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## Make preparations NOW



In light of all the recent disasters across the United States, all of us should heed information provided by Homeland Security on how to prepare a Home Disaster Supply Kit in case a tornado, flood or earthquake causes destruction in our neighborhood.

In a disaster, local officials and emergency workers cannot reach everyone immediately. Therefore, help might not arrive for hours or even days. You and your family need to be prepared ahead of time because you will not have time to shop during an emergency or supplies might not be available. You should be prepared to take care of yourselves for at least 72 hours.

Additionally: Store one gallon of water per person per day (two quarts for drinking, two quarts for

food preparation/sanitation. Change your stored water supply every six months. Store your kit in a convenient place known to all members of the family. Keep a smaller version in the trunk of your car.



This is the list of items you will need for your Disaster Kit, as suggested by Homeland Security.

**Water** – at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days

**Food** – at least enough for 3 to 7 days; Non-perishable packaged or canned food / juices; Foods for infants or the elderly; Snack foods; Non-electric can opener; Cooking tools / fuel; Paper plates / plastic utensils

**Blankets / Pillows**, etc.

**Clothing** – seasonal / rain gear / sturdy shoes

**First Aid Kit / Medicines /**

**Prescription Drugs**

**Special Items** – for babies and the elderly

**Toiletries / Hygiene items / Moisture wipes**

**Flashlight / Batteries**

**Radio** – battery operated and NOAA weather radio

**Telephones** – fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set

**Cash** (with some small bills) and **Credit Cards** – banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods

**Keys**

**Toys / Books / Games**

**Important Documents** – in a waterproof container or watertight re-sealable plastic bag

Insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, social security card, etc.

**Tools** – keep a set with you during the storm

**Vehicle fuel tanks filled**

**Pet Care Items**

Proper identification / immunization records / medications/ Ample supply of food and water/Carrier or cage/Muzzle and leash

Using a portable container, begin filling your kit with items you already have in your home and add more as you can. Do not wait until it is too late.



A Salvation Army Officer assesses tornado damage in Moore, OK.

## Congratulations, TC



Congratulations to Salvation Army Senior Soldier and Corps Cadet, Theresa 'TC' Snawder, for competing in the 2013 Queen and King of Charity Pageant.

This was TC's first appearance in a pageant. The contest focused on a candidate's poise, interview skills and volunteer experience.

Corps Officer, Major Lynnetta Poff said, "TC represented The Salvation Army very, very well."



*May was a great month for fun*

Ten women from the Fort Wayne Corps attended the Divisional Spring Older Adult Luncheon on May 15, 2013. Anyone who is 55 years old or older is welcome to attend the bi-yearly event at the Indianapolis Fairgrounds. After having lunch and a time for fellowship, Major Mark Litherland performed a dramatic monologue about Samuel Bringle. Bringle was a prominent figure in The Salvation Army during its inception.



Fort Wayne Corps volunteers, Beverly Bennett (left) and Barb Kimmel (middle) pose with Rita Jones (right) from the Fountain Square Corps.



Captain Cindy Hoag, (pictured above) and her husband, Captain Gordon Hoag, are the corps officers in Terre Haute, IN.



Vicky Best (left) and Sandra McCabe (right) enjoy some time after the luncheon is over.



Pictured above from left to right as they wait for the luncheon to begin are: Linda Thieme, Major Flora O'Dell (ret.), Major Margaret Quinn (ret.) and Pat Ludy.



**Women's Ministries**

Shipshewana, IN

**Opportunities in June**

Wednesday evening programs begin at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted)

**June 5:** Shipshewana-Dutch Treat  
We will leave the corps at 9:30 am.

**June 12:** Card Bingo

**June 19:** Craft

**June 26:** 10:00 am Nursing Home Visit.

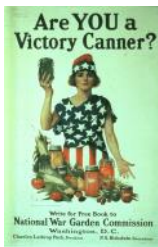
*Women's Camp was a time for reflection and fellowship*



The theme of Saturday evening's Women's Camp dinner was 'Girls Just Want To Have Fun'. Women were encouraged to wear outfits from any decade. Can you guess the decade the ladies' outfits represent?

Pictured left to right: Captain Sonja Jenkins; Pat Ludy; Jessica Lowe; Leslie Poff; DJ Crosby; Major Lynnetta Poff. Not pictured: Vicky Best and Susan Bennett.

*June's World Service silent auction basket great for families*



Canning fruits and vegetables is no longer a necessity of war and food rationing, but is a smart, financially sound practice for families who like fresh food throughout the year.

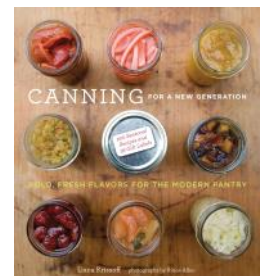
Each month the corps offers a silent auction basket to raise money for World Services. Some baskets are for those who love to read or enjoy watching movies or those who want to decorate their kitchen. June's basket is called 'Preparing for Canning'.

This is a great basket if you are new to canning or you want to expand your home canning. The minimum bid for this basket is \$30.00 and bids will be accepted until Sunday, June 30th.

You will find the basket in the lobby of the corps in the glass case near the elevator. The bid sheets are on top of the case. The 'Preparing for Canning' basket includes:

- Canning Salt
- Preserving and Pickling Salt
- 6 Quart canning pot with rack
- 12 Jelly Jars with lids
- 12 Pint jars with lids

Place a bid and surprise your family with the taste of fresh produce throughout the winter months.



2013 Queen and King of Charity Pageant named

THANK YOU to all of our contestants, sponsors, donors and supporters for an amazing fund-raising effort during our 2013 pageant. Just under \$30,000 was raised for needy families in Allen County on behalf of The Salvation Army's annual charity pageant.

2013 Toddler Miss Queen of Charities – Grace Vowles



This was the fourth Queen of Charities Pageant and it has grown significantly each year. In 2010 there was one age division with 12 contestants and the profit and gifts in kind equaled \$764.00



2013 Toddler Mr. King of Charities – Canaan Roach

The participation in the pageant doubled in 2011 and by 2012, there were six age divisions and \$13,864 was raised.

2013 Little Miss Queen of Charities – Amarra Nester



The number of age divisions increased to nine and a total of 45 contestants competed in 2013. In this year's pageant, 40% of the contestants were 10 and under.



2013 Little Mr. King of Charities – Seth Young

The contestants had a photo shoot at the Embassy Theatre. Ladies and young men appeared in their Hollywood wear to get a feel for this year's theme "Old Hollywood".

2013 Miss Junior Queen of Charities – Aurora Kulp



2013 Miss Queen of Charities – Lauren Wagoner

Our sponsors' enthusiasm and the passionate attitude of the contestants enabled The Salvation Army to raise \$29,170, which includes profit and gifts in kind that will be used for families in need.

2013 Mrs. Queen of Charities – Jody Lepley



Interviews for the Miss and Mrs. contestants took place the day before the pageant. Interviews count for 50% of their score. Little, Junior and Pre divisions did not have an interview, but had an onstage question that counts for 25% of their score.



2013 Mr. Junior King of Charities – Julian Young

The main focus for our pageant contestants is volunteering. Six of this year's pageant winners, Margot Joy Chairs; Aurora Kulp; Jody Lepley; Amarra Nester; Julian and Seth Young jumped in to donate their time to help during the 2013 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held in May.



Volunteers donated 560 hours towards the event and the 2013 Queen of Charities Pageant received very positive media coverage this year.

2013 Pre Miss Queen of Charities – Margot Joy Chairs



The Salvation Army would like to thank our pageant judges (left to right): Taylor Cummings, Miss Allen County 2012-2013, Sunny Helstrom, Director of the Fort Wayne, Indiana Marine Toys for Tots, and Darrian Arch, the current Miss Indiana Teen USA.

Special thanks to all of the contestants! It was a phenomenal year for fundraising and we look forward to an even more successful pageant next year!

Jama Young  
Volunteer Program Coordinator

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**REGULAR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**“Return Service Requested”**

**SUNDAY**

9:30 am United Sunday School Opening  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Open gym and game night (first Sunday of the month)

**WEDNESDAY**

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study  
7:00 pm Women’s Ministry and Band  
7:30 pm Praise and Worship

**THURSDAY**

4:30-6:00 pm Character Building activities (Sept. through May)  
6:00-7:00 pm Junior Soldiers and Corps Cadets (September through May)

**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)

**YOUTH PROGRAMS**

After-school programs-please check the calendar for other events.



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.

*‘Operation Cool Breeze’ program depends on your donations*



Living without a place to get out of the heat and be cool in the summer can be life-threatening for anyone living with a critical

medical illness. The Fort Wayne Salvation Army hopes to ease this situation by providing new or gently used air conditioners and fans to those in need.

The Salvation Army, 2901 N. Clinton Street, is now collecting fans and air conditioners for our Operation Cool Breeze program. These items are given to low-income individuals with critical medical conditions who must stay cool during the heat of summer. New fans, working air-conditioners, and monetary donations can be dropped off at The Salvation Army office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you make a monetary donation, please indicate that the funds are to help with “Operation Cool Breeze.”

Walgreen’s (all locations) will also accept donations of fans or air conditioners on our behalf. Your donation is tax deductible.



Timothy Smith, Social Services Director for The Salvation Army adds, “Individuals with critical medical conditions desperately need to stay cool during the summer. It can be a matter of life and death. Please help us provide this much needed relief for them.”

If you are in need, you can contact The Salvation Army to apply to receive a donated fan or air conditioner. In order to be eligible, you must have a **critical** medical condition aggravated by the heat. This need must be verified by a doctor.

If you have received this assistance from us last year, you will not be eligible this year. Also if you qualify under CANI’s programs (energy assistance or meet 150% of poverty level qualifications), you will be ineligible for fan assistance.