

### **ELKHART CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER**

The family unit is the most viable group children have access to. With life's burdens, sometimes families are broken, worn down, and in need. The Salvation Army is committed to empowering the family through weekly engagement opportunities. Each week, families gather for Worship services, Bible study and small group activities.

### **OLDER ADULT ENGAGEMENT**

The older adult population makes up a significant portion of our community. We are committed to providing a safe and engaging environment. Several times throughout the week older adults gather as a community to connect, maintain recreation, education, socialization and wellness. A free nutritious meal is also provided to them daily.

#### RESPONDING TO FOOD INSECURITY

Access to food is the most basic need. Families should not have to decide between paying the rent and putting food on the table. Through the food pantry at the corps, families have access to shelf stable groceries three days a week. The food given out is meant to help individuals and family in need maintain regular access to food and allow them to utilize their income to meet other basic needs. No family should have to go without food on their table.

### **BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY**

The Pathway of Hope program mentors families teaching life skills and helping to set goals for housing, employment, budgeting, education, and transportation to break generational poverty. The goal is to move from crisis to sufficiency. This is the "teach a person to fish" component of our mission.

### **EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES**

Mobilizes officers, employees, volunteers and mobile food trucks to provide emergency services to victims and first responders on a local, regional and national level. Provides spiritual and emotional counseling, emergency shelter, food, water and financial assistance at crucial moments.

### RESPONDING TO FINANCIAL CRISIS

Families that have unforeseen circumstances sometimes need help to pay for their next bill. Without immediate assistance, the bill can become past due and create a long-term financial constraint for families. To help alleviate the financial and emotional burden of not being able to pay rent or utilities, The Salvation Army offers emergency assistance to those living in Elkhart, LaGrange, and Steuben counties.





41,621 NUTRITIOUS MEALS & GROCERIES PROVIDED



8,801
INDIVIDUALS
PROVIDED BASIC
SOCIAL SERVICES



3,529 Individuals Served at Christmas



4,568
CLOTHING &
PERSONAL ITEMS
DISTRIBUTED



**7,389** Worship & faith Building Experiences



3,960 Volunteer Hours

# STORY OF HOPE

In 1989, after struggling for many years with a serious drug and alcohol addiction, when David was ready for help, he reached out to The Salvation Army. The Salvation Army's Residential treatment programs were a life saver for David. He said, "they took me off the streets and got me clean". He was able to graduate from the program, and stay sober.

After 30 years of sobriety, David found his way back to The Salvation Army and started attending Sunday services at the Elkhart Corps. David loved The Salvation Army of Elkhart and felt a strong passion for their mission and programs. Now, as a member, he teaches Sunday School, volunteers, and is a faithful member of their Prime Timers senior citizens program.

Through the Elkhart corps, David is able to give back to The Salvation Army and serve others the way he was served. David believes in the power of God's work through The Salvation Army because he has seen it firsthand.



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