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Giving Hope Today

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
 His love endures forever.
 1 Chronicles 16:34 (NIV)

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Message from our Divisional Leaders



Lieut-Colonel Shawn Critch, Divisional Commander
Lieut-Colonel Brenda Critch, Divisional Secretary for Spiritual Life Development

We are privileged to present this Annual Report of The Salvation Army's work in Ontario on behalf of the Divisional Executive Board.

For over 140 years it has been the privilege of The Salvation Army to be in service to individuals, families, and communities across Ontario. Today, our commitment is as strong as ever as we seek to live our mission of sharing the love of Jesus Christ, meeting human need and being a transforming influence in community.

We are grateful for the stories that shape this Annual Report. These stories rise from the dedication and commitment of our team across the province who believe in the mission and vision of The Salvation Army. Sharing these deeply personal stories helps put a human face to hardship, injustice, and marginalization, while also igniting hope.

Together we strive for a better future and a stronger community where values of hope and dignity are evident for all. It is our privilege to connect partners and generous donors with causes that you care about by aligning your personal values with our core mission. We continually strive to be a catalyst for transforming communities today with the understanding that we are also influencing future generations through intentional engagement, effective collaboration, and visionary leadership.

We remain truly grateful to have your confidence in our resolve to be Giving Hope Today!

May God bless you.

Mission

The Salvation Army exists to share the love of Jesus Christ, meet human needs and be a transforming influence in the communities of our world.

Vision Statement

We are an innovative partner, mobilized to share hope wherever there is hardship, building communities that are just and know the love of Jesus.

Values

- Hope:** We give hope through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Service:** We reach out to support others without discrimination.
- Dignity:** We respect and value each other, recognizing everyone's worth.
- Stewardship:** We responsibly manage the resources entrusted to us.



Giving Hope Today

Housing & Homeless Supports



Your Support in Action



13,000
people were helped in night patrol, rescue and suicide prevention



I'm really glad to have this place. I was couch surfing before and here I am, happy to be alive. The Salvation Army will always be there for you.

**Alex, Resident
Hope Haven a Way Forward
The Salvation Army in Kirkland Lake**

Life-changing emergency shelter services:

- Housing connections and advocacy
- Case management
- Referrals to community-based resources (medical, mental health, long-term support and other services)
- Substance use recovery supports
- Housing follow up support
- Spiritual and religious care
- Computer access
- Accompaniment to appointments with social workers, legal officials and doctors

The Salvation Army Sutton Youth Shelter is committed to strengthening youth experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness, and their families.

Services include:

- Educational programs
- Transitional housing supports
- Anger management referrals
- Mental health/addiction referrals
- Employment support
- Advocacy
- Support groups
- Life skills
- Case management (youth set own goals)
- Crisis intervention

The Salvation Army Honeychurch Family Life Resource Centre Provides Hope for Women & Children Fleeing Domestic Violence

"I was at a point where I didn't believe in myself; I didn't believe I could accomplish anything. The Salvation Army changed my life for the better," said Nikara.

Nikara is a client at The Salvation Army Honeychurch Family Life Resource Centre in Brampton, an emergency shelter which supports women and children fleeing domestic violence.

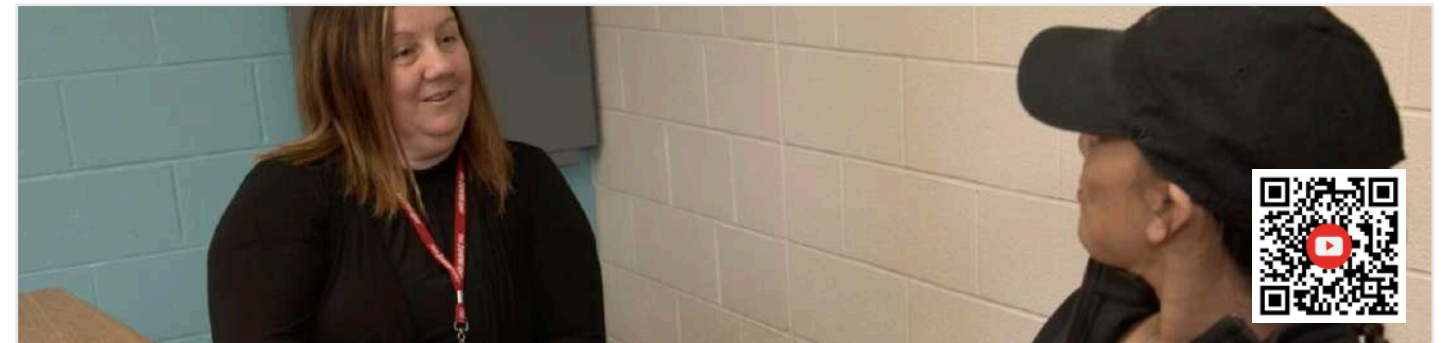
"I had a supportive group of women who just wanted me to do better, without wanting anything from me. I am grateful for that, and I am going to be forever grateful," she said.

The Salvation Army Honeychurch Family Life Resource Centre offers counselling services, legal services, counselling for children

and child and youth support, as well as housing and outreach services.

"When I have a conversation with a mom, the first thing I say to them is 'I could be you, and you could be me very easily.' Whatever decisions they make I'm not here to judge them I am here to support them," said Linda Fleming, Children's Counsellor at Honeychurch.

"The women I speak to often don't remember what was said to them, but they remember how they felt. How we treat people and how we give a piece of ourselves to that person are the things that matter most - more than anything else."



A handwritten sign on client Jacklyn Knight's wall reads, "I am confident, and I am happy."

The Salvation Army London Centre of Hope's Recovery Community Centre brings people who are at the lowest in their battle with addiction, and lifts them up in an environment filled with support and positivity.

"I found independence here. When I came here, I was finally able to make my own decisions and really strive to be better," Jacklyn says.

"The Recovery Community Centre offers very unique programming. Someone who needs extra support can go from withdrawal management and move into the Recovery Community Centre and access essential services to help support them in their journey of recovery. They can be there for up to four years if they want to recover from addiction," says Jon DeActis, Executive Director, The Salvation Army Centre of Hope.



The Salvation Army Ottawa Booth Centre's Outreach Services team doesn't stop just because the weather is bad. It is even more important that we are out during poor weather conditions.

**Street Outreach and Housing Services Worker
The Salvation Army Ottawa Booth Centre**

The Salvation Army Ottawa Booth Centre's Outreach Services

- Transportation to safe shelter or medical facilities
- Referrals to Salvation Army programs and community partner agency services (food banks, meal programs, housing services, clothing, employment centres, mental health services)
- Winter clothing and sleeping bags
- Summer clothing, hats, sunscreen and water
- Daily wellness checks



Redwood Park Communities and The Salvation Army: Changing Lives with Supportive Housing

The Salvation Army has partnered with Redwood Park Communities on the building of a Family Short-Term Supportive Housing Centre in Barrie.

Constructed on The Salvation Army Barrie Citadel property, the new multi-million dollar project will be a two-storey building with 12 fully furnished, two bedroom apartments for families in crisis.

Families living in the short-term housing units will be supported by The Salvation Army. Common spaces in the 14,000 square foot building include a great room, commercial kitchen, and large stone fireplace. This will be a place where people can rebuild their lives and make the transition from homelessness and marginalization to stable housing with meaningful community engagement.

Housing Construction Projects

- Family Short-Term Supportive Housing Centre (Barrie)
- The Salvation Army Centre of Hope (Ottawa)
- The Salvation Army Florence Booth House (Toronto)



I lost my two boys and I lost everything. I found this place and I've never felt more safe. I've gone to school and I'm so proud.

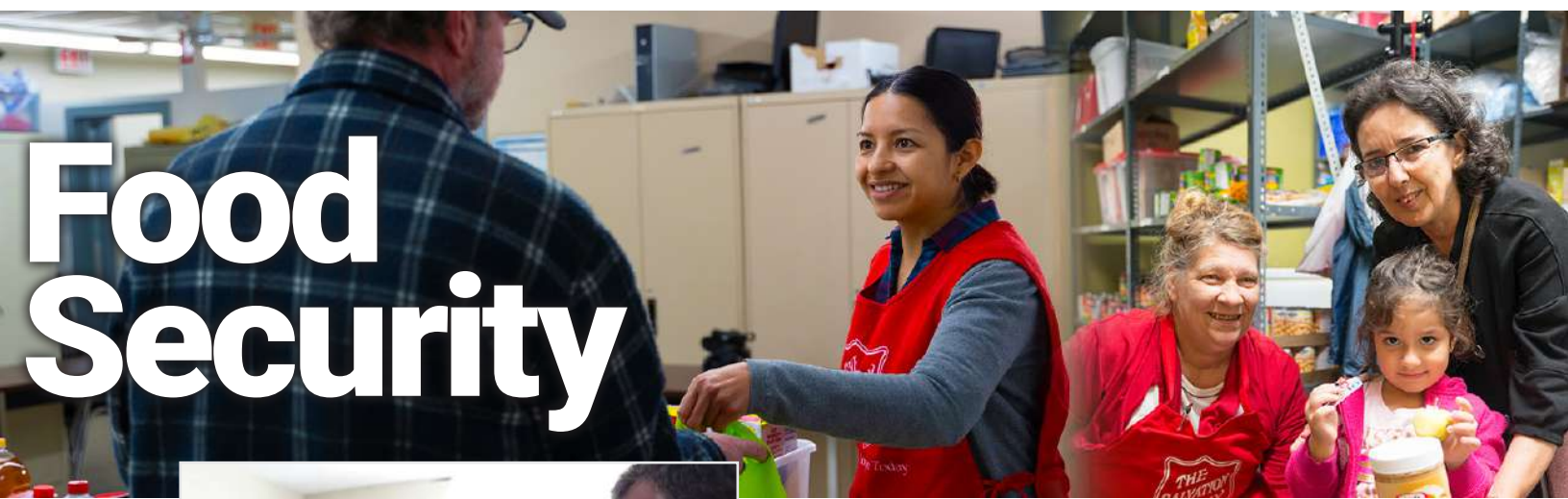
**Ruby, Client
The Salvation Army Sudbury Cedar Place**



Your Support in Action



**7,200
people were referred for housing**



Food Security



If it wasn't for this program I would be doing without a lot of groceries. The Salvation Army has saved me. This is a fantastic program – I love it.

**Lois, Client
Mobile Food Outreach Program
The Salvation Army Sault Ste. Marie**

Your Support in Action



1.5 Million
free meals served at emergency shelters & in feeding programs



2,800
people were helped with cooking & nutrition programs

Bringing Hope to Seniors in Sault Ste. Marie

- Every month The Salvation Army in Sault Ste. Marie assists as many as 2,800 clients through a variety of programs supporting individuals and families looking for basic necessities.
- In Sault Ste. Marie, 51 per cent of Salvation Army clients are seniors.



Vulnerable children in the Huntsville area will have full bellies and be able to focus on school thanks to the Healthy Lunch Box program delivered by The Salvation Army Huntsville Community Church.

“Once a month we put together a mix of purchased and donated perishable and non-perishable items. The Healthy Lunch Box is beneficial on so many levels; it provides nourishment to children who may not be getting enough food at home because of factors beyond their control. Also, by having access to meals, children can be themselves, enjoy school and playtime with their peers and not feel hungry,” said Major Neil Evenden, Community Ministry Officer with The Salvation Army Huntsville Community Church.

Every month, 40 to 60 children receive lunch items, which are prepared and packed by church staff and mission partners.



Providing Hope, One Meal at a Time

Nutritious meals are delivered to vulnerable community members through The Salvation Army's Mobile Food Outreach program in Cobourg and Port Hope. This essential food security program started three years ago to meet the needs of individuals who are homeless, are unable to cook for themselves, or are precariously housed.

“Weekly we provide approximately 200 home cooked hot meals that are delivered by a dedicated team of staff and volunteers,” says Lisa Graham, Community and Family Services Manager with The Salvation Army in Port Hope.

“This program gives us the opportunity to talk with people and learn about other needs we may be able to assist with. We also assist clients in so many other ways that cannot be counted, such as providing a listening ear, encouragement, support or simply a shoulder to cry on,” Lisa says.

John Carson knows firsthand the difference Community Mobile Outreach makes in the lives of people in the community. “This goes a long way and with the price of food it is fabulous. The meal does go a long way with me and helps me out. It does matter a lot,” John says.



Caring for Seniors



A Journey to a Fresh Start: The Salvation Army Islington Seniors' Shelter's Impact

John, a resident at The Salvation Army Islington Seniors' Shelter, is thankful for having a roof over his head, and the chance to restart his career.

"So far this has been a good experience and I look forward to training for employment opportunities with the support of The Salvation Army. This is a positive stepping-stone for a better life for me and my son," John says.

Since having a stroke in 2016 and becoming homeless in 2022, John is confident he can still work, if given the opportunity. He's currently on a waiting list for subsidized housing in Toronto.

The Salvation Army Islington Seniors' Shelter opened in 2016 with 83 beds – 46 for men and 37 for women – which are filled every single night. In 2022, Islington staff supported 167 clients: 115 men and 52 women.

"The staff here are amazing," John says.

Our Senior Care Facilities

- Grace Manor (Ottawa)
- Eventide Home (Niagara Falls)
- Isabel and Arthur Meighen Manor (Toronto)
- Islington Seniors' Shelter (Etobicoke)



Sarnia Community Church Brings Food and Fellowship

What started out as a mobile food distribution program in Sarnia for those who are homeless or precariously housed now also supports seniors in the community.

Every Thursday night, The Salvation Army Sarnia Community Church brings its Emergency Disaster Services mobile outreach vehicle to Veterans Park and to a motel in Sarnia, to serve food and offer fellowship to individuals who are homeless. Hot meals are served to 50 to 70 people between the two locations.

Veterans Park is adjacent to two seniors' residences and the Sarnia Library.

"Meaningful relationships are being built between local seniors and those experiencing homelessness. Community residents are engaging and listening to the stories of those without housing," said Captain Brad Webster, Corps Officer at The Salvation Army Sarnia Community Church.

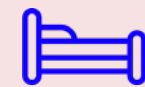
The success of the mobile feeding program among both groups of people has resulted in the senior community embracing the opportunity for ministry while nurturing the homeless population in Veterans Park.



Ottawa Grace Manor is a special place because it truly feels like home. The staff offer individualized care to each resident. The residents' family members and friends actively participate in decision making and have developed friendships at the home.

**Carrie Cunningham
Activity and Volunteer Manager
Ottawa Grace Manor**

Your Support in Action



**396
beds at Salvation
Army senior care
facilities**



**167
people supported
in 2022 at Islington
Seniors' Shelter**

Children & Youth



I've learned to respect people a lot more since I've been here. It's easy to make friends and I've learned soccer isn't about winning, it's about having fun.

Junior Jacob
The Salvation Army Yorkwoods Community Church



The experience I've had with my kids at Generations Create has been very positive and it's something we look forward to every week. It is a great opportunity for us to step out of our immediate neighbourhood and meet new friends.

Rose Patrick
The Salvation Army Agincourt Community Church

Salvation Army Summer Camps Offer Fun, Fellowship and an Outdoor Adventure for Children in Ontario.

The Salvation Army Ontario Camping Ministries gives hope to over 1,000 children every summer by providing them with an experience that will last a lifetime and many fun stories to share when September's school bell rings.

Jackson's Point Camp on the shores of Lake Simcoe north of Toronto and Newport Adventure Camp in the heart of Muskoka on beautiful Skeleton Lake, are the perfect getaways for children to make new friends and experience summer camp life, which may have been out of reach without the support of mission partners.

"My daughter had the time of her life! She made many friends and hasn't stopped talking about her week at camp. She is counting the days down for next year's

summer camp. What a great childhood memory to have," said Michelle.

During a week at camp, kids are kept busy with both learning activities and outdoor fun. Campers get to try mountain biking, high ropes courses, swimming, canoeing, kayaking and evening campfires.

Through games, stories and discussion, camp also teaches children that God loves them, has a purpose for them and that they are cared for every day.

The Salvation Army provides subsidies to families in need so every child can enjoy a wonderful childhood experience.

For more information or to register your child at Salvation Army Camps please visit www.ilovecamp.ca.

Ontario Camping Ministries (OCM) has been administering to children and youth since 1916. The camps, located on Lake Simcoe and Skeleton Lake, are visited by more than 1,000 children each summer. OCM offers the following:

- Blaze Adventure Camp
- Senior Music Camp
- Junior Music Camp
- Moms and Kids Camp
- Sports Camp
- Newport Adventure Camp



Youth in Warton have a more promising future through the Trades Start program offered at The Salvation Army Warton Community Church.

Since 2014, more than 100 young people have successfully completed the program, earning credits toward high school or General Educational Development (GED) certification.

"We have seen such transformation for all of the students who participated," said Major Mary Millar, Corps Officer at The Salvation Army Warton Community Church.

Reilly is one of the participants in the welding program, learning the different types of wires and rods to use depending on the type of material being welded.

"This program can help later in life for getting a good job that pays a lot better than most. I can prove people wrong in my family that I could get a good job," Reilly said.

In-home Learning Program for Parents Keeps Children Safe and Secure

SafeCare aims to create stronger families and brighter futures for children in Ottawa. The Salvation Army Bethany Hope Centre in-home program is for parents from ages 18-30 with children from birth to age 6.

Bringing support and guidance to new parents, SafeCare helps build a healthy and positive family dynamic that is focused on a child's development.

"SafeCare is unique because we visit the parents' home, and that is a big plus for them. They do not have to take the bus with their child and carry with them all the items a child requires," explains Carolyne Normand, Program Coordinator, and a Parent Support Worker at Bethany Hope Centre.

Parenting programs offered include Parent-Infant/Child Interaction, Home Safety and Child Health, with each module running for six weeks. Topics include: how to manage your child's difficult behaviours, ways to increase positive time with your child, how to make your home safer and how to keep your child healthy to reduce the risk of illness and injury.

"The SafeCare program has really helped us deal with a lot of personal problems, and it has been a big support for our son. It teaches a lot about patience, safety and health and it provides a lot of useful information that supports my husband and I in becoming better parents," says Carol-Anne, a program participant.

Your Support in Action



9 Families have signed up for the free SafeCare program since its start in June



Programs for Parents and Children

- The Bethany Hope Centre (Ottawa)
- Grace Haven Young Parent Resource Centre (Hamilton)
- Parent and Child Resource Centre (Waterloo)

Your Support in Action



Over 1,000 kids are sent to camp in Ontario every summer



12,000 meals were served in school breakfast programs

Children & Youth

“Snack time is my favourite because it's when I get to chat with my friends the most. We play games, and one of my favourites is Fireball. We also get creative with arts and crafts, and one week, we had a superhero theme that was super fun!”

Rebecca,
Ottawa Citadel KidsConnect Day Camp

Emergency Disaster Services



The Salvation Army Brings Storm Relief to Ajax and Uxbridge

The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services spent several critical days in Uxbridge and Ajax following the May 21, 2022 windstorm that swept across the province. A tornado was confirmed to have touched down in Uxbridge, making it one of the hardest hit areas in Ontario.

"We wanted to bring a neighbourly connection to people and to give them the space to relax and cool off during a difficult time. Often what people are

simply looking for is some practical conversation to alleviate their stress and be assured that everything will be alright," said Major Jason Sabourin, Corps Officer, The Salvation Army Hope Community Church.

Over several days, 275 meals, 400 snacks, 200 bottles of water, 60 bottles of juice, coffee and fruit were handed out to residents.



Our Community Response Units

- Belleville
- Hamilton
- Kitchener
- London
- Orangeville
- Orillia
- Oshawa
- Ottawa
- Parry Sound
- Peterborough
- Sarnia
- St. Catharines
- St. Thomas
- Thunder Bay
- Windsor
- Sudbury



Following a storm that dropped 1.5 metres of snow, The Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Services team rolled into Fort Erie to assist residents who were without power in late 2022.

The Fort Erie Leisureplex was turned into an emergency shelter where Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services staff and volunteers set up to provide food, water, and emotional and spiritual care for hundreds of residents who needed support. At peak outage, 14,000 people were without power in the community.



We've been without power and since we came to this community centre, it's been remarkable. The Salvation Army has my daughter's favourite food.

Crystal Ann Roebeck, Received support at a Salvation Army Reception Centre after the destructive windstorm in May 2022

Emergency Disaster Services Response Across Ontario



Responded to 63 natural disasters/emergencies/fires.



Served 974 people and provided 12,714 meals.



1,208 hours were worked by volunteers

Developmental Disability Programs



The Spirit is Not Disabled: Promoting Inclusivity in The Salvation Army

Major Christine Johnston is building meaningful bridges in the community with an innovative program that is barrier free and fosters inclusivity.

Presence to Participation: The Spirit is not Disabled is a training and educational program designed to engage individuals with disabilities, moving them from passive observer to active involvement in The Salvation Army. The theological and faith-based webinar series is founded on the Word of God and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

"Individuals with development disabilities or mental health challenges have great

skills and wonderful abilities, experiences and perspectives that need to be heard and they have tremendous talents to share," said Major Christine Johnston, former Chaplain and Director of Spiritual and Religious Care at Broadview Village.

The webinars are hosted by The Salvation Army Broadview Village in Toronto and feature an expert in the field of disability, and individuals with lived experience offering their insights on how to better involve those with mental health issues and developmental or physical disabilities into Salvation Army programs.

40 Years of Creative Programs at The Salvation Army Lawson Ministries

Established in 1982 by The Salvation Army in Hamilton, Lawson Ministries supports adults with dual diagnoses, including developmental disabilities like Autism Spectrum Disorders, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorders, Down Syndrome, and psychiatric conditions.



Fostering Inclusion and Empowerment: Our Developmental Disability Programs

The Salvation Army delivers socially inclusive programs and services for those with developmental disabilities and their families in an environment of hope, nurturing and caring.

Through a network of dedicated staff, our goal is to build bridges in our community and help those we support break down barriers and reach their goals. We accomplish this by establishing and maintaining residential and day program services in supportive, compassionate environments that address the personal needs of those we serve.

The concepts of love, grace, acceptance, inclusion, and dignity are central to not only our operating philosophy but also our day-to-day service delivery. We work with people to make their lives better and community is made better in return.



Empowering Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder

The Autism Support Program at The Salvation Army London Village is designed to create a fun and welcoming environment for young people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis. The program started 15 years ago to assist children and youth between the ages of 5 and 17.

London Village runs Saturday programs for participants, teenage summer day camps, a weekend overnight program, and mid-week activity night, with a focus on providing social, recreation and leisure opportunities for children with autism.

In 2022-23, the Autism program at London Village assisted about 35 families, and numbers are on the increase. All our staff have an educational background in developmental services and know how to bring out the best in each program participant.

"The way staff interact with program participants helps them be successful in the experience. We provide effective teaching and modeling to guide participants from one experience to another," says Art Mathews, Executive Director, The Salvation Army London Village.



Correctional & Justice Services

Rehabilitation and Reintegration

Correctional and Justice Services (CJS) encourages and assists all persons affected by the justice system. We support individuals with issues in the courts, institutions, or involvement with correctional services, or those with family members involved in these areas.

The Salvation Army offers clients practical support, outreach and other types of assistance to re-establish their lives productively and enable positive reintegration into community following incarceration. We strive to build stronger relationships between participants and their families, provide tools and knowledge for independent living, find solutions to better handle life situations and set realistic goals.

Corrections & Justice Services Programs Include:

- Electronic surveillance
- Compulsive shoplifting
- Addictions
- The Sex Buyer Accountability program
- Positive Lifestyle program
- Courthouse support
- Anger management
- Healthy choices
- Community reintegration support
- Client and family counselling

Changing Lives through Restorative Justice

The Salvation Army's Correctional and Justice Services (CJS) restorative justice model helps minor offenders avoid a criminal record, repair harm, and prevent reoccurring offences.

Restorative Justice is a collaborative and humanizing approach to punishment when the crime committed by young people or first offender adults is relatively minor. Discussions with the victim and the client determine a fair sanction, which can involve paying restitution, performing community service by volunteering their time with a non-profit organization, or making a charitable donation.

Since 2010, The Salvation Army Restorative Justice program in Ontario has helped negotiate workable solutions that benefit the victim, the offender, and the community. CJS has a range of programs for youth and adults who can benefit from an alternative punishment for crime, without the involvement of the Ontario court system.

"Restorative justice conferences provide an opportunity for the victim and offender to give their perspectives of the crime, its impact on them, and any lasting feelings. It gives a voice to both the victim and the offender," says Shannon de Vries, Youth Justice Coordinator in Goderich.



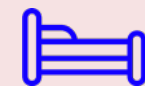
Your Support in Action



4,700
people were visited
in correctional
institutions



30,000
people were
helped with court
work



53,000
bed days were
used in remand/
probation homes

The Salvation Army is raising the awareness of the realities of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery (MSHT) in Canada.

In 2022, The Salvation Army's Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Response teams, staffed by compassionate individuals with personal experience, provided crucial support to those who have escaped difficult situations.

The Salvation Army's dedicated advocates helped 160 individuals find their way to safety. Additionally, crisis support was extended to 859 victims, provided 6,329 nights of secure housing, and empowered 446 survivors with essential life skills. The Salvation Army's unwavering commitment is to assist individuals in rebuilding their lives, preserving their dignity and self-respect along the way.

The Salvation Army's Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (MSHT) Certificate

The Salvation Army's Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (MSHT) Certificate is an online program exploring the topic of MSHT in Canada and Bermuda and its impacts. The certificate focuses on sex trafficking, labour trafficking, forced and early marriages, child trafficking, and the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Specialized topics include how MSHT affects:

- Temporary Foreign Workers
- Indigenous communities
- Boys and girls
- Men and women

Pathway of Hope



Goal Oriented, Individualized Support is Helping to Break the Cycle of Poverty

Pathway of Hope focuses on identifying and addressing root cause issues for people living in poverty. It is a high impact strengths-based case management approach to providing targeted services to people with a desire to take action to break the cycle of crisis and vulnerability.

Through Pathway of Hope, intensive individualized supports are given for participants to achieve short and long term goals. The approach has been designed for The Salvation Army and is suitable for use in several different service contexts. It is rooted in integrated mission using partnership and intentional care to build and transform community. Through dedication and focus, Pathway of Hope allows The Salvation Army to increase our impact with existing resources.



PATHWAY OF HOPE

Your Support in Action



32
Salvation Army locations that have implemented the Pathway of Hope program



183
individuals who participated in Pathway of Hope



203
hours of extensive training sessions provided



Pathway of Hope walked me through my goals, and I came out victorious. I got into college. I was so happy! It was a time in my life that I just needed that kind of support, and I got it. Pathway of Hope made me feel human. It made me feel loved.

Egobure Nnoroh
Pathway of Hope Participant
The Salvation Army Agincourt Community Church

Community Churches in Action

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”

James 1:17 (NIV)

Messy Church Program Builds Faith, Community Spirit

Once a month The Salvation Army in Belleville hosts a Messy Church program that offers fun, faith, fellowship and a meal while bringing the community together.

“When I first came to The Salvation Army I could see that some of the people looking to us for support were not able to have their spiritual needs met and this helps bridge the gap,” said Julie Purvis, Messy Church Coordinator at The Salvation Army Belleville Citadel.

The program offers the opportunity for community members to participate in arts and crafts, music, and exercise, baking, day trips to farms, and interactive

theme dinners. The Salvation Army also partners with gifted mission partners who provide free hair cuts and music.

Members also share short life testimonies or personal struggles, such as bullying or depression, so the group can offer support.

“We are always focusing on living for Jesus and on building safe, positive relationships within our community,” said Julie. “The Salvation Army is always there to support people during difficult times with emotional and spiritual care and Messy Church is one of the ways for us to reach out and build lasting relationships within the community.”



Drop-In Spiritual Café in Timmins Offers Fellowship and Prayer

A spiritual café program in Timmins helps struggling residents explore their faith while connecting them to life-changing services.



Sunshine Club Provides Fellowship and Fun for Seniors

Elanor knows firsthand the transformational experiences that comes with being part of The Salvation Army Barrhaven Church's Sunshine Club.

“They are a friendly and active group. We all worship the same God and Jesus and I feel at home with them,” said Eleanor, who has been attending the community program for the past 10 years.

Founded in 1971, The Salvation Army Sunshine Club in Ottawa was created for those over the age of 50 to come together for fellowship, food, spiritual wellness and fun. The group of about 50 seniors gather

every two weeks for various activities, including crafts, games, music and conversation. Special guests are invited to share information on business, careers, health and safety, art, music and so much more.

Marlene has been part of the Sunshine Club for nearly 15 years and the seniors program helps her overcome isolation.

“I enjoy coming to the Sunshine Club for the fellowship. It gets me out of the house and the meetups are really the only time I go out. This summer we have a trip to Merrickville coming up and I'm looking forward to that.”

Building Relationships Through Faith

With 87 community churches active across Ontario, The Salvation Army provides faith-based programming with heart-felt worship, honest friendships, constant prayer and compassionate care for those in need. The churches are a place to build relationships with people who care and a place to belong to a community of faith.

Programs include:

- Alpha program
- Messy Church
- Spiritual Café
- Children & Youth Ministries
- Peacemakers
- Doing Life Together
- Music programs
- Seniors' Ministries



Our Thrift Stores

Through our Thrift Stores we offer savings on gently used clothing and household items, while supporting Salvation Army programs, services and emergency relief efforts.

By shopping and donating at a Salvation Army Thrift Store, you are making a direct impact on our environment by helping to reduce, reuse, and recycle. We welcome your donations of gently used items at any of our Thrift Store Welcome Centres.

Your Support in Action



As of December 31, 2022, The Salvation Army Ontario Division operated 42 Thrift Stores run by Churches or Social Services

Mission Partners

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us, your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)



I enjoy making new friends, learning new skills, and helping others by putting a smile on their face. I feel I am making a difference in my community.

Matthew Allen
Mission Partner
The Salvation Army



Christmas is a time to give back to our community and to the people who really need it. It doesn't have to be toys. Sometimes you just need a nice meal to have on Christmas Day and The Salvation Army is there for that.

Frank Stechey
Mission Partner
The Salvation Army

Uplifting Spirits, Providing Smiles with Dazzling Hairstyles

For those who perhaps can't afford a haircut or are unable to visit a salon, The Salvation Army Kemptville Church came up with a cutting-edge solution: a free community hair clinic for food bank clients.

Vincent Walsh from Spa Garage Salon was the first stylist to volunteer his time to the clinic, which is more than just about cutting hair both for him and the client. Many of the clients he sees are people who have

never had their hair professionally styled.

"It is a powerful experience to do that for the first time. There is an enormous surge of energy that comes off of people that are receiving a gift. I didn't realize how much power it had to change them," Vincent explains. "This gives people who are not able to afford it the opportunity to pamper themselves and to feel better about life."

Anyone can be a mission partner! Learn how you can make a difference in your community.

SalvationArmy.ca/volunteer

Your Support in Action



300,000
volunteer hours
provided



Shelley and Sonny bring smiles to seniors' faces every Monday at The Salvation Army Isabel and Arthur Meighen Manor long-term care home in Toronto.

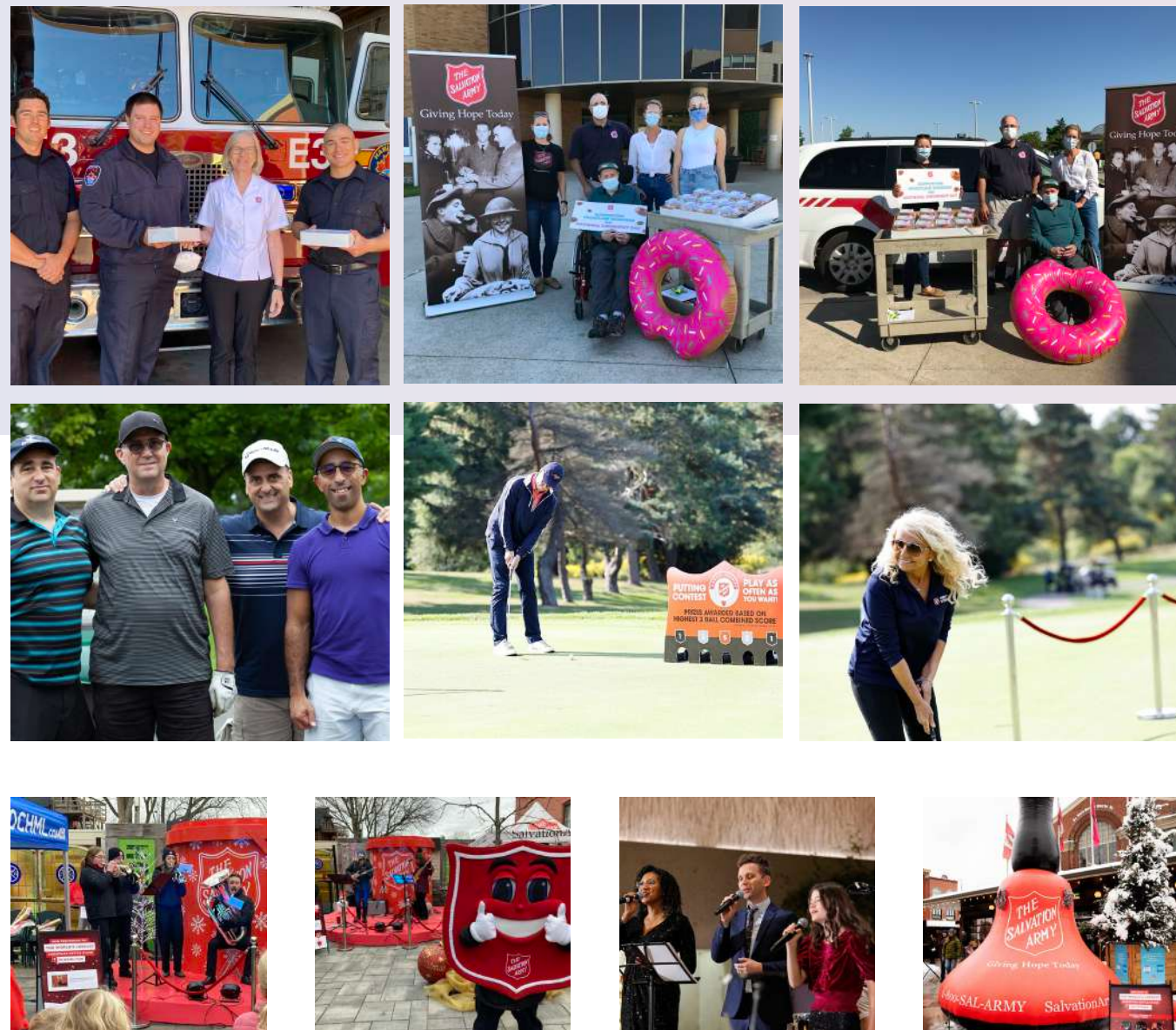


Retiree Shelley Baker Herman enjoys volunteering with her 3-year-old Labrador dog named Sonny to bring comfort and joy to residents at the long-term care home.

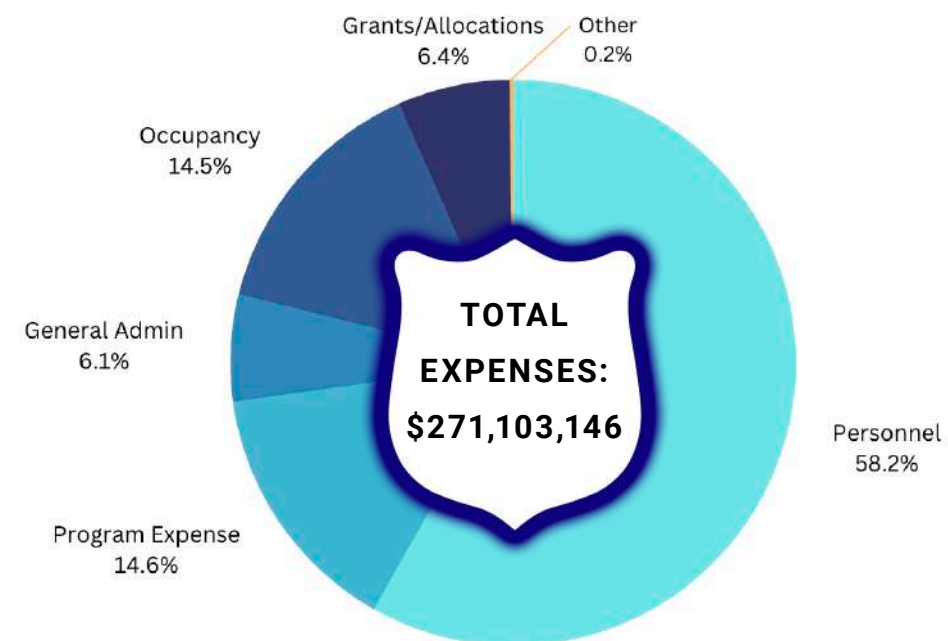
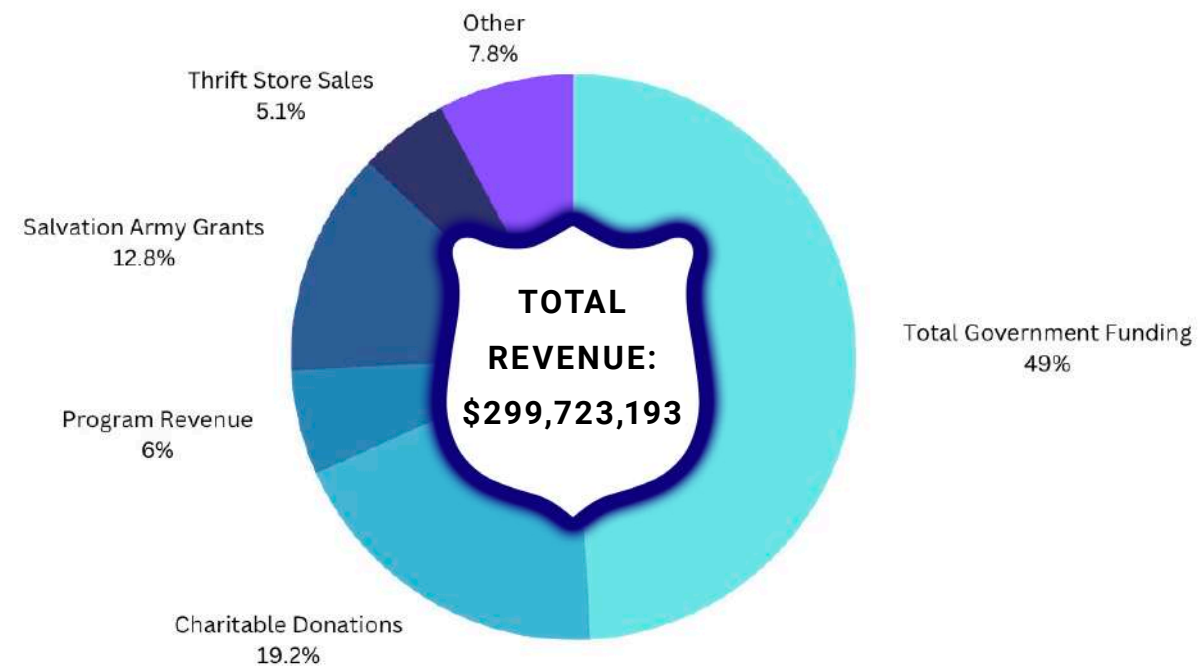
"Most people love dogs, and they are so happy to see Sonny. When I arrive on the floor the residents smile, and I see their eyes sparkling. Some people say, 'come over,' and some nod their heads. They love looking at him, patting him and it facilitates communications among the residents," said Shelley.

Shelley says being a mission partner with The Salvation Army is rewarding because it offers her an opportunity to give back in a meaningful way.

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