



MAJOR MARLENE EDWARDS: to call it a career in June after 3 decades of service to those in need

'I turned to God to take me and use me. Through me with The Salvation Army, He has done some wonderful things.' Major Marlene Edwards

## As child, missionary, corps leader, officer has battled poverty

Reaching for a gold-framed picture of herself surrounded by several young Philippine students, Major Marlene Edwards begins to cry.

It was 1996 when she last

traveled to the Philippines to say good-bye — to the country where she was ordained as a Salvation Army officer in 1985, to the nation where she gave more than a decade of service to

the poor and less-fortunate. She struggles for composure as she remembers the last months of a year-long furlough in 1994. After boxing up all her personal items and sending them from her

Indiana home back to Manila in anticipation of her missionary ministry to resume, she received a call from her doctor.

She had advanced breast cancer. ■ SEE BATTLE PAGE 7

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Salvation Army, Shoe Carnival readies for third annual event to put new shoes on the feet of less-fortunate children. PAGE 4

## Hoosiers back ongoing terrorism response

**PLAN:** Salvation Army guarantees continued support throughout greater New York City

Through donations and volunteerism, Indiana residents have generously supported The Salvation Army's intensive response to the terrorist attacks on the U.S. on Sept. 11.

Through March 1, Hoosiers had donated \$450,227 to The Salvation Army's terrorism response operations. Hoosiers have been generous in donating their time as well. Since November, the Indiana Division has sent four teams of Salvation Army officers, employees and volunteers to Manhattan, where they've served as logistics coordinators; spiritual, grief and emotional counselors; site managers; and food servers.

"We're extremely proud of the generosity extended to those affected by the tragic events of Sept. 11 through The Salvation Army Indiana Division," says Indiana commander Major Dennis Strissel. "The Salvation Army is committed to helping our great nation bounce back from this terrible ordeal."

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JOHNSON COUNTY

## New ministry off to active start in 2002

**NEW SITE:** Salvation Army in high gear at larger location to meet growing needs

ONLINE

Hundreds of civic-minded volunteers give their time to help their Johnson County neighbors in need through The Salvation Army Samaritan Services. Who they are, what they do, in the newsstand at [salarmy-indiana.org](http://salarmy-indiana.org)

During the first three months of 2002, 16 never-before-served Greenwood families turned to The Salvation Army for help and assistance.

A new era of meeting need is well under way in Johnson County, with The Salvation Army Samaritan Services active, energetic and better equipped to

battle poverty, hunger and a growing demand for services for the less-fortunate.

In October, The Salvation Army merged with the former Greenwood Samaritan Services. Two months later, the ministry was relocated to a 3,300-square-foot site at 325 Market St. in Greenwood, bringing together office space and a well-known food pantry under one roof.

In 2001, more than 330 people from nearly 150 families received food, clothing and assistance from The Salvation Army Samaritan Services. ■ SEE MINISTRY PAGE 2



Salvation Army counselor Curtis Watkins prepares to pray with Richard, diagnosed with HIV in 1994. After years of homelessness and addiction, without the means to afford a doctor's care or expensive medication, Richard found The Salvation Army.

## TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

**REACHING OUT:** Ministers of care take to city's neighborhoods to capture souls afflicted with, susceptible to an incurable disease

STORY AND PHOTOS BY DUANE BRODT

Richard, 41, was diagnosed HIV positive in 1994 as an inmate in a Texas prison. When released, he found a job. Prone to infections, he soon found himself drifting.

"You can't keep a job if you're sick and not there. You can't go to the doctor or afford any of your medication if you don't have no job," he says.

Homeless and addicted to crack cocaine, Richard bounced from job to job and lived in

shelters and missions until his condition worsened. When he could step out of a hospital bed, he stepped into The Salvation Army Harbor Light Center.

Today, he's fighting through rehabilitation. But he's not alone. He's under the care of the center's staff, back on his medication and has a spiritual presence.

"I wasn't walking with God before," Richard says. "But I am now." ■ SEE STREETS PAGE 5

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# Exemplary family refocuses mindset of leader as teen

What do you want to be when you grow up?

No, I'm not asking you — just remembering the first question that was generally asked of me as a little boy.

Most people took one look at me and said, "Bet you're going to be a football player."

While I love the sport, I was never cut out to be a football player.

I finally asked myself the same question around age 16 and fought for an answer.

I knew what I didn't want to be, though — a Salvation Army officer.

My grandparents, my parents and my aunt and uncle were all officers. I was hunkered and bunkered from all sides and thought escape was the best plan.

Why?

It was simple as far as I was concerned.

I lived with people whose lives were consumed with the problems of others. Night and day, I saw my parents spend time with people of need.

I watched them pray with hurting moms and dads. I saw my dad engage teenagers that no one else wanted to deal with and model good character and citizenship. Mom would counsel other moms about their troubles at home, help them clean their homes and fix meals for their families. Dad would load up day-old-bread in the old station wagon and he and I would deliver bags of sustenance to deserving families that were having financial problems.

And worst of all, my sisters and I all had to be good examples of a fine Christian family. Give, give, give.

Are you kidding? Me? A Salvation Army officer?

It's funny how the years seem to help you see differently — and with clearer focus.

At 16, my immature epiphany brought peace of mind and heart as I heard God silently call me to be a Salvation Army officer principally because of the example of sacrifice my parents and grandparents had been to me.

I watched their unending supply of concern and compassion for people in need while God whispered, "There could be no higher calling."

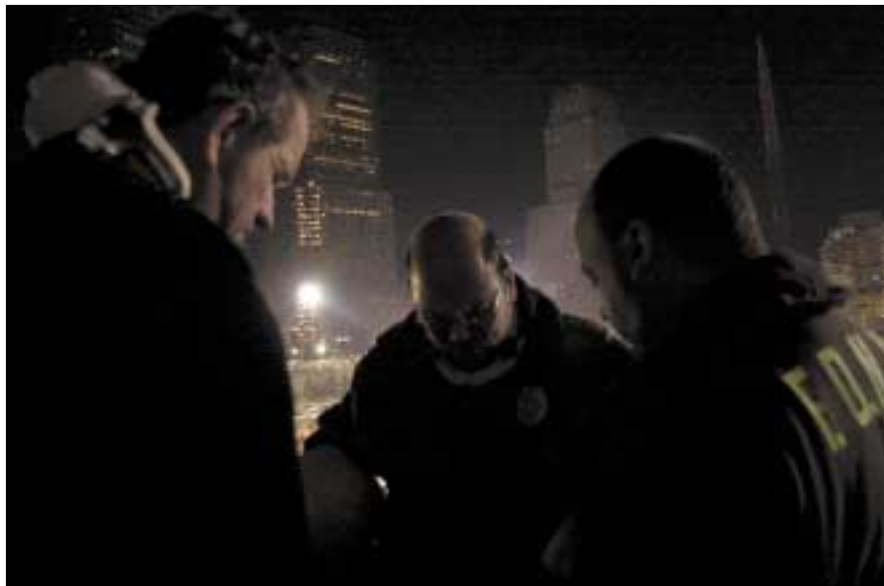
Hey, call me schmaltzy or melodramatic.

But as far as I'm concerned there's no specific season of sacrifice and no fixed or distinct time for generosity because need knows no season.

Thank you for being one of our important careholders.



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On the roof of Firehouse 10 overlooking the site of the former World Trade Center in lower Manhattan, Salvation Army Capt. Tony Hall (center) and Major Robert Scott pray with New York City firefighter Rocco in the early-morning hours of Jan. 21. Since Sept. 11, four teams of Salvation Army Indiana Division officers, employees and volunteers have served throughout greater New York City.

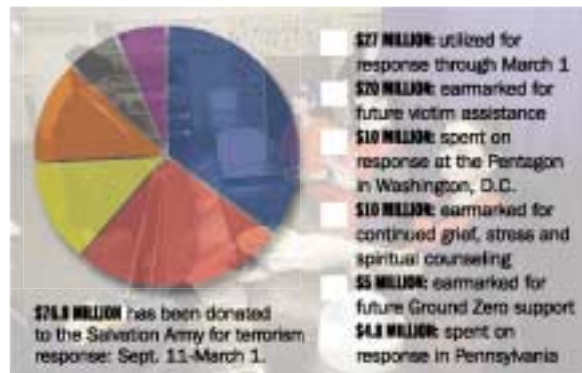
## Response

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Since before the second tower of the World Trade Center was struck, Salvation Army disaster specialists have been in lower Manhattan, providing invaluable services and support to victims of the attacks, authorities and clean-up crews, including 24-hour meal service, grief and spiritual counseling and social services support to the thousands of families who lost loved ones, were victims themselves or who today are homeless or unemployed.

According to The Salvation Army National Headquarters, through March 1 Americans donated \$76.8 million to the Army's ongoing terrorist response operations. In February, the Army announced a long-term commitment, earmarking \$20 million for distribution to the families of victims, the seriously injured, homeless and the unemployed; \$5 million for continued operations at the site of the former World Trade Center to support mass feeding, counseling and support operations; and \$10 million for grief, spiritual and stress counseling for the next three years at low- and no-income counseling cen-

## BREAKING DOWN RESPONSE DONATIONS



SOURCE: SALVATION ARMY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

TSA GRAPHIC

ters throughout greater New York City. "Every dollar The Salvation Army receives for terrorism response is used to help our Manhattan and Washington, D.C., neighbors through everything we are doing now, all we will continue to do and all we can do in the future," Major Strissel says.

For more on The Salvation Army's terrorism response operations, visit [salarmy-indiana.org's](http://salarmy-indiana.org's) "Terrorists strike: an Army responds" site.

## Web site's look, feel change; more features added, including contact map

In November, The Salvation Army partnered with Indianapolis-based Narrowgate Media to add two features to [salarmy-indiana.org](http://salarmy-indiana.org), the online presence of The Salvation Army Indiana Division.

Interactive programming can be seen throughout the

site, with links to the most common areas, including the home page, newsstand, contacts and donations. With the home page's drop-down menu to links of interest, the programming allows easier navigation throughout the site.

Narrowgate Media also

created an interactive county-by-county Indiana map Hoosiers can use to seek out The Salvation Army in their community, either served by a local Salvation Army corps or by Salvation Army Service Extension. The map contains local Salvation Army contact

information and links to various programs and services information.

From Sept. 11 through November, an average of 4,200 users visited the site a week for the latest in The Salvation Army's response to the terrorist attacks in Manhattan and Washington.

## Ministry

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The Salvation Army Samaritan Services has been able to expand its food pantry at the new site to accommodate more requests from families for groceries.

Prior to October's merger, the pantry was a converted home on North Pearl Street bursting at the seams with not only groceries but donated clothes, toys and personal hygiene items.

"The relocation was a blessing to us and the residents of Johnson County," says staffer Sue Krebs. "We now have the room to keep all donations the wonderful people of our community give to us and have those items available for those who come to us with virtually nothing."

In March, nearly 40 free pairs of children's shoes were distributed in Greenwood by the ministry, shoes purchased by Shoe Carnival Greenwood shoppers during last fall's Hearts with Sole campaign (See Page 4.)

"We're doing wonderful things in bigger and better ways in Johnson County," says Major Dennis Strissel, commander of The Salvation Army Indiana Division.

"Moving all services under one roof was critically important to us as we continue to examine the best ways to extend more services and support to Johnson County residents in need."

The Salvation Army Samaritan Services is open from 4-8 p.m. Mondays and from 12:30-4 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

For more, (317) 881-2505.

“We not only want to be a multi-generational, multi-cultural corps, we need to be one. Our Hispanic ministries are off to a great start and we hope to continue to build upon their initial successes.” **Capt. John Miller**



Marta Crisanto concentrates on translating a Spanish sentence to English as her daughter, Alondra, 3, reaches for a fresh piece of paper to draw on during a Spanish-to-English class for Hispanic-speaking residents at The Salvation Army Eagle Creek Corps Community Center in Indianapolis.

# CONEXION NUEVA!

**CLASSES:** Spanish-to-English instruction creates opportunities for Indianapolis corps to reach out growing Hispanic population, their varied needs

## CAN YOU HELP?

Spanish-speaking volunteers with the desire to teach are needed to help Hispanics learn and understand basic English. If interested in teaching classes or tutoring, call Capt. John Miller at The Salvation Army Eagle Creek Corps at (317) 299-4454 or email Capt. Miller at [john\\_miller@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:john_miller@usc.salvationarmy.org)

**A**URELIO LOPEZ SMILES AS HE TAKES OFF HIS COAT. He sits, opens his notebook and grabs his pencil from behind his left ear.

Class doesn't start for another 10 minutes. But Lopez is eager.

He's ready to learn.

Soon, more than 35 other Spanish-speaking Hispanics begin filling the back pews of The Salvation Army Eagle Creek Corps Community Center in Indianapolis.

"A ella, le gustaria tener un libro?" writes Miranda Fjellman on a dry-erase board in front of the class. Beneath, she writes, "Would she like to have a book?"

With a series of oral repetitions, tonight's lesson begins.

Fjellman, 22, teaches Spanish-to-English classes to struggling Hispanics living on the city's west side. A University of



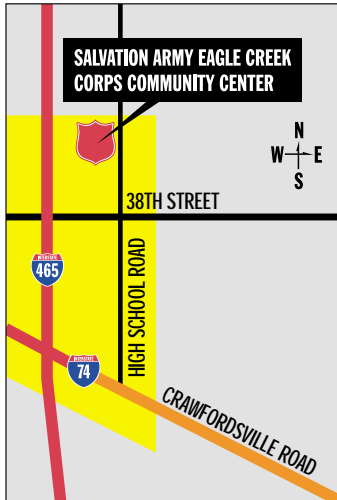
Miranda Fjellman teaches basic English to Spanish-speaking Hispanic residents three times a week at the Eagle Creek Corps. The connection Fjellman has made with the city's growing Hispanic community has led many individuals and families in need to The Salvation Army.

Minnesota graduate, she spent her last year of study in Ecuador, working with disadvantaged children. It was then she discovered God's purpose for her life, she says, and sought opportunities upon her return home to reach out to the growing Hispanic community. ■ SEE CONNECTION PAGE 4

CONNECTION

The Hispanic population in Indiana — and throughout the U.S. — swelled in the 1990s. According to 2000 Census data, nearly 215,000 Hispanic families reside in the Hoosier state today, up from 98,700 in 1990. More than 34,000 Hispanic families live in Marion County today, up dramatically from 8,400 in 1990.

Hispanic communities are dominant on the city's west side, roughly between an area east of Interstate 465 to High School Road and north of 38th Street to south of Crawfordville Road.



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According to the 2000 census, 1,130 Hispanic families today live in the westside community served by The Salvation Army Eagle Creek Corps.

Census statistics from 2000 show 2,821 Hispanic families live in the area. A census tract in Speedway rose in Hispanic population in 2000, climbing to 1,130 families, up from a mere 39 families reported in the 1990 census.

In the heart of the west side's growing Hispanic community is The Salvation Army Eagle Creek Corps Community Center.

"We not only want to be a multi-generational, multi-cultural corps, we need to be one," says corps officer Capt. John Miller. "We need to have the best programs in place to meet the spiritual and physical needs of our westside residents. And we are working to build new relationships with residents who come from varied cultural backgrounds. Our Hispanic ministries are off to a great start and we hope to continue to build upon their initial successes."

Since October, Fjellman has taught English to Spanish-speaking Hispanics three nights a week at Eagle Creek Corps. Classes range from five one night to 45 the next.



TSA PHOTOS/DUANE BRODT

Hispanic students (above) take notes as instructor Miranda Fjellman (top sequence of photos) teaches basic English during a Spanish-to-English class at The Salvation Army Eagle Creek Corps Community Center in Indianapolis. Fjellman has been teaching the classes since October to more than 100 Hispanics a week.

"To learn a foreign language, you have to understand what's being said before learning to speak," Fjellman says.

"My lessons are based on the English they need to understand and speak the most now — how to communicate with their employers and co-workers, how to understand what someone is saying at the grocery store, how to communicate with their landlords and how to interact with their children's teachers."

Many Hispanics living on the west side, Capt. Miller says, are struggling financially and need "to learn English to get a better job. Many are new to our community. Some have mistakenly signed a lease they didn't understand and have landed in bad situations.

"Some can't find affordable housing and if they aren't employed, they have trouble finding a job when they don't speak English. If they're unemployed with children, they have the immediate needs for food, a safe and affordable place to live and clothing."



Many Hispanics first come to know The Salvation Army through their experiences in the classroom setting. Once relationships are forged, they become involved in Eagle Creek Corps' worship services, utilizing Spanish-language Bibles (foreground).

Fjellman's relationships with her students have led many individuals and families to Salvation Army social services assistance. "I pick up some of my Hispanic students at their homes for class, visit with families and really get to know them. I go with people to their doctor's appointments and help them understand their physician. That personal contact has given me the opportunity to help them in ways far

beyond simply teaching them English.

"They come here expecting the 'Great American Dream,'" she says. "Some barriers make it appear all hope is lost. But when they look past their despair and find that God loves them and cares for them, and that God through The Salvation Army will help them no matter what their situations are, they find comfort. And their hope gradually rebuilds."

CLASSES MEET THREE TIMES WEEKLY AT WESTSIDE CORPS

Spanish-to-English classes are taught at The Salvation Army Eagle Creek Corps Community Center three times a week:

- 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday
  - 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday
  - 3-5 p.m. Sunday
- There is no cost to attend. Registration is not required.

Free child care is available. For more or to volunteer to teach classes, call Capt. John Miller at (317) 299-4454.



TSA PHOTO

Dominique Davis of Indianapolis was one of hundreds of central Indiana youth to receive a new pair of shoes during the 2001 Hearts with Sole drive.

## Salvation Army, Shoe Carnival set for third-annual partnership

The third-annual Hearts with Sole drive, a partnership of The Salvation Army and Shoe Carnival, starts July 8 at Shoe Carnival stores in Indianapolis, Plainfield, Greenwood, Lafayette, Anderson, Muncie and Bloomington.

Through Aug. 3, Shoe Carnival shoppers are encouraged to buy name-brand athletic, dress and casual shoes in children's sizes at considerable discounts then donate the shoes to The Salvation Army.



The Salvation Army will distribute shoes donated during the drive to less-fortunate children throughout the central Indiana area beginning Aug. 7.

Shoes donated by Shoe Carnival shoppers in communities outside central Indiana will be distributed by local Salvation Army corps to local children in need.

Last year, Shoe Carnival shoppers throughout the state donated 2,400 pairs of children's shoes to the drive.

"Our shoppers last year were quick to participate in Hearts with Sole, help less-fortunate children and support The Salvation Army," says Craig Saucedo, manager of Shoe Carnival Plainfield who spearheads the company's drive.

"We're hoping for another great year."

For more about the Hearts with Sole drive, visit [salarmy-indiana.org](http://salarmy-indiana.org) in late June.

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The Salvation Army Harbor Light Center's Community TLC is a growing HIV/AIDS prevention outreach program in its fourth year. Its focus is prevention of the spread of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, through testing and education in targeted communities.

Downtown. At the Meadows on East 38th Street. Around 10th Street and Tibbs. In Hispanic communities on the west side. Reminiscent of The Salvation Army's modest beginnings in London, Community TLC counselors grab their educational materials and take to the sidewalks.



Salvation Army Community TLC counselor Adriana Chataing convinces a Meadows resident to come into the center's on-site office to be tested for HIV and learn more about prevention of the spread of the disease.

"We take a 'their time, their turf' approach," says outreach counselor Demeada Williams. "Unless they're prompted by a loved one or a real concern for their personal health, they won't come to us — or anyone else — to be tested for HIV. So we go to them. To their communities. Where they are, where they hang out. We provide them information on the disease and other sexually transmitted diseases and are there for them if they want to talk.

"That's the 'teaching' part. The more we educate them, the more likely they are to submit to testing."

Many with whom counselors come in contact suffer from addictions, homelessness, poverty and malnutrition, adds counselor Curtis Watkins.

"We let them know The Salvation Army is there for them, no matter what, and we have programs and services available to help them if they just come to us. That's the 'listening' and 'communicating' part. Our first goal is to address



TSA PHOTOS/DUANE BRODT

Salvation Army Community TLC counselor Demeada Williams (above, left) meets with Philip, 38, in the medical center of The Salvation Army Harbor Light Center. Having never taken medication consistently since his diagnosis with HIV at Harbor Light in 1995, the center captured Philip, put him on a regime and continues to help him find assistance programs to keep him on medication and cope with his condition. Counselor Kevin Dailey (right) shares HIV/AIDS information with Donald Brady, a 15-year resident of the Meadows in Indianapolis, as fellow counselors Adriana Chataing (back) and Curtis Watkins prepare to circulate through the neighborhood.



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what they need at that time — clothes, food and medical attention. That's the part we can handle anywhere from a day to a week. Then we connect them — with our programs and with state and federal programs that can help them get on their feet and manage their lives.

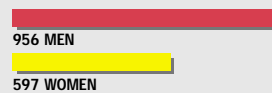
"That's the tough part — it can take up to three months to get their medical process going financially."

The streets-level program is making a difference, statistics show. Of the 1,561 people The Salvation Army Harbor Light Center touched through its HIV/AIDS programs last year, outreach to males was nearly double that for females. Two-thirds of the total were African-

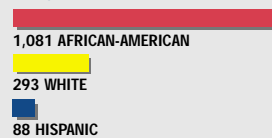
#### A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

In 2001, The Salvation Army Harbor Light Center provided HIV/AIDS testing, education and continued support to 1,516 men and women of central Indiana. The breakdown:

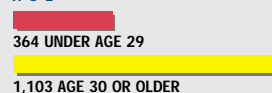
##### GENDER



##### RACE



##### AGE



SOURCE: SALVATION ARMY COMMUNITY TLC

Americans. And the majority was over age 30.

While category majorities exist, it still remains true that AIDS doesn't discriminate, says Harbor Light Center director Major Larry Manzella. Last year, the center's HIV/AIDS programs captured 49 people age 19 and younger and 88 Hispanics who tested positive for HIV.

"In 85 percent of our cases, a man or woman who tests positive has an addiction to drugs or alcohol or has a behavioral component that needs to be brought under control through counseling," Major Manzella says. "They have the disease but aren't equipped to live with it physically, emotionally or spiritually. We constantly reassure

them God can grant them the strength to cope."

Once Community TLC captures HIV/AIDS sufferers, counselors collaborate with Harbor Light's Channels of Hope initiative.

Three years ago, Philip collapsed. Diagnosed at Harbor Light with HIV in 1995, the 38-year-old quit taking medication because he couldn't afford it and walked away from The Salvation Army.

"He didn't want to accept it," Watkins says. "He tried to drink his condition away. He felt good when he drank. But he couldn't keep on drinking and utilize our help. So he left."

After a six-month stint in a critical care ward, Philip returned.

"And that's OK," Watkins says.

"We want these people to change their lives with The Salvation Army's help. But it don't always work that way. Philip came back. He knew we love him and care about him."

Under the watch of a staff of six case managers, Channels of Hope provides extended care for HIV/AIDS sufferers. Working one-on-one with more than 65 people, case managers pursue federal and state assistance for low- and no-income clients so they can obtain medication.

The staff networks with more than 35 central Indiana health and assistance agencies to ensure HIV/AIDS sufferers have the medical and therapeutic support they need in addition to continued education and job training.

Equally important, staffers help HIV/AIDS sufferers meet life's daily challenges.

"We drive people to doctor's visits, go and stay with them during bad times, help them clean their homes, eat dinner with them and talk on the phone with them when they want or need to talk — we're friends," says Nate Rush, manager of Channels of Hope. "We're all connected."

Darrell, 37, learned he was HIV positive five years ago. Today, he's under the care of Channels of Hope.

"The Salvation Army Harbor Light Center is full of Christ-like people and that's made all the difference in my 17 months of drug-free life and ability to cope with what I have," he says.

"These people are my friends and introduced me to Christ. Today I have a place of my own to live, caring people around me and am a better, happier person than before."

## FOUNTAIN SQUARE CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER

# Youth have opportunities to learn, have fun in after-school program

**TEEN TUTORS:** Being utilized to help with homework

A Salvation Army corps on Indianapolis' south side is providing a safe, learning and fun environment for children of low-income families.

At Fountain Square Corps Community Center, more than 25 children ages 6-13 are in the center's after-school program each day, which runs from 3-6 p.m. Monday through Friday at the corps, located at 1337 Shelby St.

"Our southside community has a growing number of single parents, many working at two jobs," says program director Todd Poindexter. "They need quality supervision for their children. We're meeting their need.

"They're comforted to know that while they're at work, their children



Manual High School student tutors Damion Green (from right), Christina Chadwick and Junior Catron help Tyler Lee Cloud (left), 8, with his handwriting lesson while Taylor Morgan (back), 6, watches.

are at a safe place involved in positive activities."

Five teen-age students from nearby Manual High School volunteer as tutors, helping children in the program with their daily English, math and science homework.

Youth also enjoy field trips to the library, Children's Museum and nearby parks, spending time in the corps' game room and playing sports in the gymnasium.

Last year, the Fountain Square corps met the needs of more than 7,200 southside residents through its programs and services.

For more about the after-school program, call the corps at (317) 632-0156.

## ADULT REHABILITATION CENTER

## New Family Store opens on west side

**HIGHLY VISIBLE:** West 38th Street location 7th store of its kind to accept donated items

A new, 15,000-square-foot Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center opened on Indianapolis' west side in April.

The store, located at 5520 W. 38th St., is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

"We're very confident it will be a successful venture for The Salvation Army," says Major Richard Rubottom, administrator of The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center in Indianapolis. "We plan on keeping good, quality product available for consumers and anticipate good sales in the years to come."

The ARC now manages seven family and thrift stores in the city.

Major Rubottom says the West 38th Street store location, found



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### OTHER THRIFT STORE LOCATIONS

725 E. Washington  
(317) 236-1255

4961 Madison St.  
(317) 782-4464

5500 Emerson Way  
(317) 253-6980

3413 W. Washington  
(317) 243-9161

5913 E. Washington  
(317) 890-1504

1107 N. Arlington  
(317) 375-9815

A new Salvation Army Family Store and Donation Center opened in April in Indianapolis.

by a Realtor who serves on the ARC's advisory council, was chosen due to its high visibility and the opportunities it presents to serve the westside community.

All material donations to The Salvation Army in Indianapolis are both accepted and facilitated by the ARC. The sale of donated items at Salvation Army family and thrift stores is the chief funding source of the

ARC's programs to help men overcome addiction, homelessness and poverty. Store sales generate an average of \$2 million each year; last year, the ARC provided services to 1,094 men through its six-month rehabilitation programs.

To make a donation or arrange pick-up of a donation, call The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center at (317) 638-6585.

## 2001 CHRISTMAS WRAP-UP



#### TREE OF LIGHTS CAMPAIGN

A central Indiana record: \$2,085,203 was given during the fund-raising drive; in 2000, supporters gave \$1,972,091.



#### RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN

\$621,752 sets an all-time central Indiana record for kettle donations; last year, supporters donated a then-record \$503,604.



#### ANGEL TREE

8,191 Christmas toys and gifts were given to The Salvation Army during the Angel Tree drive to distribute to less-fortunate central Indiana children.



#### TOY SHOP

3,800 Christmas toys and gifts were distributed by The Salvation Army at Toy Shop; another 3,500 toys and gifts were distributed following the event.



#### RADIOTHON

The sixth-annual event raised \$82,400 to support The Salvation Army of central Indiana by accepting pledges and holding hourly drawings for select prizes.

### Holiday service statistics

From October to December in 2001, The Salvation Army served 164,938 meals to the hungry, provided 20,303 safe nights of sleep to the homeless and abused, delivered 3,665 holiday gifts to elderly residents, visited 9,358 nursing home residents, visited 860 war veterans and provided special holiday meals to 830 men and women at Salvation Army centers.

## RUTH LILLY SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER

## Array of classes provide transition from abuse to new lives

**FOCUS:** Life skills, successful parenting, family planning

From July through December 2001, The Salvation Army Ruth Lilly Social Service Center, the Army's main support facility for victims of domestic abuse and their children located in downtown Indianapolis, pro-

vided emergency shelter and services, meals, casework and follow-up services to nearly 600 women and children who managed to escape abusive relationships.

The center served 31,600 meals to women and their

children staying at the center.

More than 2,140 women embarking on lives abuse-free utilized the center's array of weekly classes that focus on life skills development, successful parenting, budgeting and family planning and group counseling.

"Central Indiana women

continue to look to The Salvation Army for the help they need when faced with an abusive relationship," says city social services director Nancy Russell. "We meet their immediate needs and prepare them and their children for their new lives — free from abuse."

## FORT WAYNE

# City's corps relocated to sprawling, 2-level site

**WORK CONTINUES:** New facility 45,000 square feet of 'opportunity'

A new, sprawling facility is helping The Salvation Army of Fort Wayne meet the growing and varied needs of the city's diverse community.

The new Salvation Army Fort Wayne Corps, at 2901 N. Clinton St., is a 45,000-square-foot, two-level facility on 2.7 acres the Army purchased in July.

Work continues today to renovate the former home of Cornerstone Education Center, built in 1959.

The facility is scheduled to be dedicated to the public later this summer.

The former corps site was located in downtown Fort Wayne.

When complete, the corps will be a \$1.1 million mainstay of the state's second-largest city.

"We've been blessed here in Fort Wayne with opportunity," says corps officer Major Mark Turner. "We're able to expand our reach to more Allen County residents who need The Salvation Army's help and support."

The facility features three adjoined sections.

A large, auditorium-style chapel, the largest of any Salvation Army corps in the Indiana Division, able to seat 600 for Sunday worship services and special programs and performances, is the corps' centerpiece.

To the north are five day-care classes leased to Community Action of Northeastern Indiana, providing day care to more than 180 children ages 3-5 from low-income families.

To the south are offices, program rooms and classrooms leased to Three Rivers Literacy Alliance, a social services-based cooperation to aid foreign-speaking Allen County residents. The corps also features a large gymnasium in its southern wing.

A large kitchen, dining room and several meeting and class rooms comprise the corps' lower level.



**MAJOR MARK TURNER** leads The Salvation Army Fort Wayne Corps.

■ The needs of more than 19,344 men, women, children and families were met by the Fort Wayne corps in 2001.



TSA PHOTOS

Major Marlene Edwards chats with James Finn during lunchtime at The Salvation Army Shelbyville Corps. Finn, who has attended the corps for more than two years, finds Major Edwards "a charming woman, someone anyone could sit down with and feel the presence of God."

## Battle

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Major Edwards blots her eyes with a tissue and puts her glasses back on.

Her tears continue to fall, not because of her condition but because her heart is still in the Philippines.

"My calling was to serve the Lord as a missionary," she says.

"That's where my heart has always been and where it will always be."

Today, Major Edwards is in her seventh year as leader of The Salvation Army Shelbyville Corps. It's a far cry from her Philippines ministry, where she first worked to translate Salvation Army evangelistic literature and song books into the country's three main languages and taught newly-ordained officers at the Army's School for Officer Training in Pasay for more than a decade.

Due to her condition, Major Edwards was forced to abandon the rigors of travel and missionary work. The Salvation Army assigned her to lead the Shelbyville corps.

Her first priority was to increase financial stability. Under her administration, the corps has seen a dramatic increase in financial contributions. During the Christmas season, more than \$84,000 was given locally, up from \$60,000 when she first assumed command.

Major Edwards enjoys a moment with a group of Salvation Army cadets in 1996 during a training camp in Manila.



Major Edwards (left) with friend Dr. Mirriam Cepe in Manila during Edwards' return to the Philippines in 1996 to say good-bye.

A free medical clinic is today operated by The Salvation Army, staffed by two local doctors who meet the weekly medical needs of an average 30 Shelby County residents living below the poverty line.

The corps' annual Miracle Months drive is a proven success, when the Army increases its public awareness campaign to ensure it has the funds, food, clothes, back-to-school supplies for children and other program supplies it needs to provide for the poor.

"Present a need in Shelby County and the community

backs you 110 percent," Major Edwards says. "Many have blessed The Salvation Army of Shelbyville with their support."

And today, the corps is serving more than 70 meals a day to less-fortunate residents and reaching out to more and more Christians and non-Christians to draw them to the kingdom of God.

Major Edwards will call it a career June 22, retiring after 32 years of combined Salvation Army service as a soldier of the church, missionary and officer.

"I came from a poor family," she says. "My father was an ill man and couldn't work, so we'd pray in a lot of our food. We'd come home from somewhere and there were just bags and bags of groceries for us."

"The first thing my mom would do is share our bounty. Take groceries down the street to someone who needed them worse than we did. Those Christian values I learned from my parents, my love for God and my love for people led me to The Salvation Army and has kept me since."



## BRIEFLY



MAJORS HIGGINS

### MAJORS HAVE SERVED IN BEDFORD — TWICE

BEDFORD — After more than three decades of Salvation Army service, Majors David and Darlene Higgins plan to retire Sept. 30. The couple were commissioned together in 1965. Their career has led them to appointments in Kansas, St. Louis, Illinois — and Bedford ... twice.

Majors Higgins served as Bedford corps officers from 1986-94. They returned in 1998.

"And we're staying here," she says. "This community is our home."

Majors Higgins plan to spend lots of time in retirement with their six grandchildren: Heather, 17; Randy, 14; and David, 12 — children of daughter Capt. Karen VanLandingham, a Salvation Army officer stationed in eastern Michigan; and Allison, 12; Bailey, 9; and Sydney, 2 — daughters of son David who lives in Bedford.

### PURDUE GRIDIRON PLAYERS SHARE SETBACK STORIES

LAFAYETTE — Four Purdue University football players spent a night at the Lafayette corps with more than 50 youth, sharing their experiences in overcoming setbacks in their lives. The theme for the corps' Youth Night program, which meets weekly, is "Heroes of the Faith."

### CORPS READIES FOR ITS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

MADISON — The Salvation Army Madison Corps held its fourth-annual Easter Egg Hunt March 30 at Madison's City Highway Garage. More than 80 children and their families enjoyed the traditional event, staffed by the corps' 12-person Disaster Response team.

### AUCTION OF HAND-MADE QUILT HIGHLY ANTICIPATED

TERRE HAUTE — A hand-made quilt donated to The Salvation Army Terre Haute Corps is expected to raise thousands for the corps' Project Breakthrough initiative, a program designed to help families overcome poverty. The quilt, made and donated by Vigo County Quilt Guild, has been appraised at \$1,000 and was to be auctioned in late April.

### ROTARY CLUB SUPPORTS RICHMOND CORPS

RICHMOND — In distributing more than \$11,000 to area charities, Richmond Rotary Club donated \$1,250 to The Salvation Army Richmond Corps in January.

DEVAN OWENS SQUEEZES HIS PILLOW AND NEATLY FOLDED BLANKET TIGHT AGAINST HIS CHEST. ONE BAG OVER HIS SHOULDER IS STUFFED WITH FIVE DAYS OF DIRTY CLOTHES. THE OTHER HAS ROCKS, TWIGS, LEAVES, EVEN DIRT CLOUDS INSIDE — TREASURES, HE CALLS THEM.



“I DON’T WANNA LEAVE,” THE 10-YEAR-OLD SAYS AS HE STANDS OUTSIDE HIS CABIN DOOR AND TAKES ONE LAST LOOK AT THE LAKE WHERE HE LEARNED TO FISH. “I SURE HOPE I GET TO COME BACK NEXT YEAR.”



## TIMES *to* REMEMBER

**EXPERIENCES:** 7 Salvation Army summer camps create lasting memories each year

Owens was one of more than 800 Hoosier children who spent part of their summer last year at a Salvation Army summer camp.

Seven Salvation Army summer camps are scheduled this year at The Salvation Army Hidden Falls Camp and Conference Center, a sprawling, 700-acre site near Bedford in southern Lawrence County.

Each camp is five days long and age-specific with varying themes, providing opportunities for youth ages 7-17 to enjoy traditional camping experiences in a wholesome, Christian atmosphere.

To complement more than 60 trained and experienced summer camp counselors and staff throughout the summer, Salvation Army officers from throughout the Indiana Division provide

### SIGN UP TODAY

Contact your local Salvation Army corps or go online to [salarmy-indiana.org](http://salarmy-indiana.org) to learn more about Salvation Army summer camps. Have questions? Contact Major Toni Dorrell at (800) 589-1037 or by email at [toni\\_dorrell@salarmy-indiana.org](mailto:toni_dorrell@salarmy-indiana.org)

leadership and spiritual guidance during each camp.

Grade-schoolers, juniors, teen-agers and entire families enjoy swimming; hiking; nature studies; Bible study; crafts; recreational sports including basketball, volleyball and tennis; and more each year during Salvation Army camp.

What is certain to be a hit attraction this year at camps is a new ropes course, built earlier this year.

It costs \$270 for The Salvation Army to send a child to camp, yet the Army only charges an average of \$25 and has scholarships available for qualified children to attend any Salvation Army summer camp free of charge.

For more on Salvation Army summer camps, contact your local Salvation Army corps or drop by your corps and pick up a registration form. Or call (800) 589-1037. Even more about Salvation Army summer camps is available online at The Salvation Army Indiana Division's web site at [salarmy-indiana.org](http://salarmy-indiana.org).



### 2002 CAMP SCHEDULE

**JUNE 10-14**

Kids Camp I  
For ages 7-9

**JUNE 17-22**

Junior Camp  
For ages 10-11

**JUNE 24-29**

Junior High Camp  
For ages 12-13

**JULY 1-6**

Teen Camp  
For ages 14-17

**JULY 8-13**

Music Camp  
For ages 9-17

**JULY 15-19**

Family Camp

**JULY 22-26**

Kids Camp II  
For ages 7-9

SALVATION ARMY SUMMER CAMPS strive to provide a sustained, creative, recreational and educational opportunity for youth in an outdoor setting, utilizing trained leadership and the resources of the natural surroundings to contribute to each child's physical, social and spiritual growth.

