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THE SALT LAKE CORPS CONNECTION

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3RD QUARTER NEWS APRIL – JUNE 2026

DEAR FRIENDS,

The Salvation Army is committed to helping prevent homelessness in the Salt Lake City area by providing critical emergency assistance to individuals and families facing financial hardship. Our programs are designed to meet immediate needs while helping people maintain stable housing and regain self-sufficiency.

During the last year these services include our **Client-Choice Food Pantry**, which provided **14,263 grocery orders** to families and individuals; our **Utility Assistance Program**, which helped **1,158 families** with \$220,308 worth of past-due utility bills; our **Family Meal Program**, which served **18,265 hot meals** to in need families with children; and our **Emergency Assistance Fund**, which offers flexible financial assistances to help people in a crisis to remain stable and avoid homelessness.

Last year alone, The Salvation Army provided **\$33,959** in direct emergency assistance to help individuals and families avoid housing instability.

Your compassion helps provide a vital safety net for those facing difficult circumstances, giving families the support they need to remain in their homes and move toward a more stable future.

Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to strengthening our community.

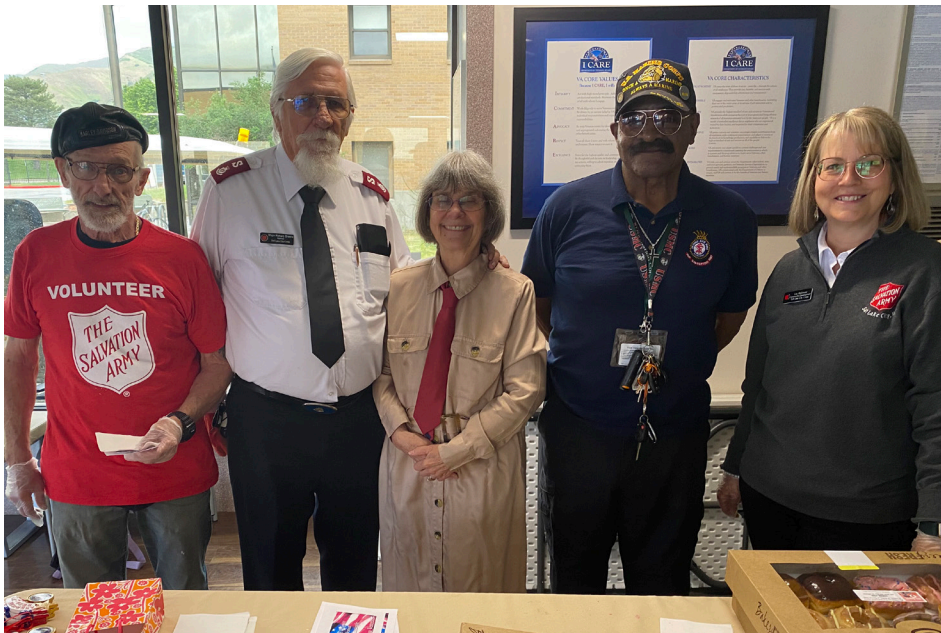
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SLC CORPS COMMANDING OFFICERS, MAJORS KEITH & ROBIN BOTTJEN

NATIONAL SALVATION ARMY WEEK

We proudly kicked off **National Salvation Army Week, May 10–16, 2026**, with a live FOX 13 News broadcast from the Salt Lake City Corps, celebrating the mission and impact of The Salvation Army across Utah. Representatives from Salt Lake City, Ogden, St. George, and Provo came together to share inspiring stories of hope and transformation, demonstrating how communities are changed when people unite to serve others.

The broadcast was a wonderful opportunity to remind viewers that The Salvation Army’s ministry extends far beyond the familiar Red Kettles and bell ringers of the Christmas season. Every day of the year, we provide food, shelter, financial assistance, disaster relief, youth programs, and compassionate care to individuals and families facing life’s greatest challenges.

National Salvation Army Week served as a powerful reminder that hope is made possible through the generosity of our donors, the dedication of our volunteers, and the unwavering commitment of our staff. Together, we are transforming lives, strengthening families, and building brighter futures—one person, one family, and one community at a time.



NATIONAL DONUT DAY JUNE 5TH

In celebration of National Donut Day, The Salvation Army was honored to provide free donuts to veterans and their families at the VA Hospital and to area EMS First Responders.

The tradition began in 1917 when Salvation Army volunteers, affectionately known as the “Donut Lassies,” served fresh donuts and offered comfort, encouragement, and a taste of home to American troops serving on the front lines in France during World War I.

Today, National Donut Day honors their legacy of compassion and service while reminding us of The Salvation Army’s ongoing commitment to caring for our neighbors. We were grateful for the opportunity to share this meaningful tradition with the men and women who have served our country and to express our appreciation for their sacrifice.

3rd ANNUAL RED SHIELD GALA

Our 3rd Annual Red Shield Gala was held on May 12, 2026, at the Viridian Event Center in West Jordan. The evening brought together board members, community leaders, business partners, volunteers, and supporters to celebrate the life-changing impact of The Salvation Army throughout Salt Lake County.

KUTV News Anchor Jim Spiewak served as the evening’s master of ceremonies, and former Salt Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams delivered an inspiring keynote address highlighting the importance of serving our community together.



During the program, Heather Justesen was honored as Volunteer of the Year in recognition of her outstanding dedication and selfless service. The Community Impact Award was presented to Sundt Construction and its employee-owned charitable partner, the Sundt Construction Foundation, for their generous support in demolishing four long-vacant buildings on The Salvation Army’s property at the corner of 400 South and 900 West in Salt Lake City. This transformational project represents an important investment in the future of our campus and the community we serve.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who attended, donated auction items, sponsored the event, and helped make the evening such a success. Because of the generosity of our supporters, proceeds from the Red Shield Gala will provide critical emergency financial assistance to individuals and families facing hardship throughout Salt Lake County.



THANK YOU DELOITTE VOLUNTEERS

A heartfelt thank you to Deloitte and its incredible team of volunteers for giving our playground a much-needed facelift! Their hard work and generosity have created a refreshed, welcoming space that will bring joy to the many children and families who visit our Salt Lake City Corps throughout the year.

Volunteers like these make a lasting impact on our community, and we are always looking for individuals, groups, and corporate teams who want to serve alongside us. Whether it’s helping coordinate our weekly food pantry, assisting with special projects, or supporting community events, there are many meaningful ways to get involved.

If your company, organization, or group is interested in volunteering, please contact Paula at 801-988-4204 to learn more and schedule a service opportunity. We would love to partner with you as we continue serving our neighbors in need.

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