

THE SALVATION ARMY WOMEN & CHILDREN'S CENTER

PROGRAM & SERVICES



RUTH LILLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S CENTER

Provides a safe place and critical services for women, children and men fleeing domestic violence and trauma, as well as shelter for homeless women and children. As the first facility in Indianapolis to help homeless and abused persons, we have offered care, assistance and spiritual guidance since 1950. The 111-bed facility is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- ✦ In 2025, 778 survivors of domestic violence were served through our facility.

CRISIS INTERVENTION

Our family advocates receive continuous crisis intervention training to assist women, children and men at risk. Upon admission to the center, care coordinators assess all clients to meet immediate needs. Helping clients attain a sense of personal safety and security is our top priority. This allows clients to focus on rebuilding their lives one step at a time.

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING SERVICES

The Salvation Army Women and Children's Center provides referrals for those seeking help, as well as intensive care coordination. We provide evidence-based and specialized care services to meet the critical needs of this vulnerable, growing population.

ADDICTION SERVICES

The Salvation Army Women and Children's Center offers referrals, resources and transportation for people seeking addiction treatment services. Harbor Light Center (Indianapolis) is CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) accredited and state certified with the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction.

PATHWAY OF HOPE

Our advocates mentor families with tools for new life skills to set goals for housing, employment, budgeting, education and transportation to break generational poverty. The goal of the program is to move from crisis to sufficiency. This is the "teach a person to fish" component of our mission.





45,080
NUTRITIOUS MEALS
PROVIDED



12,286
HOURS OF
COUNSELING
PROVIDED



23,179
NIGHTS OF SAFE
LODGING PROVIDED



151
FAMILIES ENROLLED
IN PATHWAY OF HOPE



1,900
VOLUNTEER
HOURS



810
WOMEN AND
CHILDREN SERVED

STORY OF HOPE

Amber Williams moved to Indianapolis in 2024 to be closer to her children but arrived without a clear plan, soon finding herself living in her car for two weeks. After experiencing unsafe and overwhelming conditions at a downtown shelter, she learned about The Salvation Army Ruth Lilly Women and Children's Center and secured a bed. The supportive environment allowed Amber to focus on reconnecting with her children and finding stable work. She attended her daughter's school events and felt relieved knowing her belongings and safety were protected. After leaving the shelter, Amber secured housing and part-time employment, though financial instability made life difficult. Her former case manager stayed in contact and encouraged her to apply for a full-time position at the shelter. Amber is now an intake specialist, warmly welcoming new residents and offering practical and emotional support. She feels grateful to give back to women facing challenges she once endured.

OUR MISSION:
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.



SCAN THIS CODE TO WATCH
ALL OF AMBER'S STORY



DOING THE
MOST GOOD