

partners in caring

Your compassion
meeting needs and
transforming lives



Thank you for bringing hope to hurting souls in Martin County.



What a difference you're making in our community! Your care and concern are improving the lives of many of our neighbors, and they are very thankful.

With your help, the hungry have been fed, the homeless have been sheltered, the jobless have found work, and the abused and abandoned have found hope.

Your compassion and generous support for The Salvation Army are providing food, shelter, clothing and much-needed hope for many children and families in need.

Thanks to your partnership, The Salvation Army has reached out with:

- Meals for the hungry
- Nights of shelter
- Emergency help for families in crisis
- Summer camp for underprivileged children
- Articles of clothing for those in need
- Counseling and spiritual direction for lost souls
- Disaster relief services

Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received, and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work."

— Mother Teresa

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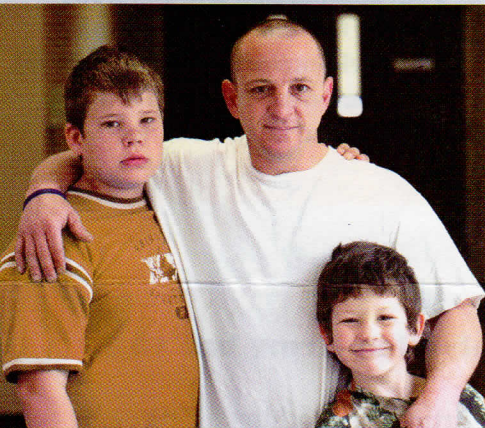
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DOING THE MOST GOOD™

However difficult one's circumstances, there is hope through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. At The Salvation Army, our job is to share that hope with people in the midst of crisis and help them rise above their suffering.



I Was Deaf, and You Heard My Cries for Help

My name is Chris. As a homeless teenager, I went from group home to group home. It never lasted long because no one could communicate with me or help with my problems. And I always ended up losing my temper.

When you have emotional issues, life is hard enough. But when you're deaf and nobody around you knows sign language, it's so much more difficult.

I felt stuck. It was so depressing. But all that began to change when I went to The Salvation Army. I was 22.

I could tell they really cared, but because they didn't have an interpreter, there were communication problems. I still had outbursts, and sometimes they had to remove me from the building. I was out of control.

But The Salvation Army never gave up on me. They prayed about how to help me, and four of them took sign language classes. One began to mentor me, and helped with vocational training and finding a job. He is like a father to me today.

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I started gaining control over my anger, mostly because I had found the love and support I so desperately needed. Now, at 24, I work as a volunteer with The Salvation Army, I have a part-time job, and I live in an apartment with other persons with disabilities.

If it weren't for The Salvation Army — and your generous support — I would be on the streets, all alone. The Salvation Army is my family, and I will never forget what they have done for me. Thank you for making it possible!