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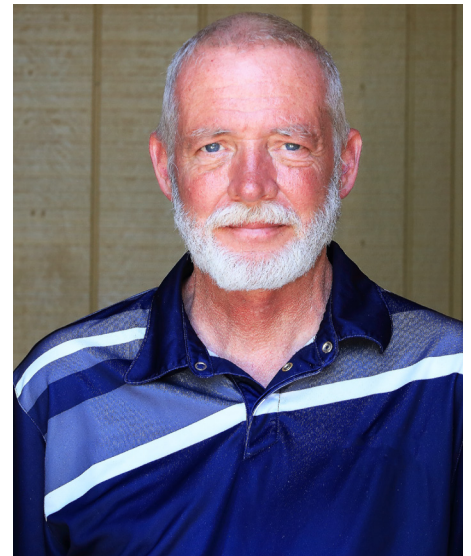
After 20 years as an accountant, Doug lost his job. His health degenerated as he struggled to keep up with his bills. He began drinking heavily and soon became homeless.

"I thought I was going to be homeless for the rest of my life," Doug said.

After a year and a half on the streets with an occasional temporary stay at a shelter, Doug contacted The Salvation Army in Fort Worth for help.

He qualified for our permanent supportive housing program and was taken to see a number of apartments that he could choose from. He now lives in his own apartment and maintains a sober life.

"I just want to say thank you, Salvation Army," Doug said. "I'm really happy right now. It's like a little school kid. I feel much better and much healthier. It's a chance to start all over again, get a new job and meet new friends."



## FAMILY SAVED FROM BECOMING HOMELESS



When Michael's wife abandoned the family, he struggled to raise their sons, Barkley and Sawyer, alone. He couldn't work because he had no place to leave the boys. At ages five and two, they were too young to be in school. Plus, Sawyer couldn't attend day care because of many health complications from birth.

Living in Lewisville, Michael discovered our social service center within walking distance of his apartment. He began going there for lunch six days a week. He also received groceries from our food pantry so he could put meals on the table at home. Even with that assistance, he still couldn't pay rent. Eventually he received an eviction notice.

Knowing the family was in a desperate situation, we offered them a private

room at our Family Life Shelter in Arlington. Since going there to stay, Michael got approved to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for Sawyer because of his health conditions. Sawyer was also cleared by a doctor to begin attending daycare. Michael has obtained reliable transportation and anticipates starting a new job. The family has also been approved for Tarrant County's Rapid Rehousing program which will provide them a home.



Charlotte Jones Anderson and Dallas Cowboys legend Michael Irvin joined Majors Barbara and Jon Rich to accept a \$100,000 check from JCPenney.



The reigning Miss Texas, Madison Fuller, pictured with an Angel Tree parent and Major Barbara Rich. Madison helped distribute gifts to parents who came to our Christmas Center in Dallas to pick up their children's gifts.



After the check presentation, Charlotte and Michael served as runners to retrieve bags of donated gifts for two brothers named Jerry and Jayson, a fitting reminder of the team's owner and head coach.



Coca-Cola employees unloaded two 18-wheelers of Angel Tree gifts at our Christmas Center in Dallas.



Former U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson was keynote speaker at our 2018 Annual Doing the Most Good Luncheon.



Major Barbara Rich accepts a check from Jaylon Smith, Dak Prescott, and Ezekiel Elliott, along with Carol Roberts of Albertsons/Tom Thumb, at the Dallas Cowboys Supermarket Sweep at Tom Thumb in Frisco.



Cowboys on horseback drove a herd of cattle a mile around Ridgmar Mall at the "Cattle Drive for the Kettle Drive" to help kick off our red kettle drive in Fort Worth.



Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings dropped a donation into a kettle at Neiman Marcus to help kick off the red kettle campaign in Dallas.

# 2018 HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS



Majors Jon and Barbara Rich were joined by Dallas Cowboys players Michael Gallup and Leighton Vander Esch to accept a check from representatives of the international optics company, Essilor.



Charlie Green, who sang on the hit TV show Britain's Got Talent, was the special guest performer at our annual Christmas Concert at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas.



Bobbi De La Cruz of Dietz & Watson, a premium meat and cheese company, and Martha Gomez, deli manager at the Casa Linda Albertsons, presented a \$5,000 check to Major Barbara Rich. For one month, Dietz & Watson donated 5 cents for each pound of its premium deli meat and cheese sold at Albertsons, Tom Thumb, and Randalls stores.



NBC 5 news anchor Meredith Land and daughter McCall helped serve meals at our Carr P. Collins Social Service Center.



Lt. Timothy Israel and kids from the Gene and Jerry Jones Family North Texas Youth Education Town at The Salvation Army in Arlington were treated to an ice skating party by CBS-11 at Panther Island Ice in Fort Worth.



Famed Dallas Cowboys mascot Rowdy revved up the crowd at NorthPark Center in Dallas at our Angel Tree Extravaganza on Black Friday.



Cowboys QB Dak Prescott and running back Ezekiel Elliott served an early Thanksgiving meal to residents at our Carr P. Collins Social Service Center in Dallas.



Majors Barbara and Jon Rich with Texas First Lady, Cecelia Abbott, who was keynote speaker at our annual Super Lunch to raise funds for The Salvation Army in Irving.



Denton Mayor Chris Watts and Dr. Lyn Stuckey, State Representative for District 64, put the first dollars into a red kettle at Golden Triangle Mall to help kick off the red kettle campaign in Denton.



Major Jon Rich with J.J. Gomez, President of PlainsCapital Bank - Victory Park. PlainsCapital's antique firetruck accompanied a Salvation Army truck loaded with Angel Tree gifts to our Christmas Center in Dallas. The gifts were donated by employees from PlainsCapital, Haynes and Boone, HFF, and Hilltop Holdings.



In December, volunteers from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fort Worth brought comfort dogs to the library at our Mabey Social Service Center to interact with children while volunteers read to the kids. The library began a few years ago with an initial donation of books and a few bookshelves by Drs. Concetta Ledig (DC) and Erik Ledig (MD). Last fall, Ken and Linda Majka donated hundreds of books and arranged for Boy Scout Troop 17 to build and install additional bookshelves as part of an Eagle Scout project.



Dallas Cowboys linebacker Chris Covington and other teammates loaded bags of Angel Tree gifts donated by players and staff onto a Salvation Army truck at The Star in Frisco.

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