



SALT LAKE  
CORPS

## THE SALT LAKE CORPS CONNECTION

Dive into our newsletter to read the latest news stories of how we make a difference in our community.

### 3RD QUARTER NEWS

APRIL – JUNE 2025

#### DEAR FRIENDS,

The Salvation Army offers emergency assistance programs which aim to prevent homelessness in the Salt Lake City area. These programs consist of our Client-Choice Food Pantry, which provides groceries to over 7,000 families annually; our Utility Assistance Program, which assists over 2,000 families with past due utility bills annually; our Family Meal Program, which serves over 15,000 hot meals annually to low-income families; and our Emergency Assistance Fund, which provides flexible funding to help people retain their housing. Last year, The Salvation Army provided \$24,233.61 in such assistance.

With the support of our partners and generous donations from our benefactors and individual donors, we are grateful for the community support to help our brothers and sisters in need by providing a buffer from individuals and families at risk of losing their housing.

SINCERELY,

SLC CORPS COMMANDING OFFICERS CAPT. JAMES AND LT. KATE COMBS

## NATIONAL SALVATION ARMY WEEK

We kicked off National Salvation Army Week (May 12-18, 2025) with FOX 13 News reporting live from the Salt Lake City Corps.

We were grateful to have team members from Salt Lake City, Ogden, St. George, and Provo who came together to talk about the impact we are making in our respective communities.

“Many people think of The Salvation Army’s bell ringers and Red Kettles during the holiday season, but few are aware of the organization’s role in serving those experiencing homelessness and the effects of poverty throughout the year,” said Captain James Combs. “Our goal is to bring hope, help, and healing to communities across Utah every day.”



## 2ND ANNUAL RED SHIELD GALA

Our 2nd Annual Red Shield Gala took place May 13, 2025 at the Viridian Event Center in West Jordan. Board members, business leaders, and volunteers came together to celebrate the impact the Salvation Army has on the Salt Lake community.

KUTV News Anchor, Jim Spiewak, was the master of ceremonies for the event and Representative Sandra Hollins, from the Utah State Legislature, was the keynote speaker. During the dinner, Earnest Walton was recognized as Volunteer of the Year for his selfless service. The Community Impact Award was presented to Security Service Federal Credit Union (SSFCU). Over the past eight years, they have contributed more than \$100,000 through their annual Food Drive and Back to School campaigns in Utah.

We are so grateful for an attentive audience, compelling speakers and generous support of our auction items. Proceeds from this event will help the SLC Corps offer emergency financial support to those in need in Salt Lake County.

## NATIONAL DONUT DAY AT VA HOSPITAL

The Salvation Army offered free donuts for National Donut Day to veterans and their families at the VA Hospital in honor of National Donut Day!

This tradition was started in 1917 when members of the Salvation Army brought donuts and other comforts of home to troops fighting on the front lines of World War I in France.

National Donut Day is a special holiday for The Salvation Army and serves as a reminder of the brave work we do every day for the good of our neighbors.



## THANK YOU DELOITTE VOLUNTEERS

Huge thanks to Deloitte and their volunteer team for giving our playground a facelift, which will greatly benefit the many kids who play here throughout the year.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Salvation Army Salt Lake City Corps is seeking spirited volunteers to help with weekly food pantry coordination and other activities including holiday programs. If you'd like to make a difference in your community, contact us to see how you can help.

**For more information or to sign up contact: Paula Baker at 801-988-4204.**

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

