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Captain Luis and Linda Acosta, Corps Officers

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Fort Wayne Corps welcomes new officers



The Fort Wayne Corps welcomed new corps officers, Lieutenant Linda and Captain Luis Acosta and their nine year old daughter, Andrea in June. Majors Harold and Lynnetta Poff are now the corps officers in the Waterloo-Cedar Rapids Salvation Army Corps.

The Fort Wayne Salvation Army has been blessed by the arrival of enthusiastic and passionate corps officers, Captain Luis and Lieutenant Linda Acosta, whose hearts are committed to reaching souls for Christ. They arrived at the corps on June 24, 2015.

Captain Luis Acosta began attending his local Salvation Army in El Paso, Texas when he was 18. He felt God's calling to serve through the Salvation Army when he was 19. He has been a Salvation Army officer for nine years. He is working on his bachelor's degree from Olivet Nazarene University.

Captain Luis has served as a Salvation Army officer in Idaho, California and Chicago. His last appointment before coming to

Fort Wayne was at the Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) on the north side of Chicago.

Lieutenant Linda Acosta earned a master's degree in counseling from Wheaton College. She met Captain Luis in Chicago. Mrs. Acosta graduated from the College for Officer's Training in June 2015.

Mrs. Acosta grew up attending The Salvation Army's Rockford Temple Corps in Rockford, IL from age 15 until she left for college. Married for two years, the Acostas are brimming with ideas to build our youth programs, serve the community and bring new people into the church.

They are looking forward to meeting you!



**Join us for
Worship and
Picnic in the
Park
August 23, 2015
Lakeside Park
Pavilion #2**

**(Wear your picnic clothes,
no bathing suits)**

10:00 a.m.

United Sunday School

- Bingo for adults
- Volleyball for teens and adults
- Games for the children

Praise and Worship Service Lunch

The meat and buns will be provided by the Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) and utensils will be provided.

Corps families please bring:

- Your own beverage and a
 - Dessert or
 - Fruit/watermelon or
 - Your favorite salad

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary. List your name, what you will be bringing to

the picnic, and how many people will be coming from your family.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Salvation Army serves community at Pride Parade

Officers, staff, and volunteers provided water and cupcakes to those walking in Fort Wayne's Pride Parade Saturday, July 25, 2015.



Social Service Director, Tim Smith (left) and Captain Luis Acosta (right) get more water from The Salvation Army Canteen to give out to thirsty people at the parade.

The Salvation Army handed out 900 water bottles and 260 cupcakes.



Captain Luis Acosta said, "We served at the event because we needed to reach out to share the message of love to our community and demonstrate The Salvation Army assists everyone without discrimination. We felt the need to reconcile those who were afflicted by the church previously."



Salvation Army Queen of Charities Pre-Miss winner, Hannah Smith, and Julian Young (picture left), Sophie Smith (picture center) and Ana and Kayla Murphy (picture right) also volunteered on Saturday.

The Salvation Army Community Youth Center (CYC) will open Tuesday, August 11th for youth K-12.

Monday-Friday from 3-6 pm

New this year!

Dinner will be served at 4:30 pm for all registered program participants.

Are you at least 55 years old and looking for some fun?



Then sign up for **Older Adult Camp August 28-31, 2015**

The cost to register is \$60.00 and includes: Room! Food! Bible Study! Worship! Games! Auction! Surprises! and Fellowship! Your registration and fee is due on **August 12, 2015**. For more information contact Lt. Acosta.

Indiana Division Men's Camp 2015 Hidden Falls Camp, Bedford, Indiana

Storms

See **Captain Acosta** for more details. **Cost: \$65.00 per person** **Open to men 18 years and over** **Registration Deadline: September 4, 2015**

"Living in the eyes of the Storm"



Schedule of August and September

- August 12:** Miniature Golf/Dutch Treat
- August 19:** Preparation for Corps Worship and Picnic in the Park
- August 23:** Corps Worship and Picnic in the Park Lakeside Pavilion #2
- August 26:** No Meeting
- Christmas is just around the corner. Wait until you see what is coming in September.**
- September 2:** Planning Pinterest Holiday Crafts

Calling all men age 60 and older...



Did you play basketball in high school or college, or did you play a little 3 on 3 whenever the opportunity arose? If you are 60 years old or older, don't let those memories end.

Join The Salvation Army Senior Men's Basketball group on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm. For only \$5.00 a night, you can get out and play the sport you love in a regulation high school, air conditioned gym with others your age.

The Salvation Army is located at 2901 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN. You can park at the rear of the building. The southern most door will open at 6:00 pm.

Volunteer trainings set for Christmas intake



The Salvation Army begins preparing for the Christmas season early in the year. Meetings are held, volunteers recruited, and changes are made to our programs to make them run as smoothly as possible.

Christmas intake will be held from October 6 through October 16, 2015. Volunteer training to assist with intake will be held on Tuesday, September 22 at 10:00 am and on Wednesday, September 23 at 10:00 am. Volunteers are only asked to attend one of the two training sessions. Please call Jama Smith (260) 744-2311 ext. 238 to let her know which training you will be attending.



VA Hospital Recruitment

The Salvation Army recruits individuals to serve our veterans at the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System (VA Hospital) in Fort Wayne, IN. The following is a list of government requirements to volunteer.

- Complete a background check
- Attend a four hour training session
- Take a TB test (at no charge)
- Have your picture taken for your identification badge

Our veterans need your help

If your time is limited and you would still like to help, our veterans are in need of the following:

- New sweatpants and sweatshirts for men and women without draw strings or pockets (sizes L-XXXL)
- Lap robes and neck pillows
- Crossword puzzle books and word search puzzle books

You may drop them at the Fort Wayne Corps building at 2901 N. Clinton Street. We will be happy to provide you with a donation receipt for your taxes. For more information please contact Roxanne at 744-2311 x217 or by email- Roxanne_Albrecht@usc.salvationarmy.org.

How you can help through Charlotte Ministries

“Charlotte Ministries” is the Fort Wayne Salvation Army’s NICU Assistance program inspired by a staff member’s struggle with having a baby in the neonatal intensive care unit.

Families with infants in the NICU may find themselves in another city away from home. Taking time off their jobs to be with their baby, they often find themselves needing assistance to pay for lodging, food, gas, and items the baby needs.

Charlotte Ministries normally accepts one infant per month through recommendations from area NICU staff and Riley Hospital. Due to extreme need, we will be assisting two infants in August.

One of the babies we will be helping is Avalynn. Avalynn was born at 26 weeks old, and weighs only 1 lb. and 15 oz. She has a hole in her heart that may never close; every day is a struggle for her to stay alive.



You can help Avalynn and her family by donating the following:

- Bottles
- Preemie Clothes
- Blankets/Bedding
- Socks, Baby Mittens
- Diapers and Wipes
- Infant Car Seat
- Gas Cards
- Grocery Cards

Avalynn has a 21 month old sister named Brooklyn, a 5 year old brother named Brayden, and a 9 year old sister named Taralynn. Any items for them are appreciated as well. We will be accepting donations from now until August 27.

The second baby we are helping is Abigail. Abigail has been in the NICU for over a month. She just had surgery for an intestinal malrotation, and her appendix and other organs were misplaced. Abigail has Microphthalmia (her eyes are 1/4 the size



they should be), Colobomas in both eyes (missing internal optical structures), Hypoplastic Corpus Collosum (the white nerve matter between the right and left hemispheres of her brain is small), and the intestinal malrotation (now corrected). She will have severe vision deficits (she has some sight now- but could deteriorate and she will most likely be legally blind).

The brain issue has such a wide range of issues she could display ADHD/autism symptoms up to the potential of always needing care due to motor and developmental delays.

Abigail is in most need of:

- size 1 diapers
- Sleepers, size 0-3 and 3-month sleepers with feet
- Musical/Light sound toys to help with development

Charlotte Ministries Update



Juliet is now out of the NICU. She has some delays as many NICU babies do, but she is catching up quickly!

For more information, please contact Jama Smith at jama_smith@usc.salvationarmy.org, 260-744-2311 or find us at www.safortwayne.org

CONGRATULATIONS to our Miss Queen of Charities 2011, Lisa Scott, who is now the reigning MRS. INDIANA! **Fun Fact::** In the six years of our pageant, the Fort Wayne Queen of Charities

Pageant has had TWO queens who went on to win Mrs. Indiana from the Miss America Organization!



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REGULAR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY

9:30 am United Sunday School Opening
9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

3:00-6:00 pm Community Youth Center (CYC) is open to youth in grades K-12.

WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Women's Ministry
7:00 pm Men's Ministry

THURSDAY

4:30-6:00 pm Character Building activities (August through May)

FRIDAY

9:00 pm Movie Night (Last Friday of each month)

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.

SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE HOURS

Food Pantry- Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 pm
CURF- Tuesday morning walk-ins (call for more information)
Other assistance provided by appointment (744-2311)



Items needed for benefit for families in need



The Salvation Army's Live and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2015. The annual charity auction will begin at 2:00 pm. This year's theme is Willie Wonka.

Additional auction items are needed to make this event a success. Please contact Jama Smith at (260) 744-2311 ext. 234 or email her at: Jama_Smith@usc.salvationarmy.org.



"Your Golden Ticket Awaits."

**October 3, 2015
2:00pm
2901 North Clinton**



***Hors D'oeuvres / Desserts/ Candy
Live & Silent Auction
\$25 Single / \$40 Couple
A Benefit for Families
in Need Through
The Salvation Army***



***Find Your Golden Ticket at
www.safortwayne.org***



Tim Smith (left), Director of Social Services and WANE TV Anchor, Terra Brantley (right), thanked the community for donating more than 20,000 new school supplies and over \$10,000 to purchase additional supplies. Thank you WANE TV for your support!



Did you have a great

time ringing kettle bells for The Salvation Army and making people smile last year? Do you want to make sure you are able to ring at the same location at approximately the same time again this Christmas season...? then go to registertoring.com and sign up to volunteer to ring kettle bells today.