

The Salvation Army

Lee and Hendry Counties, Florida

Annual Report to the Community

2008

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Hometown Hurricane Heroes...

When Hurricane Ike was making its way to land last fall, Johnny Christmas and Nilda and Joe Monks, pictured left, were eagerly anticipating *the call*. Trained as disaster relief volunteers on The Army's mobile feeding unit, they knew if The Army asked for additional relief teams, they would be amongst the first deployed. When the call came, they jumped into action and spent two weeks in some of Texas' most devastated areas. They stocked, prepared and served food to thousands of Ike survivors and relief workers. The days were long and filled with hard work, but the group seemed too busy to notice. They arrived home exhausted, yet filled to the brim with stories of survival and perseverance. This was an experience they will never forget, an opportunity of a lifetime.

Cinderella goes to the ball...

It was the night of the Homecoming Dance. Alyssa, a tumbler for her high school's cheerleading squad, was at the stadium for the big game. The girls cheered their team to victory and then hurried home to get ready for the big dance. Alyssa had been voted onto Homecoming Court and excitedly rushed off to get ready. She was like most other girls, except for one big difference. When she went home that day, it was to The Army's shelter facility, the *Red Shield Lodge*. She greeted the evening staff in her usual cheerful manner and hurried to the room she shared with her mother, brother and baby sister, a room they had called home for months.

Her mother, an administrative professional, had been laid off and after months of job searching and staying with friends, was unable to make ends meet for her family. She tearfully packed them all into the car, the last thing she still owned, and drove to The Salvation Army. Here she started her path to a new life, including new employment skills, a steady job and permanent housing for her family.

Tonight was Alyssa's night. Kristi, the family's case manager, contacted Laces & Roses bridal shop. They stayed open late to let Alyssa pick out her dream dress and even dyed her shoes to match. The bridal shop wouldn't charge the family. Alyssa's mom helped with her hair and makeup. She hurried to the dance her friends who had come to *the Lodge* to pick her up. The staff took pictures and stood along side of mom as Alyssa left, smiling and beautiful, just like any other teenage girl the night of the big Homecoming Dance.



Dear Friends,

These times we face bring tremendous uncertainty and strain to all. Each of us is searching for ways to manage this new reality.

The Salvation Army is witnessing a dramatic increase in need. While we all feel the pressure, we sometimes need a reminder that we indeed are blessed – whether it is good health, a paycheck, a home or a caring friend. All these are gifts from God. These gifts are meant to be shared in whatever way we can. A verse from Matthew simplifies it for me:

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” Matthew 25: 34-36

The Salvation Army executes The Lord's will and has been doing so in our community for the last 58 years. It is an honor for me to be able to participate in its mission. I hope that you will continue to share the joy of perpetuating its work.

Wishing you every blessing He has to offer,

*Lara Kunkler
Advisory Board
Chair*



**2008 Salvation Army
Employee & Manager of The Year**

Carol St. John, 2008 Employee of the Year and Barbara Worth, 2008 Manager of the Year. Barbara and Carol were selected by their peers for their exemplary leadership and service to others.



Carol St. John
Employee of the Year



Barbara Worth
Manager of the Year

There's no place like home...

The children were so excited to sleep in their own room tonight. Sarah and Marcella folded the linens and packed the clothes they had received from The Army's disaster vehicle. Putting the family's belongings into black trash bags, they lined them along the row of cots they called *home* for the last six weeks. They said goodbye to their neighbors. No longer would the family sleep with hundreds of others in the Estero Community Center, who like them, had lost their homes to Tropical Storm Fay's sheet flood waters. It was the very last day the shelter would be open and the family was among the last to leave.

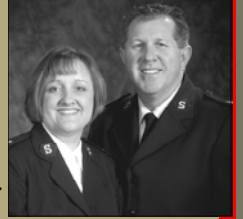
They had worked with Joanne and Laura, The Army's case managers, for weeks trying to find a home close by they could afford. The ladies had steady work and didn't want to lose their jobs. Many old neighbors from Manna Christian had moved out of town, unable to find an affordable place to live. After applying and being rejected many times by landlords, one finally said yes. Laura went with the ladies to sign the papers, helping to translate and making sure things were in order. On moving day, Laura joined the assembly line and carried the bags into the new home. As part of her continuing care, Laura will stop in and see the family regularly. As,

she went home, Laura knew this wasn't goodbye, only *see you soon.*



Dear Partner in Caring,

It has been our blessing to become part of The Salvation Army of Lee & Hendry Counties.



We are looking forward to becoming entrenched in this generous community which has proven that it truly cares about those we call neighbor.

We saw the greatness of this community first hand when flood waters destroyed hundreds of homes in Bonita Springs. You, our partner, gave your prayers, time and matchless dedication to the mission of helping others.

As we see increases in our services, upwards of 50% in one year alone, it is you who see to it that our neighbors do not go without.

These and the countless other acts of kindness are so greatly appreciated. If it was not for you, our partner, we could not reach those who need us most during these increasingly challenging times.

Together, we can persevere and continue meeting the needs of those we serve.

Thank you & May God Bless You,

Majors Art and Ann Penhale

Officers & Leadership Team

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Majors Art & Ann Penhale

Assistant Corps Officers

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Friends President, Connie Lauderback, & Meg M. Geltner, The Army's GM enjoy the Friends' annual fundraiser at Robb & Stucky.



Lisa Sands, LaBelle Coordinator, stocks the pantry shelves. This small pantry serves over one hundred hungry families monthly.



Indian River RV Park volunteers, led by Carl and Donna Matheny, lend invaluable hands during the Christmas food bag packing day.



This family smiles after receiving Christmas gifts from *The Friends of The Salvation Army* in Bonita Springs.



The Army cuts ribbon for the Triage Unit/Low Demand Shelter with City & County Officials, Law Enforcement, Human Services, Lee Mental Health, Lee Memorial Hospital, SWFAS & United Way.



Big or small, we all can make a difference, one life at a time.



Shopping at the Christmas Cheer warehouse, these Friends get to play Santa Claus to hundreds of Bonita Springs children in need.



Army staff plays Santa and Mrs. Claus during a Christmas party for the children living in the Family Services Unit.



The LaBelle Service Unit kicks its Kettle Campaign off with the Children Choir of First Christian Church and Paul Puletti, the Mayor of LaBelle.



2007 Volunteers of the Year, Carl & Donna Matheny are honored for years of service to our neighbors in need.



Mayor Jim Humphrey, County Commissioner Tammy Hall & Fort Myers City Councilman Levon Simms ring in the Christmas season with bells.



2007 Advisory Board Member of the Year, Tom Birch, with Advisory Board Chair Lara Kunkler and Major Flores and Meg M. Geltner.



Judy Runkle, pictured here serving a needed meal, and her husband Thomas and Jayne & Anthony Atkinson volunteer every Monday to serve *Meals with Compassion*.



Commissioner Ray Judah helps The Army open the new Family Thrift Store in South Fort Myers.



Upward Bound students give a day of service at the Social Services Campus.



Major Penhale with Marilyn Troxel at the LaBelle Volunteer Appreciation event.



Hundreds receive a meal and cold drinks at The Army's mobile feeding unit during Hurricane Ike recovery. For many, these are the only meals they receive after the devastating effects of a storm.



Community support of our Christmas Cheer program brought out lots of warm smiles on happy children's faces.

2008 STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

FORT MYERS CAMPUS

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS:

Family Services & Emergency Shelter bednights	10,431
Family Services & Emergency Shelter clients	613
Substance Abuse Recovery clients	73
Medical Respite Unit bednights	2,856
Medical Respite Unit clients	54
Federal Corrections clients	134
State Corrections clients	143
Comprehensive Care Program participants	408
Transitional Housing residents	216
Total meals served to clients	168,921

HOMELESS PREVENTION:

Family food bags distributed	33,400
Utilities assistance through FPL grant	\$10,820
Total evening <i>Meals with Compassion</i>	19,209

HEALTHCARE FOR THE HOMELESS CLINIC:

Clinic visits	2,503
“No cost” prescriptions	1,532

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CARE MINISTRY:

Elderly persons visited	7,250
Reading or personal products distributed	5,411
Summer away campers	51
Volunteers	7,036
Volunteer hours	31,479
Lee Schools canned food drive collection	97,833

CHRISTMAS REPORT

Families served	4,543
Gifts for children	38,381
Homes received food	5,740

LABELLE SERVICE UNIT

HOMELESS PREVENTION:

Persons assisted with food	1,257
Emergency lodging nights	25
Rental Assistance	19
Prescription Assistance	28
Clothing Vouchers	222
Furniture Vouchers	60
Utility Assistance	215
Summer Away Campers	31
Volunteers	98
Volunteer Hours	1,373
Needs assessment interviews	1,814
Outreach contact	378
Individuals Served	6,248
Families Served	1,300

CHRISTMAS REPORT

Families served	235
Children served	651
Toys given to children	1794



BONITA SPRINGS OUTPOST

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Mental health counseling clients	24
Psychiatric clinic visits	133
Individual counseling sessions	1,310

OUTREACH COUNSELING

Transportation assistance	988
Initial contact interviews	542
Back to School backpacks*	100
Financial assistance	110
Persons transported to the women's health clinic	39

CHRISTMAS REPORT

Families served	149
Children served	349
Toys given to children	698

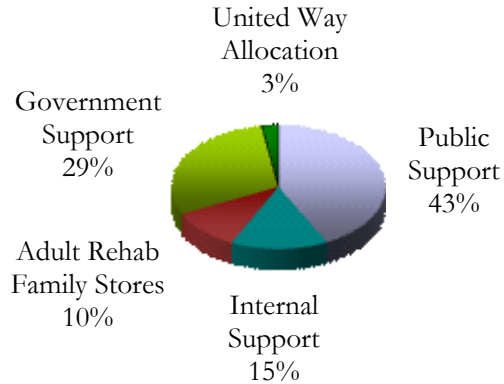
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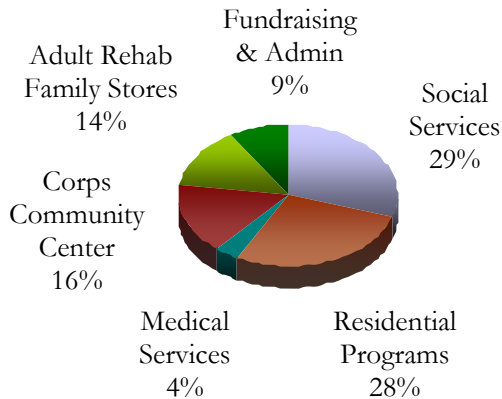
2008 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



INCOME SUMMARY



EXPENSE SUMMARY



LEE & HENDRY COUNTIES (FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008)

REVENUE:

Public Support (Donations)	\$4,383,482.98
Internal Support	\$1,502,464.12
Adult Rehabilitation/ Family Thrift Stores	\$1,091,359.36
Government Support	\$3,059,013.79
United Way Allocation	\$259,090.00
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$10,295,410.25

EXPENSES:

Social Services	\$3,100,970.29
Residential Programs	\$2,957,497.91
Medical Services	\$377,794.50
Corps Community Center	\$1,648,242.94
Adult Rehabilitation/ Family Thrift Stores	\$1,458,598.01
Administration & Fund Raising	\$936,808.44
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$10,479,912.09

Fundraising & administrative expense	8.94%
Program expenses	91.06%

**SURPLUS (DEFICIT)
YEAR END 2008** **(\$184,501.84)**

WORSHIP REPORT

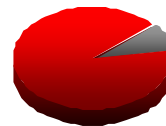
278 Worship Services
18,379 attendance

151 Outreach Activities
2,680 attendance

167 Youth Worship
Programs
8,947 attendance

325 Youth Outreach
Activities
5,380 attendance

Professions of Faith
76 adults - 15 youth



\$0.91 of every \$1.00 raised in Lee & Hendry Counties directly serves our neighbors in need

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The directors, staff and clients of FineMark National Bank & Trust are honored to support The Salvation Army in their extraordinary efforts to make an ongoing difference in the lives of our neighbors in need.

Sincerely,

*Joseph R. Catti
President & Chief Executive Officer*

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The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the 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.

Worship Center & Administrative Offices

10291 McGregor Boulevard
Ft. Myers, FL 33919
(239) 278-1551

Social Services Campus

Red Shield Lodge
2400 Edison Avenue
Ft. Myers, FL 33901
(239) 334-3745

Outreach Services Center
2476 Edison Avenue
Ft. Myers, FL 33901
(239) 334-3745

Bonita Springs Outpost

Catholic Charities Building
27050 Old Road 41
Bonita Springs, FL 34135
(239) 930-0685

LaBelle Service Unit

180 N. Main Street
LaBelle, FL 33935
(863) 674-1441

Family Thrift Stores

3065 Fowler Street
Ft. Myers, FL 33901
(239) 337-0956

15418 S. Tamiami Trail
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