



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

2020 Aurora 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 Aurora and the surrounding area, 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:

Throughout 2020, our community faced unprecedented needs. Many people had to seek help for the first time in their life due to the difficult realities of COVID-19.

We heard many heartbreaking stories, such as the woman who lost her husband after a lifetime together who is now facing emotional *and* economic hardship. Parents struggling to make ends meet after a reduction in work hours due to the pandemic and the heartbreak of a house fire. A family dealing with the long-term consequences of a broken water pipe they couldn't afford to fix due to the financial strain of COVID-19.

When these neighbors came to us, we were grateful for the opportunity to not only provide help, but also living hope. We continued to serve those in need thanks to the generosity of our community, who supported our ministry by giving their time and resources while observing the guidelines to remain safe on the frontlines.

Even though we are facing new challenges, we have found new ways to continue serving. The availability of media and other means of communication have allowed us to continue the ministry while observing social-distancing regulations. We have used technology as a new way to communicate and to continue to engage our community.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary says that a mission is “a task or job that one is given to do.” It can be said that our mission is to contribute to God's purposes for the world.

We at The Salvation Army Aurora Corps invite you to be part of our mission. We are at a new location but have the same passion and purpose to serve our neighbors in need. With your partnership, we can continue to live out our mission to Do the Most Good throughout the Aurora area.



With gratitude,
Captains Joaquin and Gaby Rangel

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. 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.



PERFECT TIMING

John’s wife, Chrisann, was one of the first Aurora residents to get diagnosed with COVID-19. “It wreaked havoc on her body,” he said. While she went to the intensive care unit, John went into quarantine.

When Chrisann was finally over the worst of it, John was given only 24 hours’ notice that she would be returning home. Still in quarantine, he wasn’t supposed to go to the store to buy food or other supplies, which they desperately needed, and they had no family nearby to help. “I was lost,” John said.

Thankfully, that’s when the Aurora Salvation Army Captains called. Unbeknownst to him, John’s sister, who works for the Army in Iowa, had connections with the officers in Aurora, who were happy to help.

Two hours after Chrisann arrived home, the officers left a box of food, medical supplies, and cleaning products on their doorstep. “It moved me and my daughter to tears,” John said.

It took Chrisann – and John, who got the virus too – weeks to recover. As they did, they occasionally received a call from their new friends at the Aurora corps, checking to see if they needed anything.

“I’m so grateful for The Salvation Army stepping up when I was lost,” John said, choking up. “I’ll never forget it.”

AURORA CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER service by the numbers



FOOD & NUTRITION



7,761
households served
by our food pantry



1,100
households received
food baskets



MAKING HOLIDAYS BRIGHT



2,686
children received
Christmas presents

990
families participated
in our Angel Tree
program

17,470
toys distributed

13,116
items of clothing
given

\$15,000
in gift cards
distributed



EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE



175%
increase in housing
assistance provided
compared to last year

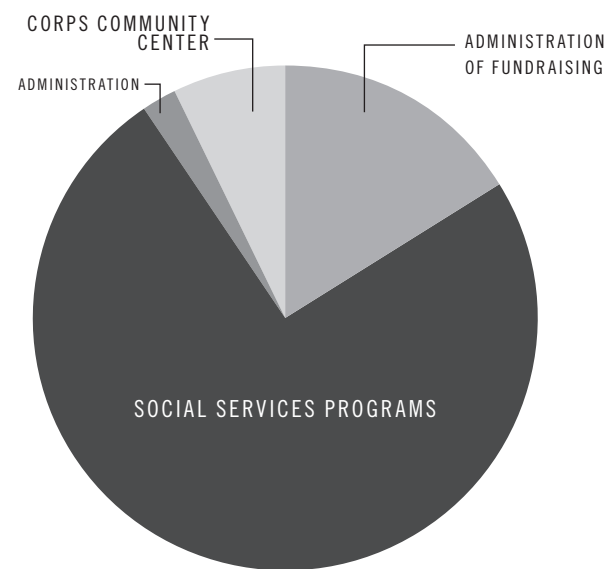


100%
increase in utility
assistance provided
compared to last year



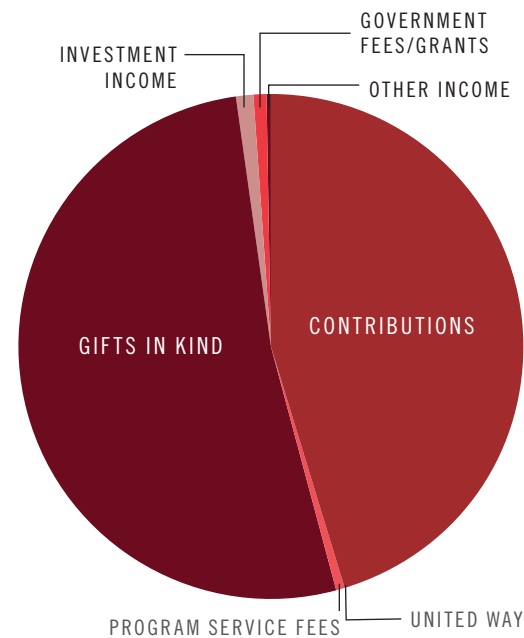
2020 ANNUAL REPORT FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(UNAUDITED FIGURES)



EXPENSES

Corps Community Center	123,769
Social Services Programs	872,913
Administration	25,574
Administration of Fundraising	253,027
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$1,275,285



REVENUE

Contributions	547,007
Gifts in Kind	613,240
Government Fees/Grants	27,065
Program Service Fees	3,945
United Way	398
Investment Income	123,859
Other Income	2,683
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,318,198

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AURORA CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER

SALVATION ARMY METROPOLITAN DIVISION SERVICES

The Aurora Corps Community Center is part of The Salvation Army Metropolitan Division, which offers additional services in this region, including those listed below.

Many of these programs were suspended for a time during 2020 to keep our clients and staff safe during the pandemic.

BODY

Food Pantries	Emergency Disaster Services
Holiday Meals	Substance Use Disorder (clinical & work therapy)
Family Shelters	Health & Wellness
Senior Apartments	Sports & Recreation
Clothing Assistance	Homeless Outreach
Rent/Mortgage/Utility Assistance	

MIND

Head Start	After-School Support
Music & Arts Programs	Camp
Job Training	Violence Prevention
Character Building	Anti-Trafficking
Life Coaching & Counseling	

SPIRIT

Worship	Men's & Women's Ministries
Pastoral Care & Counseling	Bible Studies
Retreats	Sunday School
Fellowship	

For a complete list of services and a schedule of programs at the Aurora Corps Community Center, go to salarmyaurora.org and click on "services" or call 630.897.7265.

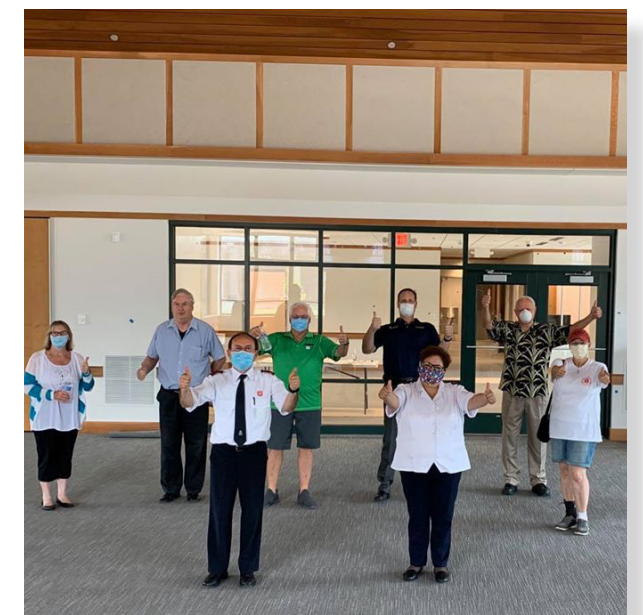
CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF

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Bookkeeper





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