tianisha learn how to budget and save money. Our case manager made home visits to make sure she attained stability.

After almost a year of being unemployed, Tianisha got a job at the Dallas Police Department.

“I feel like I’m in a great financial situation right now, thanks to the help that I received from The Salvation Army,” Tianisha said. “If I had not gone to The Salvation Army, I would have definitely lost my home, which would have caused me to become homeless with my kids.”





Gene Whitaker of the Farmers Branch Senior Center Dance Club presented a \$2,245 donation to Major Jon Rich. The club challenged each member to donate at least \$10.



Major Stan Carr, Corps Officer in Irving, accepted a check for \$8,962 from Drs. Jeff M. Roy, Ashley Bristow, and Kent Smith at 21st Century Dental in Irving as part of the "Sponsoring Smiles for Life" program.



Two 5th-grade classes from Wesley Prep in Dallas adopted eight Angels, shopped for the gifts, and returned them to our Angel Tree at North Park Center.



Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price put a donation into a red kettle at the Fort Worth city council meeting in December. Mayor Price also collected donations from the members of the city council.



Texas State Representative Cindy Burkett braved near-freezing temperatures to ring a bell at the Garland town square. Rep. Burkett is pictured with Captain Richard New, Garland Corps Officer, and Captain Kettle.



In true Cowtown fashion, a group of cowboys on horseback drove a small herd of cattle one mile around Ridgmar Mall to officially kick off The Salvation Army's red kettle campaign in Fort Worth.



Eight-year-old girls, Ana Wetegrove and Madison Orpen dropped the first donation - \$2,200 into a red kettle in Allen to kick off the campaign for The Salvation Army of McKinney. The girls raised over \$1,000 through a lemonade stand and on Facebook. A local company in their community matched it.



Lt. Timothy Israel and 20 kids from our Youth Education Town in Arlington with CBS-11 meteorologist Scott Padgett at the filming of CBS-11's holiday TV spot.



Volunteers from Coca-Cola unloaded Christmas gifts donated by nearly 800 employees for 1,300 individuals from two 45-foot Coke trucks at our Dallas Christmas Center.



Miss Texas Margana Wood served as a volunteer bell ringer at a red kettle site at NorthPark Center.



Todd Creekmur, General Manager of City Works - Frisco, presented a check for \$5,041.82 to Cristian Murdock, our Executive Director of Advancement and Strategy. The donation came through proceeds from the restaurant's soft opening.



At our 2017 Annual Doing the Most Good Luncheon, Retired Dallas Police Chief David Brown shared from his life experiences to express what it means to do the most good.



Dallas Cowboys rookies and volunteers from Essilor, joined by Majors Jon and Barbara Rich, loaded Angel Tree gifts donated by Cowboys players, coaches, and staff onto two Salvation Army trucks.



Natalie Cannon from our Domestic Violence program (second from left) accepted a \$100,000 grant from Major Barbara Rich; Kathie King, President of our Dallas Women's Auxiliary; and D'Andra Simmons-Lock, chair of the 2017 Women's Auxiliary Fashion Show through which the funds were raised.



Our Christmas Carol Concert at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church featured a performance by the Dallas Temple/Irving Songsters, plus performances by our brass band, and special guest soloist David Childs.



We ceremonially smashed down a wall at our community center in Pleasant Grove to launch a major renovation there. When complete, the facility will have a state-of-the-art sports complex, a completely remodeled worship space, a new food pantry, and more parking available for people to access services at the center.



More than 200 volunteers from Target built and installed a new KaBOOM! playground at The Salvation Army of Irving Boys & Girls Club.



The Dallas Cowboys Rhythm & Blue Drum Line roused the crowd at North Park Center during our Angel Tree Extravaganza on the day after Thanksgiving.

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