STERLING - ROCK FALLS IL 2024 IMPACT REPORT - LT. JESSICA TOSH

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OVER 6,700 PEOPLE SERVED





DOING THE MOST GOOD

1,114

People Received Personal Goods & Supplies FOOD PANTRY

4,953

Individuals Benefited

465

People Received Utility Assistance

45

People Received Housing Assistance

PATHWAY OF HOPE

23 Cases Managed

23 Families Served

9 Families Graduated



ANGEL TREE

322 Children Served

1,288 Toys Distributed

966 Cloting Items Distributed

LOVE BEYOND EMPTY PANTRIES

"I've never been to a food pantry before . . . " a sentiment being shared in our food pantry every day. With the continuing impact of the rising costs of basic needs, families are facing new challenges, including how to keep food on the table. One out of 12 Illinois residents, including 1 in 9 children, struggle with hunger and local food banks have seen a 30% increase in demand in recent months. When a family in our community suddenly faces the crisis of food insecurity, The Salvation Army is there. By supplying free fresh produce, canned goods, and healthy frozen items, our food pantry provides valuable meal supplementation while helping those in need maintain their independence and dignity. The Salvation Army is committed to the fight against hunger.



'For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you come to visit me'.

Matthew 25:35-37





In December, The Salvation Army received a call from a young woman who had recently become the guardian to her little brother. Lacking the resources for both Christmas presents and enough food, The Salvation Army not only was able to provide her the exact presents her brother requested, but also a food box with enough food to last them several weeks. Additionally, The Salvation Army provided her information about their perishable goods pantry and other food assistance programs in the community for her ongoing needs.

LOVE BEYOND HOMELESSNESS

Nancy an elderly woman moving from shelter to shelter burdened, afraid and frustrated with her reality met Nikki a Salvation Army Case Manager. Nancy wanted to better her situation by finding a place of her own. After visiting with Nikki, they determined that she was a good candidate for the Emergency Transitional Housing Program and through a partnership with the Housing Authority she now has been accepted into housing and has a place of her own. The Salvation Army was able to help with her deposit and first months rent. After 2 months Nancy has furnished her home and is confident, happy and thriving.









