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2025



Lts. Paul and Gloria Park
Corps Officers

For over 160 years, The Salvation Army has lived out its mission of Doing the Most Good. As part of the nation's largest social service provider, The Salvation Army in McHenry County continues to walk alongside neighbors in their toughest moments — from stocking our food pantry to providing toys for children at Christmas. This year, we've seen demand for these services rise by at least 50%, stretching our ability to meet the needs of our community.

Your support has been instrumental in helping us meet our community's needs through times of both triumph and challenge. Today, I'm writing to ask for your personal investment in a cause that reflects everything we've built together right here in McHenry County.

To learn more about our work or
to give visit:
SalArmyCL.org

OUR IMPACT IN MCHENRY COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS US RUN OVER
15 PROGRAMS IN MCHENRY COUNTY.



6,076

Individual Neighbors Served



852

Backpacks Distributed



102

Christmas Meals Served



5,236

Gifts and Toys Provided

Behind every number is a story of transformation made possible by donors like you.
Flip the page to meet two families whose lives were changed through Pathway of Hope.

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THE NEED IS GREAT IN MCHENRY COUNTY

Poverty

- Approximately **19,700 McHenry County** residents live in poverty.
- Nearly **1,700 seniors** age 65 and older are living below the poverty line.
- Rising costs for housing, utilities, food, and healthcare are placing increased pressure on older adults living on fixed incomes.
- Reductions in emergency assistance programs have left fewer resources available for households facing a housing or utility crisis.
- 8.2% of children in McHenry County live under the poverty line.

Food Insecurity

- Approximately **29,800 McHenry County** residents face food insecurity.
- About 50% of food-insecure residents earn too much to qualify for SNAP benefits but still struggle to afford groceries.
- Rising food costs continue to force many families, seniors, and children to make difficult choices between food and other

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

**Whether you'd like to give, volunteer, or
learn more about our programs, contact:**

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or visit:

SalArmyCL.org

To give today, scan:

