



## *Ringling for Hope!*

Beginning Friday, Nov. 25th, volunteer bell ringers will take to the streets for one of the merriest of traditions — bell ringing! This year, there will be 30 kettle locations throughout Tyler and the surrounding area. Businesses, churches, clubs and civic organizations are needed to “adopt a kettle”. Groups can volunteer to ring the bells from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday.

The Christmas kettles have a long tradition that dates back to the early 1900’s during a dockworkers’ strike in San Francisco. The local Salvation Army began serving meals prepared in large iron kettles to the unemployed seamen and their families. When the Army’s food supply began running out, the pots were moved to the streets along with signs that said, “Keep the kettle boiling.” The plea for donated food was so successful that kettles have been the Army’s trademark ever since.

Throughout the year, the bell rings on more than just street corners. It rings for groceries and utility assistance, it rings for emergency aid and it rings for at-risk youth in the community where we live. The Salvation Army has been providing holiday cheer, serving the needs of families and individuals in Tyler and its surrounding area for over 100 years.

Won’t you help us this year??? Please go to [www.ringbells.org](http://www.ringbells.org) to schedule your time to ring!

903-592-4361 (office)

903-570-9413 (cell)

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## KETTLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

### FAQS ABOUT KETTLE VOLUNTEERS:



#### WHO CAN BE A KETTLE VOLUNTEER?

Anyone can be a kettle volunteer! Volunteers under the age of 16 need to be accompanied by an adult. You may volunteer by yourself or with one other person.

#### WHAT DOES A KETTLE VOLUNTEER DO?

The goal of the volunteer is to bring Christmas cheer to those coming and going from area stores and to be available to those who want to contribute. Greet those who pass by and thank those who give. The red kettle is an American tradition. All who pass by know what it's for, so just smile and enjoy the time that you serve.

#### WHEN ARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED?

The kettle season starts November 25th and ends on December 24th. Volunteers are needed every day except Sundays. Every four hours of time volunteered allows The Salvation Army to help one family.

#### WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Each Christmas The Salvation Army lends a helping hand to those in Smith County. Over 2000 families received food baskets and toys for their children during last year's effort. You can make the difference in a family's life today.

#### WHERE DO WE VOLUNTEER?

The Salvation Army kettle stands are located in Tyler, Lindale, Whitehouse, Bullard, Lake Palestine, & Chandler area stores. Choose the area that is the most convenient for you.



## KETTLE VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES

For Information:  
(903) 592-4361 or [www.ringbells.org](http://www.ringbells.org)  
633 North Broadway  
Tyler, TX 75702

### DO I HAVE TO PICK-UP OR RETURN THE KETTLE?

The kettle, bell and ringer information can be picked up at The Salvation Army office at 9 am on the morning of your shift. If you cannot come to the office, we will deliver it to your location. The kettle stand and sign can be found at your location each morning at the Customer Service Area. The bell, stand and sign should be returned to the Customer Service Area at the end of the day. If we arrive late to pick-up the kettle at the end of your time, we may have been detained at another location. Please wait if at all possible or leave it at the customer service desk, if necessary. Please do not leave the kettle outside unattended.

### WHAT IF I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH MY SCHEDULE AFTER I'VE SIGNED UP?

Contact the Kettle Coordinator for your organization first to arrange for a substitute. If you cannot reach your Kettle Coordinator, please contact Lori Farmer at The Salvation Army at (903) 570-9413.

### WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Dress warmly and conservatively. Wear comfortable shoes. Be prepared for light rain or snow. We encourage you to wear garments or hats with your group's logo or name on them.

### WHAT DO I DO?

Arrive at least 5 minutes before your scheduled start time so that the person there knows their replacement is available. Greet everyone that comes by and thank everyone who gives. If you would like to say "God Bless You" feel free to do so. If you are asked a question that you do not know the answer to or do not wish to answer, refer them to Adolph Aguirre at The Salvation Army office at (903) 592-4361.

### IF I NEED A BREAK, WHAT DO I DO?

Take the kettle inside to the service desk, if you are by yourself. Ask if someone will hold it until you return. Do not take the kettle with you on your break and do not leave it outside unattended.

### WHAT IF MY REPLACEMENT DOES NOT SHOW UP?

Contact your kettle coordinator (your group's schedule will be posted on the back of the kettle stand) or Lori Farmer at (903) 570-9413.

### WHAT IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY?

Call the police if necessary and then The Salvation Army. At all times, protecting yourself is a priority.

### PLEASE DO NOT:

- Use tobacco products or eat while volunteering.
- Leave the kettle unattended at any time.
- Handle the kettle money or your own money while at the kettle. Perception is critical.
- Leave personal items visible around the kettle.

**THANK YOU AND HAVE FUN!!**



# Kettle Locations

Broadway Square Mall Entrance  
Brookshire's Fresh Store  
Brookshire's—Bullard  
Brookshire's—Chandler  
Brookshire's—Whitehouse  
Brookshire's—Bergfeld  
Brookshire's—Hwy 155 S  
Brookshire's—East Loop Fifth Street  
Brookshire's—Rice Road Pharmacy Entrance  
Brookshire's—Rice Road Coffee Bar Entrance  
Chick-fil-A—S. Broadway (Sat only)  
Chick-fil-A—Troup Hwy. (Sat only)  
Dillard's  
Hobby Lobby  
JC Penney's—North and East Entrances  
Macy's North Entrance (Sat only)  
Macy's South Entrance (Sat only)  
Sam's Club  
Sears  
Super 1 Foods—Troup Hwy  
Walgreen's—S Broadway @ Rieck Road  
Walmart—Lindale—Food Entrance  
Walmart—Lindale—Retail Entrance  
Walmart—Hwy 64 W—Food Entrance  
Walmart—Hwy 64 W—Retail Entrance  
Walmart—S. Broadway—Food Entrance  
Walmart—S. Broadway—Retail Entrance  
Walmart—Troup Hwy—Food Entrance  
Walmart—Troup Hwy—Retail Entrance



# VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS CHRISTMAS 2011



Any questions, please call Lori Farmer (903) 570-9413 or Adolph Aguirre @ (903) 283-6461 or  
After sign-up sheet is completed, please fax, mail, or bring in sheet to The Salvation Army.  
Fax: (903) 592-6624 - 633 N. Broadway, Tyler, TX 75702

GROUP NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Bell Ringing Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Group Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator AM Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinator PM Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** You may ring in pairs or one at-a-time. You may ring as long as you are able. Anyone younger than 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

10 AM—11AM Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

11AM—12PM Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

12 PM—1PM Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

1PM—2PM Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2PM—3PM Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

3PM—4PM Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

4PM—5PM Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

5PM—6PM Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

6PM—7PM Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

7PM—8PM Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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