

Mt. Arrowsmith Salvation Army Staff/Volunteer Newsletter

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Giving Hope Today



Giving Thanks for Willing Muscles

We want to say a HUGE thank you to all of our volunteers who helped to make the latest food drives a success. Our food bank was blessed to receive:

- 9,928 lbs of food from the Latter Day Saints Thanksgiving food drive
- 4,955 lbs from the People Helping People post office food drive, and
- 3,500 lbs from the cruisers food drive!

That is a huge volume of food to lift, sort, pack and stack and we owe it to our dedicated food bank volunteers for doing just that! Thank you to each and every one of you – know that your efforts will ensure that these items get into the hands of those who need them most. THANK YOU!

Transitions

It has been said that “Preservation is for pickles. Live cucumbers are always growing and changing.” We don’t seem to be at risk of being picked any time soon!

We want to let you know about a few transitions within our Ministry Unit:

- 1) Welcome back to Joan at the soup kitchen as she transitions back into her supervisory role there. Miranda is remaining a casual.
- 2) We’re saddened to say goodbye to Courtnay who is transitioning on to new life ventures and adventures. We thank her for a year of passionate volunteer coordination!
- 3) Welcome to Skye who will be stepping into the Volunteer Coordinator role.
- 4) Welcome to Laura who will be this year’s Christmas Kettle Coordinator.
- 5) We are currently reviewing our food sorting protocols at the Food Bank. Food Bank volunteers will be notified about the finalized procedures and donation sorter re-training will be given over the coming month. Between now and then, those sorting are asked to please check in at the sorting table for posted notices and updates as to how we’re doing things. Please direct any questions to Linda or Jesse.

Count Your Blessings Name them One by One

No, really! When was the last time that you did that? We have 7 locations with intact walls, roofs, electricity, heat and running water. We have 40 employees and a couple of hundred volunteers. We’ve got vehicles, computers, cell phones, paper, pens, coolers, dishwashers... We have homes to go home to and beds to sleep in, clothes and shoes, healthcare, grocery stores, freedom to go and do and be in our country. Even in the tough times, we are so blessed! Thank you Lord for all that you’ve given!

All that we do is based on the following 10 core values:

Salvation – We proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all our ministries

Holiness – We are shaped by the Bible and the example of Jesus through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit

Intimacy with God – We commune with God through worship and prayer

Compassion – We embody God’s love, reaching out to others and caring for them

Respect – We promote the dignity of all persons

Excellence – We are innovative and effective

Integrity – We are honest and trustworthy, accountable to God and each other

Relevance – We seek to understand and meet the needs of people in our communities

Co-operation – We encourage and foster teamwork and partnerships

Celebration – We are thankful to God for blessing The Salvation Army



Did you know that you can keep up with us on Facebook? Even without a Facebook account! To find, us search Facebook for: “@PKSalvationArmy”. Watch our sub-page for: Oceanside Homelessness Prevention and Lighthouse Youth Programs. The separate thrift store page has been discontinued.

Coverage and Liability

From time to time the question comes up about “What happens if [insert scenario] happens while I am volunteering for you?” That is a good question. Here are the answers from our headquarters:

- A) If you’re volunteering for us and it is alleged that you have caused harm, we (as The Salvation Army) will defend you.
- B) If you’re volunteering for us and become injured due to proven fault and negligence on our part, we are liable and will settle on a “Liability Insurance Basis” as we would with any customer or client who might similarly become injured.
- C) If you’re volunteering for us and become injured and it is determined that it was the fault of you, the worker, (such as unsafely lifting something) we do not cover the injury.

We Love Because HE First Loved Us

Romans 5:8 tells us that while we were yet vile, cruel, murderous and insulting towards God (and others), he loved us and chose to die for us to pay the price of our beyond bad behavior and give us a way back to into a right relationship with the heart of Father God. And because we have experienced this grace (God’s love in action towards men who merited the opposite of love) we are called to be a people that extend such grace to our fellow man. We are called to see and defend the value, potential and preciousness of every person that we encounter – every client, every co-worker, every customer and every volunteer – regardless of whether or not their behavior warrants it. We still uphold an expectation of respect within our facilities, but we choose to love the “hard to love” because God loved us when we were hard to love.

“Grace is God as heart surgeon, cracking open your chest, removing your heart — poisoned as it is with pride and pain — and replacing it with his own. Rather than tell you to change, he creates the change. Do you clean up so he can accept you? No, he accepts you and begins cleaning you up. His dream isn’t just to get you into heaven but to get heaven into you. What a difference this makes! Can’t forgive your enemy? Can’t face tomorrow? Can’t forgive your past? Christ can, and he is on the move, aggressively budging you from graceless to grace-shaped living. The gift-given giving gifts. Forgiven people forgiving people. Deep sighs of relief. Stumbles aplenty but despair seldom.

... To be saved by grace is to be saved by him — not by an idea, doctrine, creed or church membership, but by Jesus himself, who will sweep into heaven anyone who so much as gives him the nod. Not in response to a finger snap, religious chant or a secret handshake. Grace won’t be stage-managed. If you fear you’ve written too many checks on God’s kindness account, drag regrets around like a broken bumper, huff and puff more than you delight and rest, and, most of all, if you wonder whether God can do something with the mess of your life, then grace is what you need. Let’s make certain it happens to you.”

Excerpt from ‘God as Heart Surgeon (Excerpt)’ by Max Lucado

Christmas Volunteer Hub Shifts

We plan to have the volunteer shifts for the Christmas season up and ready for you to register by October 26th

Kettle shifts are anticipated to be up by the end of October.

Upcoming Events:

- Soup Kitchen & Food Bank Volunteer Training
 - o Next date TBD
- Soup Kitchen Thanksgiving Dinner
 - o October 24th 11-1:30
- Remembrance Day
 - o 9 am church service. Outdoor service to follow at Cenotaph.
- Fireman’s Food Drive
 - o November 17 & 18th



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