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Jackson Corps Journal

Community Center In Final Phase

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The Jackson Corps is looking forward to the construction of our new Corps Community Center. At the current location there is a chapel, administration building, Center of Hope Transitional and Emergency Shelter, Family Thrift Store, and a few classrooms. The new community center will only allow us to serve, in a greater capacity, the needs of our community.

We will provide certified teachers in the afterschool program, provide senior adults a place to participate in the community, provide the gym and walking track for the public for little to no cost and hold church services in the chapel weekly for anyone willing to attend.

In the aftercare program children will also have an opportunity to attend summer camp at Hidden Lake in Lexington, MS at no cost. For senior adults in the day program there will be classes provided such as quilting, cooking and the opportunity to participate in the after care program where they can mentor young children.

Our primary objectives are to help youth by providing

the aftercare program; giving senior citizens a day program where they feel useful, making our community healthier by providing the gymnasium and walking track, and most importantly teaching Christ love through The Salvation Army Church. Our mission statement proclaims: "Our message is based on the Bible, our ministry is motivated by the love of God, and our mission is to preach the gospel of

schedule. There are a number of ways in which you can help us achieve this goal. We have created five levels of sponsorship

- Diamond Level \$1,000,000+
- Platinum Level \$500,000+
- Gold Level \$100,000+
- Silver Level \$25,000+
- Bronze Level \$1,000+



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We are hopeful to break ground on this center later this year. The cost for the center is right around six million dollars. Through the awesome generosity of our donors, we have raised 4.5 million dollars. We are looking to raise the additional 1.5 million in time so we can keep construction on

We invite you to be a part of the future of The Salvation Army in Jackson. Since we arrived in Jackson in 1906, we have provided compassionate care and rehabilitation to men, women and children in need. We look forward to continuing our mission in the future along with your support!



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What's Going on?

October 13-22
Angel Tree
Registration
110 Presto Lane
(Volunteers Needed!)

November 21
Angel Tree Kickoff
Northpark Mall

November 21
Kettle Kickoff
Northpark Mall

Jackson Corps Staff

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Major John Showers

Mrs. Corps Officer
Major Julia Showers

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State Of The Corps

When Hard Times Befall Us, the Key to Success is Keeping Faith!

Dear Friends,

With the economy changing at a rapid pace, we all feel the impact. For those in need, they turn to us at The Salvation Army. Our response here at the Metro Corps is two fold: as you will see in our article on social services, we are busy meeting the immediate needs of many in our community. On the other hand we are gearing up for the Holiday Season.

In less than 90 days Christmas will be upon us and once again we have teamed up with the United States Marine Corps for their Toys for Tots Program. With that, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities to help us make this a very special Christmas for many underprivileged youth here in Jackson.

But the need here in Jackson doesn't stop at Christmas. I want to share with you again about our Community Center building plans. This facility is in demand as we have outgrown our current space and cannot expand programs that are needed in our area.

Our many youth character building programs are running strong, but more space is needed to start an after school program.

The new facility will also have programs for Senior Citizens, a summer day camp for children and countless



other programs to help better the lives of many here in Jackson.

We need donations that are targeted towards this facility, however it is difficult for many of us financially right now. But I believe that we can all reach out to help others less fortunate during these uncertain times.

Throughout this newsletter, we will touch on many things happening with the Army right now but one in particular that is especially dear to me is our Advisory Board. Board members play an important part of The Salvation Army. We need people who are interested to see and help their community grow. We are seeking men and women who can assist the Army in many areas of concern.

As we are tested, financially, emotionally and physically, we can turn to the Lord for His love. Our tribulations can be eased by knowing we are not alone. "I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears." (Psalm 34:4)

I close by saying these simple but powerful words: THANK YOU. Without your help, we could not serve the community and touch the many lives we do throughout the year.

May God bless you and your family!

Major John Showers

Advisory Board Members

Clyde Guyse, Jr	Robert L. Gibbs	Judy Meredith	Barbara B. Travis
Advisory Board Chairman	Shirley Hall	Joseph D. Nosef, III	Lawrence Turner
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Gene Delcomyn	Brad McMullan	Zachary Taylor III	

Advisory Board Q and A New Faces at the Jackson Corps

1. What is it?

The Advisory Board are committed volunteer boards to support the Army as advocates, advisors, negotiators and managers of it's position in the community.

2. How can it help?

Advisory organization members are concerned men and women who voluntarily use their professional skills and knowledge of the community to make a practical difference for their neighbors, strengthening The Salvation Army's ability to serve.

3. Who can be a member?

Anyone! We welcome any and all who want to make a difference to join the board.

We are pleased to announce the arrival of two new faces at the Jackson Corps!

Della Graham, Social Services Worker.

Della comes to us with over eight years of Social Service work in both the Washington DC and Jackson, MS area. She has served at the National Center for Children and Families and the Mississippi Children's Home Services. Della looks forward to helping Jackson families through tough times and providing excellent service to our community.

Marika Cackett, Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator.

After three years producing events for The Home Depot, NASCAR and other companies, Marika joins the Corps looking to boost our volunteer base, create more events and opportunities for the citizens of Jackson to get involved with the Army's mission.

Upcoming Christmas Season Brings Volunteer Opportunities

- **Christmas Assistance Registration**- Interview potential clients, review and record qualifying information. *Required Commitment:* 4 or more hours. *Needed:* October 13th-17th; 20 -22; 9:00am - 11:30pm, 1:30pm- 3:30pm
- **Christmas Data Entry**-Enter data. *Required Commitment:* 2 or more hours. *Needed:* October 16th-30th @ 9:00am - 11:00am.
- **Angel Tree Host/Hostess**-Help shoppers choose angels, take in returned gifts, and tag with correct number. *Required Commitment:* 2 or more hours. *Needed:* November 21st 1- 4:00pm-8:00pm; November 20th- December 13th ; Mon-Sat 10:00am - 8:00pm, NO Sundays .
- **Toy Shop Helpers** - Help set up Toy Shop; receive and sort toys. *Required Commitment:* 2 or more hours. *Needed:* December 15th-18th; Mon-Fri 9:00am - 4:00pm
- **Distribution Day Worker**-Help clients who have come to pick up toys and gifts. *Required Commitment:* 2 or more hours. *Needed:* December 19th, 8:00am - 2:00pm
- **Bell Ringer**-Ring the bell at a strategic kettle. Dates/hours to be arranged. *Needed:* November 20-December 24. No Sundays.
- **Stuffing Stockings**-Purchase small gifts to fill 17" net stocking (supplied by The Salvation Army). *Needed:* Stockings available October 1; must be returned by December 12.
- **Dressing Bears**—Create costumes for teddy bears (supplied by The Salvation Army). *Needed:* Available October 1; must be returned by December 12.
- **Thanksgiving Day Meal**-Help cook, serve, and/or deliver meals on Thanksgiving. *Required Commitment:* 2 or more hours. *Needed:* Thanksgiving Day, 8:00am-1:00pm . Delivery to the Elderly around Jackson. You will be assigned an area to delivery meals to. This is an door to door visit. Dessert Cutting- 10:00am - 11:00am;Packing of Meals- 10:30am- 11:30am; Delivery Staff- 11:30am- 12:30pm; Community Thanksgiving Dinner- 12:00pm- 1:00pm

If you are interested in any of these opportunities please contact 601-982-4881 for more information!

Go **GREEN** With Your Salvation Army Thrift Store!

We are looking for your donations old and new! Did you know that we don't throw anything away? Shirts with holes, ripped jeans, worn shoes, old toys, furniture all get recycled if they don't go on the sales floor. Even appliances that aren't functioning we can use. We take these items, recycle them and sell them to companies and use the funds to help those in need. Last year we made over \$100,000 from recycled materials alone! In addition, many of the clothes that we don't sell on the floor are shipped overseas to clothe those in developing countries. So before you throw that item away, think twice-think of The Salvation Army and donate it to our thrift store!

Social Services: How we ARE “Doing the Most Good”!

When you donate to the Salvation Army, where exactly does your money go? A large portion of your donations go to our Social Services department. The purpose of Social Services is to lend a hand to those seeking temporary help with bills, clothing and food. We interview potential clients and assess their needs. There are three main ways in which we serve the community:

1. **Utilities:** We can assist in paying an individual or family's water, electric or gas bill. We also can provide temporary assistance in paying rent and mortgage bills.
2. **Clothing:** Using our Thrift Store, we can supply vouchers so that those needing clothing can acquire a greater amount than at a normal clothing store.
3. **Food:** For those that qualify, we have a food pantry which we can supply a certain amount of food goods.

The Salvation Army's work in times of disaster are well known. Sending food canteens, clean up crews, pastoral care and so much more. Recently, when hurricane Gustave hit the Gulf Coast, as evacuees flooded Jackson, the Jackson Corps responded with \$100 Wal-Mart gift cards to needy families so they could purchase food, clothing and gas.