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ANGEL'S STORY

A young woman finds grace, hope, and a new life at The Salvation Army

RIPLEY COUNTY — Angel Schiering spent almost half of her young life struggling with addiction. She battled herself and those around her before finding faith and the path to recovery. It's something she said she couldn't have done without The Salvation Army.

"The Salvation Army saved my life," Angel said. "I've been clean for five years and four months."

Angel started using crack cocaine when she was just 13 years old. The mother of five was in and out of rehab facilities, and even prison, for years.

"In 2006 I had a baby while in prison. They let me keep him there," she said. "Then two of my children were placed with the state in 2007. That still didn't stop me."

Each time she left a facility, rehab or prison, Angel found herself alone. With no support system to help her stay on track, she started using again.

Then, two weeks before Christmas, Angel was told her

grandmother had only two months to live.

"She was everything to me. I went off the deep end and disappeared for two weeks," she said. "On Christmas Day, I went to visit my grandmother. I made amends with her. It was the lowest point in my life."

The next day, Angel's grandmother died. Alone, miserable and in desperate need of change — Angel knew she had to do something. She called The Salvation Army Harbor Light Center in Indianapolis.

"While I was there, something amazing happened. I was in the right place," Angel said. "But I still found myself struggling with guilt."

Angel did whatever she was told to do while at Harbor Light. She knew this trip to rehab had to be the one. It was. She overcame her personal guilt with help from a Corps officer and learned to turn to the Bible instead of drugs when life got tough.

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A Message From:
MAJOR JOHN TURNER
DIVISIONAL COMMANDER

SPECIAL EVENT:

May 11, 2013 -

The Warren County Salvation Army will participate in the Williamsport Community Yard Sale from 7 am - 2:30 pm. Come by and check out all of the homemade baked goods as well as gently used household items. All proceeds support The Salvation Army in Warren County.

FROM THE WINTER ISSUE OF THE COUNTY LINE

In the Winter 2013 Edition of the County Line we printed a story called "A Friend to the Lonely." The story was credited to Sullivan County, however, the story came from Perry County. In March, the Perry County Salvation Army served 43 families!

EXPECT CHANGE

Each Spring I look forward to the slow and subtle changes in the world around us. I eagerly await the extended hours of daylight and the first buds on the trees. I anticipate the moment when the last of the snow melts into the ground and the first hints of green return to the grass. I even feel a little warmer at the thought of going without a coat or jacket and with a golf bag slung over my shoulder.

But this year I find my patience wearing a little thin. Clouds are blocking out the new daylight, the trees are still sleeping and we had a snowstorm in the final week of March that covered up any signs of green grass. I feel a little cheated because springtime is supposed to be a time of change, and when it arrives, I expect change!

Expect change. Those two simple words can also describe the experience of those who enter the doors of The Salvation Army every day. Men and women are overcoming their addictions at our Harbor Light Center. Women and children are beginning a new life, free from fear and homelessness, because of our Ruth Lilly Women and Children's Center. Children are steering clear of gangs and poor choices thanks to our community center after school programs. Lives are being changed through

The Salvation Army.

This change has been made possible through the overwhelming generosity of our corporate partners, our community partners, our volunteers and our donors. Simply put, your donations are being stretched to do the most good, for the most people, in the most need.

EXPECT CHANGE will be our theme throughout 2013. You'll be seeing it quite a bit this year in our marketing and advertising, but to us it's more than slogan. It's a promise. We can't promise you that the average temperature will be back into the 80s next month, but we can promise you that lives will be changed in our community through your generosity. When you make your donation to The Salvation Army, EXPECT CHANGE!

Thank you for your generous support, and may God bless you!



Major John Turner
Divisional Commander

When you put money in our kettle, EXPECT CHANGE!



RECOVERY - ONE YEAR LATER



LAST MARCH, Southern Indiana was ravished by storms and tornadoes. By 5 p.m., after the first storm swept the area, The Salvation Army and canteen arrived to begin serving first responders. Hours later, an F4 tornado ripped through the other side of town. By 10 p.m. the canteen traveled to the east side of the county to Henryville and Maryville.

"I just thought, my — how in the world are we going to deal with this," said Major Stephen Kiger of the New Albany Salvation Army. "It wasn't the typical hit and miss kind of tornado. It went right through many communities."

Major Kiger knew one canteen and one Corps wouldn't be enough.

Through Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) training, Kiger and his crew were able to meet the needs of the workers and those assisting survivors.

"We prayed going into it, and we prayed all the way through it," he said.

The Salvation Army was there offering physical care along with spiritual and emotional support.

"We just put our arms around them and tried to love them," Major Kiger said. "Then we began doing recovery."

Monetary donations were a necessity in those early days of recovery.

"The initial response was overwhelming. People wanted to do something, and their financial resources got us exactly what we needed and quickly," Major Kiger said.

Even during times of disaster, monetary donations create quick change.

On March 2, 2013, the community came together to remember the storms and the progress made in just one year.

"It was more of a celebration," Major Kiger said. "We looked at all we had accomplished in the last year. People were thankful."

To better aid in the recovery process, the Salvation Army joined and helped create the Faith-Based Recovery Group Volunteers Rebuilding Our Community (V-ROC). The group, consisting of 14 faith-based organizations, brought in groups of volunteers to repair and rebuild the community. So far, the group has done 11 complete rebuilds and plans to complete 11 more by August 2013.

"It's amazing how many people came together for our community — state, local, regional, national..." he said. "It is just so overwhelming. We are so blessed."

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SOUTHERN INDIANA BY THE NUMBERS



In One Year's Time:

- 251 homes were repaired
- 11 homes were completely rebuilt from the foundation
- 9,757 volunteers generously gave their time
- 121,967 hours were given by volunteers
- \$2,449,765 = the value of in-kind volunteer hours

OUR STATEMENT OF MISSION:

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church.

Its message is based on the Bible.

Its ministry is motivated by the love of God.

Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.



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“It really helped me change at a time when I needed it most. It was empowering. I got my life back. I got a life,” Angel said. “I went back to school and graduated from college. I have a career. I have my kids.”

Angel also travels around the state speaking to others about her experience. She always credits The Salvation Army.

“I changed,” Angel said. “And because I work in mental health, my first referral to those in need goes to The Salvation Army.”

A FATHER FINDS PEACE

JACKSON COUNTY - When Kevin Jones lost his wife in an automobile accident, he found himself not only grieving but a single father.

Kevin’s wife was a homemaker. She managed the couple’s three children, the household and finances. With her gone, Kevin wasn’t sure what to do.

“I had three very young children without their mother,” he said. “My wife did everything. I had no idea what to do.”

Kevin soon got behind on taking care of the daily tasks his wife once managed. He was in danger of having all his household’s utilities disconnected.

“I wasn’t really focused on finances after my wife died,” Kevin said. “I just wanted to take care of my children. They just lost their mother and needed my focus to be on them.”

Kevin soon found himself at the Jackson County Salvation Army. He knew he would find help there. The Salvation Army was able to help Kevin get his utility disconnections suspended. It also helped him with grocery assistance and spiritual support.

“The Salvation Army’s help gave me a little bit of peace,” Kevin said. “They made sure me and my family was taken care of. They even hooked me up with other agencies for additional help.”

When you donate to The Salvation Army, you help people like the Jones family. In a time of sorrow, you help them see positive change in their lives.

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THOSE IN YOUR
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