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SUMMER SERVICE

Spring not only brings the end of winter weather but the end of the school year as well.

DJ, 8, spends a majority of his summer at the The Salvation Army Eagle Creek Community Corps Center. His mother works two jobs so she isn't home during the day to make DJ lunch or keep him active and away from the television and video games.

The young boy walks to the community center where he gets lunch and a chance to play basketball with other children for the remainder of the afternoon. This summer, DJ is even more excited about spending his time with The Salvation Army because the day camp program has returned to Eagle Creek. His mother is excited too because she knows her son will have fun and be safe while she's working to support both of them.

The summer feeding program is nothing new at the Eagle Creek Corps Community Center. Last year the program averaged about 50 children a day. The program runs in conjunction with the Board of Education as a way of ensuring area youth are able to receive a nutritious meal during the summer months when school is dismissed. Captain Amos

Shiels said that the Corps anticipates an increase to 65 children this summer.

Like DJ, Captain Shiels and the rest of his staff at Eagle Creek are excited about the return of the corps day camp program starting June 3.

"Each week is an individual camp with two camps happening simultaneously during one of the weeks," Captain Shiels said. "This is our first year conducting day camp since 2008"

Camp registration is limited to 30 participants. Camp starts each day at 9 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. The camp will offer children organized activities and a chance to meet new people. The camps include: Artful Antics, Kid Chefs, Heroes V. Villains & All American Girls, Splash, Game-a-pa-looza, Mad Science, Adventures in Time, Lego Challenge and Wild & Free.

DJ's mother happily signed him up for all the camp sessions. He's counting down the days to a fun-filled summer.

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**A Message From:
MAJOR JOHN TURNER
DIVISIONAL COMMANDER**

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!



DOING
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GOOD®

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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THE NUMBERS



The Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Service teams are not only the first ones on scene after a disaster but often the last to leave. Since last year's deadly tornadoes in Southern Indiana, The Salvation Army has been continually working to help the devastated communities recover.

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



A BASKETBALL STORY

as told by Andy Wheeler, Salvation Army Eagle Creek Community Center Director

It's no surprise that we have impacted quite a few lives just by opening our gymnasium to the children and young adults in the community five days a week for three hours a day. My story is about a family that has been affected by our simple program.

It starts out with two young siblings (10 and 5 years old). These kids show up as soon as the doors open and stay until the whistle blows for closing time. The younger of the two has become a staple in the program. She is energetic and inquisitive. Her older brother has started improving his basketball skills and recently challenged a staff member to a game of one-on-one. The little guy won!

A few months after these siblings started coming on a regular basis, another sibling showed up. He is 18 years old and heard about the gym program. He saw how happy The Salvation Army's open gym made his younger brother and sister. He just had to check things out for himself. When he did, the program impacted the young man so much that he decided to become a volunteer. He now helps children at the program with their basketball skills.

All of this happened just because we have a facility that is available and has a welcoming atmosphere. We were excited to find out there was an extended family attached to these two young children. We also learned there is one more brother that we haven't gotten involved with — yet. The mother has stopped by a few times to share her gratitude for taking such good care of her children.

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