Mother and Daughters Find Refuge at Our Family Shelter

Angelica was riding a bike looking for a job when she got run over by a car. She couldn’t work to provide for herself and her daughters so the family came to stay at our family shelter. While there, they had a room of their own. They also received meals, sheets, towels, personal toiletries, toothpaste, transportation, and case management.

While staying at the shelter, Angelica went to worship services in chapel. As a family, she and her children prayed and read the Bible.

“I depend on the Lord, so I give everything to my Jesus,” Angelica said. “The Salvation Army is a blessing. … It’s a Christian church and it’s a lot of help to everybody.”

Mayors Donate to Red Kettle

The mayors of Dallas and Fort Worth demonstrated charity for residents of their community by making a donation to the red kettle. Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings put the first dollar into a red kettle in Dallas at Neiman Marcus downtown. Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price put a donation into a red kettle at a Fort Worth city council meeting.
NBC 5 and Telemundo-39 are our annual media partners for the Angel Tree program. With their help promoting the program, last Christmas nearly 52,000 individuals received Christmas gifts. We are grateful for the tremendous support.

Major Jon Rich presented a custom-decorated Angel Tree cake to Tom Elman, General Manager of NBC 5/KXAS-TV.

Babe Laufenberg with Ed McCarty, Chairman of our Irving Advisory Council, at the SuperLunch, a fundraiser for The Salvation Army in Irving.

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Ryan employees could wear casual clothes that day by donating $10 to wear jeans, $5 to wear a casual shirt, and $5 to wear casual shoes, for a total of $20. Employees could also donate more if they wished. The donation included a 50% match from The Ryan Foundation. Ryan employees also adopted and donated Christmas gifts for 120 individuals through the Angel Tree program.

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Last fall, Academy Award and Golden Globe winning actor, Jon Voight, was the guest speaker at our Annual Doing the Most Good Luncheon at the Hilton Anatole Hotel. Lynn McBee was the luncheon chair, and Debbie Oates and Bob Best were underwriting co-chairs.

More than 900 attended the elegant event to support The Salvation Army and to hear Jon Voight. During an interview-style Q&A, Voight told stories and traded snappy repartee with legendary movie critic and arts reporter, Gary Cogill.

To donate to The Salvation Army DFW Metroplex Command, visit SalvationArmyDFWGive.org.