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Volunteers from the North Syracuse Builders Club pose after a day of hard work



Volunteers from First Baptist Church working hard in the

Distribution Day 2012

On December 21st The Salvation Army and other partner agencies held its annual Distribution Day. With the help of over 800 volunteers, we were able to provide 2,684 families and 6,949 children with Christmas.

The volunteers were stationed throughout the Oncenter making sure that all went smooth. Each family was paired up with a personal shopper, who walked them through each station and helped them pick the toys and books for each child. Then they

were escorted to the stocking stuffer table and finally given a food basket complete with a turkey.

Throughout the year many community partners work together to make sure that this event goes on smoothly and without a hitch and we would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication. These groups include: United Way of Central New York, Delanev Moving and Storage, 174th Attack Wing, Oncenter Complex, Food Bank of Central New York.

Catholic Charities of Onondaga County, Success by Six, United Parcel Service, Bank of America, Onondaga County Department of Social Services, Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, Syracuse Fire Fighters, The Post Standard, CNY Central, News Channel 9, Contact Community Services, C&S Companies, Toys for Tots, InterReligious Food Consortium, Wegmans Food Markets, and the United States Marines. (cont. on page 3)

We would like to thank all of the Bell Ringers that helped us Make Change Happen in 2012. Without you we would not be able to serve over 41,000 people here in Onondaga County.

The Winners of the Golden Kettle are...

Golden Kettle awards were given to the groups, corporations, and individuals with the most volunteer hours completed. We are grateful and celebrate the winners!

Group-Onondaga ARC

Corporation— Carrier Corporation

Individual- Kristi Reed

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CBA provides Christmas to Cab Horse Students



The Salvation Army would like to thank Christian Brothers Academy for providing Christmas for Cab Horse Day Care again this year.

CBA provided presents for each child and brought Santa to hand them out. The students also took time to read books and share their time with the children as they opened their presents.

Every year CBA has an outstanding number of students volunteer with The Salvation Army and they always work hard and do whatever is asked of them.

We truly want to thank CBA for providing Christmas for our children in Cab Horse Commons Day Care.

Great Work CBA students and staff!



Thanks to all of our Bell Ringers

Another great year of Bell Ringing has come to a close. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who took time out of their busy holiday schedules to ring the bells and Make Change Happen!

We had 435 different groups and individuals volunteer at our

locations throughout Onondaga County. Volunteers provided nearly 9,000 hours of service this year!

We truly want to thank all of the volunteers who helped us Make Change Happen this year and we look forward to having you back next year!!

Advisory Board Bell Ringing Day



The Salvation Army would like to thank its Advisory Board and its Young Leaders Advisory Council for a day of service at its annual Bell Ringing day at Destiny USA.

On December 15th The Salvation Army Advisory Board partnered up with its Young Leaders Advisory Council and provided bell ringing from 10am-9pm.

The Board Members and Young Leaders alike, had a great time and raised a lot of money for The Salvation Army's Make Change Happen campaign.

Thank you for your support during the Holidays and all year.

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Teddy Bear Toss with The Syracuse Crunch

The Salvation Army would like to thank The Syracuse Crunch for once again having the Teddy Bear Toss. We also would like to thank Stanley Steamer for gathering and cleaning all of the teddy bears so that we could provide them on Distribution Day.

In addition, kids from our Barnabas Center went to the game and got to go on the ice and help scoop up the bears once the Crunch scored its first goal!





Salvation Army Night with The Silver Knights

The first annual Salvation Army night with The Syracuse Silver Knights was a great success!

On Friday, December 14th The Silver Knights had The Salvation Army at their home game and allowed Bell Ringers to ring the bells for an hour leading up to the game. In addition, tickets were provided for staff and clients so they could take in the fast pace action of professional soccer.

It was a great night and we truly appreciate the partnership made with The Silver Knights. Please go out and support them!



Distribution Day 2012 (cont)

In addition, The Hayner Hoyt Corporation continued its tradition as the major corporate sponsor of the Christmas Bureau.

Many schools, corporations, church groups and individuals volunteered to make this day special for the people we serve.

We look forward to having everyone back next year and we want to say thank you for all of the hard work and dedication of our army of volunteers. Thanks for a great year and for exemplifying the true meaning of Make Change Happen.

Happy New Year!



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Volunteers are an essential part of The Salvation Army Family. Each year, thousands of individuals donate their time and energy to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Whether its stocking shelves in our Food Pantry, assisting children in our After School Program, offering administrative support in our Development Office or ringing bells at our Red Kettles, The Salvation Army has volunteer opportunities that match all interests and skills.

Volunteer Of The Month-Syracuse University Students



Syracuse University's class, WRT105 has been sending over students throughout the semester to volunteer in many of our programs. These students have been working in the Day Care, School Age Programs and The Food Pantry. They have been a great addition to our team and we truly appreciate having them in our facilities. The students have gotten right into it and done everything that has been asked of them.

We would like to thank Syracuse University this year for providing so many eager volunteers! This year we have had the most participation from Syracuse University that we have seen in many years. The students in this class took great initiative and worked hard throughout the entire semester.

Thanks again to Professor Gretchen Purser and Professor Karen Oakes for providing these great students.

Check out our new Volunteer Appreciation Blog: Www.salvationarmysyracuse.wordpress.com