

# THE SALVATION ARMY LA PORTE, IN

## PROGRAMS & SERVICES



DOING THE  
MOST GOOD®

### CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER

Provides emergency assistance for LaPorte County families facing economic challenges. Christmas Angel Tree provides toys, clothing, and food for children. Partnerships provide school supplies. Weekend bagged meals for school kids serving 750 weekly. Weekly worship services, youth, adult and senior programs.

### BACKPACK FOOD FOR KIDS

Provides school aged children in most of LaPorte County with bagged meals for kids to take home on Fridays during the school year. Made possible through partnership with the Healthcare Foundation and United Way of Laporte. Serves 13 schools totaling 750 kids with four meals per bag every week resulting in a total of 171,000 meals provided to school aged kids. Volunteers are from local Catholic parishes, Sterno Delivery, and Salvation Army members and Advisory Board.

### EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES

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

### ADDICTION SERVICES

Provides resources, referrals, and transportation for people seeking residential addiction treatment services that include counseling, spiritual guidance, and life skills to avoid relapse. The Harbor Light Center is state certified with the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction. Other treatment programs include the Adult Rehabilitation Centers in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.

### HIDDEN FALLS CAMP

700-acre camp near Bedford. Nature trails, indoor pool, fishing, challenge course, archery range and high-quality log cabins. Over 400 kids and senior adults from across Indiana participate every summer in various five-day camps (STEAM, art, music, and age-specific camps), focusing on the body, mind, and spirit.

### BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

The Pathway of Hope program mentors families by 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.



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**312,393**  
NUTRITIOUS MEALS  
& GROCERIES  
PROVIDED



**6,208**  
PERSONAL HYGIENE  
KITS PROVIDED



**29,036**  
CHRISTMAS  
CLOTHING  
& TOYS FOR KIDS



**26,915**  
PERSONS PROVIDED  
BASIC SOCIAL SERVICES



**4,499**  
WORSHIP & FAITH  
BUILDING  
EXPERIENCES



**5,323**  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS

## STORY OF HOPE

"The weekend backpack ministry meets a real need without judgement," said Keith, one of La Porte's loyal backpack program volunteers. Because of the hard work of 8-10 volunteers each week, the Salvation Army gets to distribute over 700 backpacks to children in need across 13 schools in La Porte County. The backpack program encourages better school attendance on Mondays and Fridays because the food gives kids and families an extra reason to be at school on those days. Each backpack provides 6 nutritious meals for children whose families cannot afford to feed them over the weekend when they do not get to receive school lunches.

The school board sees the impact of this backpack program every week in their vulnerable children. A member of the school board administration explained "The Salvation Army Backpack Program is a crucial resource for La Porte students and their families. This program guarantees that our students have access to nutritious food over the weekend, supporting their well-being and readiness to learn. We are sincerely grateful for the Salvation Army's dedication to caring for our community and helping our students thrive in and out of the classroom."



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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.



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