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As part of its preventative program measures, TSA is encouraging all residents to attend ongoing energy conservation and weatherization workshops hosted in partnership with Constellation Energy Group, and other human service agencies, as well as, its weekly “Hands Up Lifeskills” program which focuses on budgeting.

“The Army itself operates more than a dozen programs which utilize Baltimore Gas and Electric’s services. Therefore, we as an organization will feel the pinch of the utility rate hikes as well,” explains Major Jim Arrowood, The Salvation Army Baltimore Area Commander. “Unfortunately, program funds are not unlimited and can deplete quickly in times of crisis. In turn, we are asking our clients to focus on and

seek out our preventative programs and services, such as the *Hands Up* program, rather than waiting until a moment of dire straights, when funds may not be available.”

According to Arrowood, summer is a sluggish fundraising season for TSA, which leads to this plea to their loyal donors, “As you go about your summer travels, we ask that you simply keep us and our efforts for those less fortunate in mind, and continue to spare as much of your blessings as you can, as often as you can, so that we may continue to support our neighbors in need through these tough economic times.”

To find out more about energy assistance programs or to donate your time, talent, or treasures, please call **410-783-2920**, or visit [www.tsabaltimore.org](http://www.tsabaltimore.org).

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through the help of our after-school youth programs, has circumvented his hardships and is heading down the path to a positive, well-rounded and spiritually motivated life. We are dedicated to helping tomorrow’s youth today by offering them not only a safe after-school refuge, but the tools and hope for a better future.

Volunteers and mentors are greatly needed to support The Salvation Army of Greater Baltimore’s Boys and Girls Clubs. To find out more, or take a Club tour, call **410-783-2920**, or visit us online at [www.tsabaltimore.org](http://www.tsabaltimore.org).

Many blessings,



Major Jim Arrowood  
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## Rising Utility Costs Pinch The Poor



During any given week, each of The Salvation Army’s Four Family Service Centers field more than 100 calls from area residents in urgent need of utility turn-off prevention assistance.

In the weeks since the news of soaring electricity costs spread across Baltimore Gas and Electric’s service areas, calls and requests have nearly doubled in number in search of ways in which The Salvation Army could help offset the impending financial hardships.

With an expected \$743 a year rise to begin in July for the average BGE residential customer, The Salvation Army is bracing both itself and its clientele. “People are going to be in crisis. They’re not going to be able to sustain their households. They’re not going to have enough money for rising costs,” said Peggy Vick, Director of Volunteers and Family Services at The Salvation Army in Baltimore. “There are a lot of people in our society who have to choose between having electricity or food or getting their prescriptions filled –

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– Peggy Vick, Director of  
Volunteers and Family  
Services at The Salvation Army

**Dear Friends,** Since its inception, The Salvation Army has been committed to serving the most vulnerable of its clients, our youth, through an array of programs dedicated to nurturing their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Through programs such as our four area Boys and Girls Clubs, Girl Guard, Sunbeam and Adventure Corps, as well as our summer camping programs, children of all races, ages, gender and backgrounds are provided access to computer labs, libraries, tutoring, after-school programs, summer-long day camps, free summer lunch programs, educational scholarship programs, low-cost sports leagues and other character building activities.

In this issue, you can read about a young man who,  
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Major Jim Arrowood,  
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– Wanda Newton, Executive Director of The Salvation Army’s Baltimore Area Boys and Girls Clubs



With coaching help from the Towson Tigers, TSA Boys and Girls Club members and staff raised \$600 during charity basketball game.

## Towson Tigers Team Up With Salvation Army Kids For Charity B’Ball Game

Tuesday, April 4th at The Salvation Army Middle River Boys and Girls Club, members of The Salvation Army of Greater Baltimore’s Boys and Girls Club program joined forces with the stars of Towson University’s Men’s Basketball Team in support of a club-wide Charity Basketball Game.

Hosted by 92Q FM’s Street Team, more than 100 club and community kids took part in pre-game activities, which included exhibitions from The Salvation Army Clubs’ Cheerleading and Drill teams and a half-time Magic Act, and cheered-on their friends and teammates during the game.

“This event was all about showing the kids, parents and the community that with the support of The Salvation Army’s Boys and Girls Clubs, kids of all ages and demographics can come together and have a safe and fun time, in their own neighborhoods, with their peers, without incident,” said Wanda Newton, Executive Director of The Salvation Army’s Baltimore Area Boys and Girls Clubs.

More than a dozen of the Club’s 12 to 14 year-old male members and one superstar female member teamed up with and against Club staff while being coached to victory by the members of the Towson Tigers’ basketball team.

According to Newton, just having the Tigers there to coach and support the youth helps to encourage an atmosphere of positive sportsmanship from the young participants and hopefully taught the young members a few of the collegiate athletes’ “skills on the court” for future use.

More than \$600 was raised through a nominal admission charge and a concession stand which featured more than 150 cartons of Edy’s new “Dibs” Ice Cream donated by Edy’s Ice Cream’s Laurel Plant.

For more information on The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Clubs and local programs call 410-783-2920, or visit [www.tsabaltimore.org](http://www.tsabaltimore.org).



## Adams Named TSA Youth of The Year

Four years ago, Joseph Adams started attending The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Middle River. “I was a student at Stemmers Run Middle School and wanted to have some fun after school,” said Adams, now a 15-year-old Kenwood High School sophomore and the 2005 recipient of The Salvation Army of Greater Baltimore’s Boys and Girls Clubs Youth of The Year Award.

Members from TSA’s four area Boys and Girls Clubs were nominated for the Award based on their positive contributions to the Club and their communities. As part of the competition, Adams, who out-performed three other member candidates, submitted two essays and was interviewed by a panel of three volunteer judges.

“I wrote my first essay about my commitment personally and as a member of the club,” explains Adams. “I wrote about how we learn to help each other and get over our differences.” His second essay was on his thoughts about the importance of post high school education, which he feels is very important since, as he told the judges, he would like to attend the University of North Carolina and earn a degree in the entertainment or technical

movie fields while playing basketball for the Tarheels.

Along with Club and community endeavors, Adams also comes from a family of seven brothers and four sisters and understands and appreciates the importance of being a good role model for his siblings.

In March, Adams shined at a state level competition in Annapolis, during which, although he did not win, he was applauded for his fine moral character, service to the Club and commitment to his family and community.

The Salvation Army proudly recognizes Joseph Adams as its 2005 Youth of The Year and an outstanding member of The Salvation Army Middle River Boys and Girls Club.



Fifteen-year-old Joseph Adams accepts The Salvation Army 2005 Youth of The Year Award from TSA Baltimore Area Staff.

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– Joseph Adams, 2005 Salvation Army Youth of The Year

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