

Changing Lives

News and inspiration about lives you and The Salvation Army are changing together.

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SOUTHWEST OHIO AND NORTHEAST KENTUCKY DIVISION



A Victim of Domestic Violence. Young Children to Support. But Your Support Gave Marie ...

A FRESH START FOR HER FAMILY

Marie was a young woman with the weight of the world on her shoulders. Although she had only come to The Salvation Army for some help with groceries, she broke down and told us of the heavy burdens weighing on her.

Unfortunately, Marie was living in a world of unimaginable pain and terror ... she was a victim of domestic violence and frequently suffered physical and emotional abuse. Her situation had become even more desperate when she learned she was pregnant with her third child.

What should have been a joyous occasion — the news that her two young boys would soon have a little brother or sister — instead became the source of stress and worry.

"I would not have known what to do without all of their prayers, financial help, and one-on-one support."

We consoled Marie ... and prayed with her. Then we set out to help her.

We assisted her in obtaining a restraining order so she could be safe from her abuser. Then we helped her with referrals for services that would ensure she would not become homeless, and that she would be able to get back on her feet.

Marie received further encouragement when we helped her learn how to budget and plan ahead financially. She also participated in counseling and prayer.

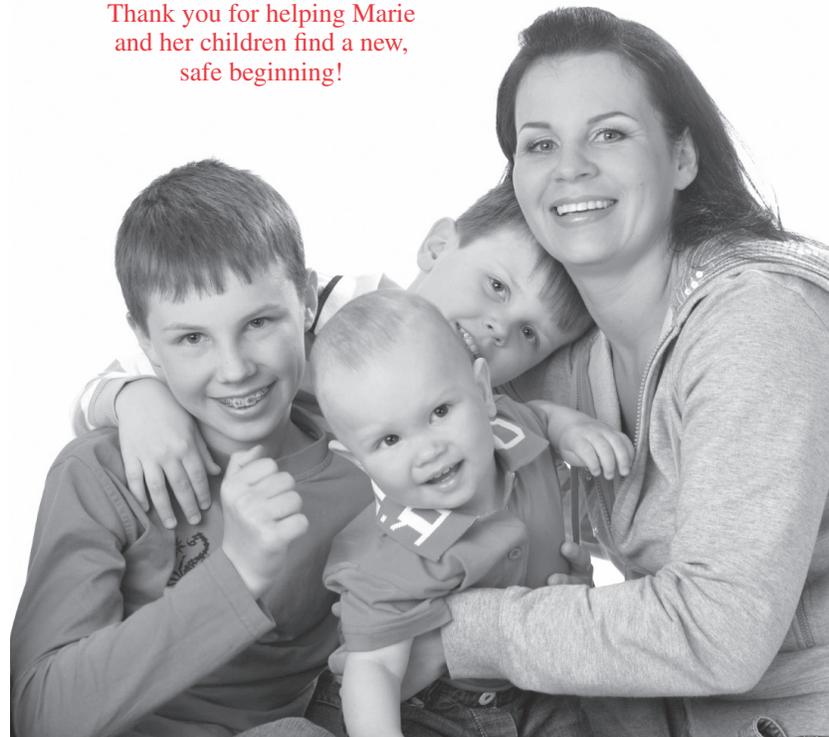
Soon after Marie's baby — a beautiful girl — was born, she was able to move into her own apartment.

Today, Marie is working full time. Her church helped arrange childcare and she has even worked through her depression to become more positive and hopeful about the future!

"I would like to thank The Salvation Army for their help," says Marie. "I would not have known what to do without all of their prayers, financial help, and one-on-one support. I know that God is going to bless them tenfold for what they did for me."

Marie is just one of the many people whose lives are changed through the compassionate support of friends like you. Thank you. ♥

Thank you for helping Marie and her children find a new, safe beginning!



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YOUR TRIP TO THE GROCERY STORE CAN HELP PEOPLE IN NEED!



Kroger community rewards

ENROLL NOW FOR THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM.

Enroll or Renew During the month of April!

You can help The Salvation Army just by using your Kroger Plus Card any time you buy groceries!

Kroger is donating \$4 million this year for their Community Rewards program — to be divided among participating charities. When you enroll or renew online during the month of April, you can select The Salvation Army to be the beneficiary of your purchase activities.

In fact, the more you use your Kroger Plus Card, the more it benefits The Salvation Army!

Here's how to get started:

1. Go to: www.kroger.com, and click on the "Community Rewards" section.
2. Sign in using your online Kroger account, or create a new one — it's easy!
3. Select The Salvation Army using agency listing #82801.
4. Use your Kroger Plus Card every time you shop at Kroger!

If you're not a Kroger Plus Card member already, just visit your local Kroger and ask how to become one today. Then follow these instructions to help benefit The Salvation Army when you buy groceries.

Be sure to take advantage of this wonderful — and easy! — opportunity to help your neighbors in need.

And remember to enroll or renew online during the month of April.

Thank you, and God bless you for supporting The Salvation Army!



A ROUTINE BLESSING

A Message from Majors Hugh and Kathy Steele

Dear Friend,

The arrival of spring is so comforting. No matter how cold the winter months were, we know the flowers will bloom, the birds will sing, and the air will get warmer!

Springtime is a wonderful, seasonal routine. But like so many of our routines, we often take it for granted.

Most of us don't have to worry where our next meal will come from, what we'll wear each day, or where we'll sleep at night. We buy our food at the store, our closets are full of clothes, and we have a warm bed waiting for us. These are our routines.

Can you even imagine having no food, nothing to wear, or nowhere to sleep? Sadly, many less fortunate folks in our area are wrestling with these very real problems right now. These are *their* routines.

But caring friends like you have made something else a routine — supporting The Salvation Army through your generous gifts. And we will never take that for granted!

God bless you for helping your neighbors in need!

Hugh Steele Kathy J. Steele

Majors Hugh and Kathy Steele
Divisional Commanders

RECEIVE PAYMENTS FOR LIFE, AND LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

Have you ever considered planning your legacy with The Salvation Army? A charitable gift annuity is a special type of gift that might appeal to you. It's beneficial in two ways:

First, it allows you to receive fixed payments for life. And second, it allows you to support life-changing Salvation Army programs right in your community!

That's exactly why Salvation Army supporter Marian started hers back in 1998, and she hasn't looked back since.

"I enjoy helping The Salvation Army and also helping myself," Marian says. "I have the blessing of receiving the annuity payments, and have even used them to establish more gift annuities."

Like you, Marian knows that she can count on The Salvation Army to change lives through her giving.

"I know that The Salvation Army is a safe organization to give to, and I can trust them to make the payments," she says. "It's satisfying to know that I'm helping people in need at the same time."

Best of all, it's easy to get started on a charitable gift annuity. Please call 1-855-LIFE-PAY to see how you, too, can leave a lasting legacy! ♥



A charitable gift annuity could benefit you and the people who need help most in your community.