



DOING THE MOST GOOD[®] *even in a pandemic*

2020 DeKalb Corps Community Center Annual Report



The Salvation Army's mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

The phrase “meet human needs” took on a whole new meaning and intensity in 2020. As the pandemic dawned, the needs in our communities changed – and grew exponentially. Suddenly our neighbors needed PPE, emergency deliveries of groceries, spiritual and emotional care, and help paying their rent as COVID-19 took away jobs and paychecks.

As requests for help skyrocketed throughout DeKalb County, we were only able to meet those needs thanks to our faithful donors. In a year of unprecedented need, you enabled us to keep Doing the Most Good.



Dear friends:

The Salvation Army of DeKalb had a great 2020 thanks to the support of the community and the thousands of hours given by our volunteers. We helped many people stay in their housing, feed their families, and receive spiritual guidance and direction. **We are proud to say we never closed our operations completely despite the global pandemic.**

Many aspects of our ministry and programming had to change due to COVID-19 restrictions. We changed our food pantry to be drive-up in a time when personal contact needed to be at a minimum. We kept our class size small in our after-school program.

Even with these limitations, our fundraising at Christmas was the best it as been in many years thanks to your support! And we had more volunteers giving us many hours of service and raising funds to see our operations into 2021.

While our programs have shifted due the pandemic, our hope is to Do the Most Good with every dollar and gift-in-kind entrusted to us by the community. Our staff have done phone and online interviews to ensure people get signed up for our social services. We assisted almost 400 people with rent and utility assistance in a year when many people were out of work.

This kind of help was possible thanks to more than \$177,000 in assistance from both private donations and grants. **We are so thankful that DeKalb County businesses, people, and students continue to step up and support our work here in DeKalb.**

As we move into 2021 we are going to continue to expand programs and services to the community. We will be adding a feeding program and serve hot meals from our building five nights a week. We ask that you consider giving your time and money to see that these programs continue to impact our neighbors in need here in DeKalb.



With Gratitude,
Major Angie and Captain Stephen Hansen

DOING THE MOST to adapt our programs

When COVID-19 struck, we adapted our programs to keep everyone safe

While many of our programs were cancelled out of an abundance of caution, those we could maintain safely quickly changed format. For example, instead of “shopping” for items they want, food pantry clients pull up to the curb, where a box of food is placed in their trunk or backseat. Despite the challenges, we found creative ways to keep safely serving our neighbors in need.



A NEW LIFE

When COVID-19 caused their business to go under, Alexandria and her husband Oscar, along with their three sons (ages 7, 5, and 1), moved to Illinois to be near Oscar’s dad. The couple also decided to get clean with this new start.

But they got in an accident on the way, and officials took the kids away from their detoxing parents. DCFS said the boys could stay with their grandpa, but their parents couldn’t live under the same roof. Meaning Alexandria and Oscar were now homeless.

When they went to The Salvation Army of DeKalb, a caseworker got them into a one-room apartment

and referred them to an organization that helped them get jobs. The couple also frequent the food pantry and received Christmas gifts for their sons.

Alexandria and Oscar entered an outpatient rehab program and are close to 100 days clean. They’re on track to get their boys back in Spring of 2021.

“The Salvation Army means so very much to us,” Alexandria said. “When we had nobody, they helped us. They were kind enough to provide us a place to call home. The Salvation Army meant a new life.”

DEKALB CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER service by the numbers



HUNGER & NUTRITION



8,450
food boxes
distributed



28,950
individuals
fed



MAKING HOLIDAYS BRIGHT



710
Christmas
food boxes
distributed

2,344
children received
Christmas gifts

11,500
toys distributed



THANKSGIVING ASSISTANCE



675
food boxes
distributed



EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE



\$128,000
provided in rent,
mortgage, and utility
grants

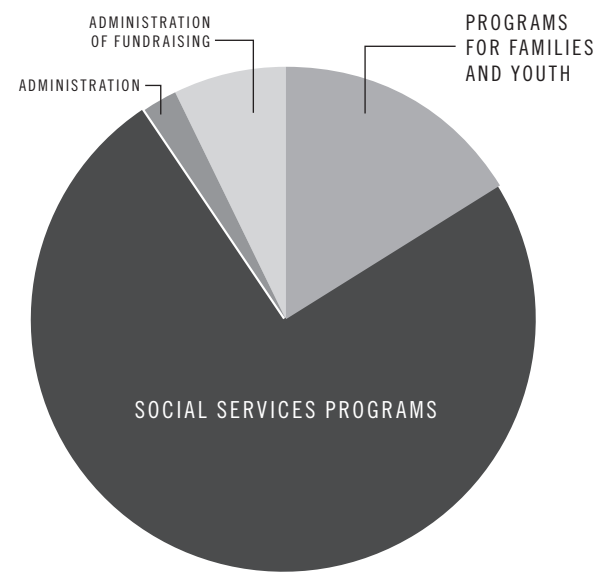


398
families received aid,
keeping them in
their homes



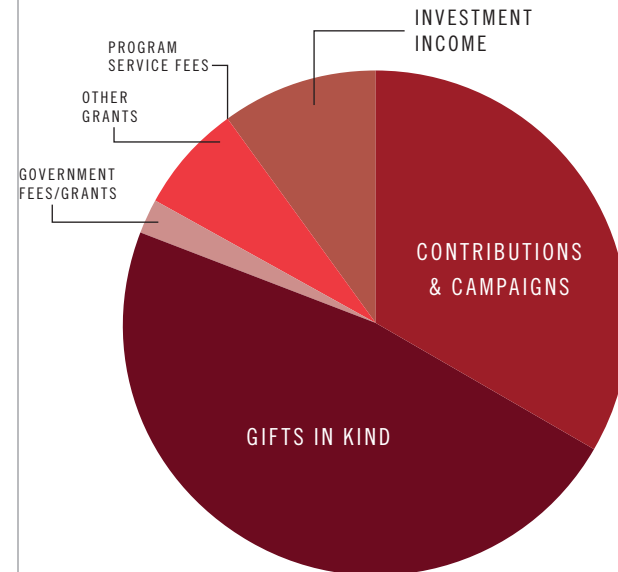
2020 ANNUAL REPORT FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(UNAUDITED FIGURES)



EXPENSES

Programs for Families and Youth	213,542
Social Services Programs	974,297
Administration	31,472
Administration of Fundraising	91,411
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$1,310,724



REVENUE

Contributions & Campaigns	450,766
Gifts in Kind	645,435
Government Fees/Grants	29,041
Other Grants	94,197
Program Service Fees	738
Investment Income	131,516
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,351,695

thank you

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To learn more or to make a donation, please visit salarmydekalb.org.

DEKALB CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER

PROGRAMS

After-School Program
Red Shield Fine Arts Academy
Pathway of Hope
Emergency Assistance Office
Food Pantry
Summer Camp

For a complete list of services and a schedule of programs at the DeKalb Corps Community Center, go to salarmydekalb.org and click on "services" or call 815.756.4308.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The DeKalb Corps Community Center is also a part of **The Salvation Army Metropolitan Division**, which offers additional services in this region, including:

A Homeless Shelter
A Senior Residence
Childcare Centers
An Emergency Disaster Services Center
A Federally Funded Halfway House
A Substance Use Disorder Assessment and Response Center
An Emergency Homeless Assessment and Rapid-Response Center
An Anti-Human-Trafficking Program
A Camp and Conference Center

Go to salarmychicago.org for additional information on these programs.

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DOING THE MOST *to fulfill our mission*

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the Universal Christian Church. Our message is based on the Bible. Our ministry is motivated by the love of God. Our mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and meet human needs in His name without discrimination.



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