



UNITED NATIONS

Salvation Army representatives were a part of the 52<sup>nd</sup> United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). This was held in New York City from February 25<sup>th</sup> through March 7<sup>th</sup> and with the coordination of the Salvation Army UN representative for Social Justice, Commissioner Christine MacMillan. The Commission's theme was 'Financing for gender and equality and empowerment of women.' Each year the CSW meets at the United Nations to identify challenges and set standards and create policies for global gender equality. The UN website states that 'equality and empowerment are not only goals in themselves but are an important means of reaching other targets – such as the Millennium Development Goals.' It goes on to say, "It is widely recognized that investing in women and girls has a multiplying effect on reducing poverty and economic growth and that gender inequalities have high economic costs to societies. Despite the fact that gender equality makes good economic sense, adequate resources have not been allocated." The Salvation Army presented two sessions at the conference. Major Kathleen Calvo (associate corps

officer at the Atlantic City, NJ Corps) described the work in Atlantic City, where girls who have been trafficked are returned to their homes. Commissioner Christine MacMillan, The Salvation Army's International Director for Social Justice, and Ms. Lisa Thompson (National Headquarters representative to the committee) spoke on the theme "Why Women Weep." Discussion regarding "missing girl" phenomenon, abuses in marriage, child marriage, polygamy and physical suffering followed. The conference included a devotional service conducted by members The Salvation Army, with Commissioner MacMillan speaking about Jesus as the Water of Life. Following the worship service at the Christian Center, the members and friends of the commission went into the United Nations facility to attend a conference where the Secretary General spoke about gender equalities issues of the world. A panel presentation followed and monies were offered by corporate representation to relieve the suffering of women in the world.



**THE SALVATION ARMY**



supports  
**CRAMER HILL LITTLE LEAGUE**

**Go Red Sox!** No...not those Red Sox! Let's all cheer for the Cramer Hill (Camden) Little League Red Sox. The Salvation Army Kroc Center is proud to be a league sponsor and team sponsor for this year's Red Sox team. "One of the key outdoor elements of the new Kroc Center will be high quality baseball fields built to Little League specifications" say Major Paul Cain, Kroc Center Administrator. The Cramer Hill Little League has over 400 children involved and is all volunteer led. Play Ball!



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*Thank you from the New Jersey Leaders*

*Dear Friends*  
Greetings to those who take the time to hear our words, listen to our stories and contemplate a way to help. We are ever grateful to those who support The Salvation Army both here in New Jersey and around the globe. Yes, The Salvation Army serves mankind in 114 countries around the world – from Germany to Greece, from Argentina to Australia, from Canada to China and from the United Kingdom to the United States. And we are privileged to serve God and extend the services of The Salvation Army here in New Jersey. Summer is quickly approaching. And The Salvation Army's summer programs are preparing already. We are hiring staff and planning day trips for Day Camps and all while we are still serving the soup kitchen, performing intake for homeless shelters and teaching music to children in our communities. Our memberships are growing! We are a protestant church with services for worship on Sunday and throughout the week. And we do all our services to our fellowman encouraged by God's Love. We are

compelled to "love our neighbor as ourself" and we do that in so many ways. We are seeing new people come to our church services. We are seeing new children learning to read in our Mission Literacy Programs. We are hearing scales from musical instruments to full concerts in success. We are enabling volunteers to help the soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan by collecting toiletries to give upon deployment from our own NJ shores. Our arms of service are extending further and wider, and we are most grateful to those who help us. Our numbers are growing! We trust some of the stories contained within this newsletter will inspire you to help in a new way. . .or to increase the help you already give. Thanks in advance for allowing us to be a vessel of service to those in need – whatever the need. May God richly bless you. **Majors Donald & Vicki Berry**



This June, 3000 New Jersey National Guard soldiers will be deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan to support the ongoing military efforts in these two locations. It is our desire to send each of these "Hometown Heroes" with a deployment kit, a personal camouflage travel kit with basic toiletries, snacks, playing cards, etc.

In order that we can fill 3000 plus kits, we have solicited the support of friends, volunteers and corporations to provide the contents of the "Camo" bag. We are grateful for the support of Star 99.1 FM for their bi-weekly collections during their morning remote broadcasts and website promotion. Ms. Diana Gorbaty, a Westfield resident, has been a faithful Operation Red Shield volunteer. Diane's son was one of the first New Jersey soldiers to receive a deployment kit during his past

deployment to Iraq. Diane has solicited friends and family to support this project. She has also organized a local collection site at the Westfield Library. Congressman Michael Ferguson and Mayor Andy Skibitsky of Westfield recently met with Diane, Mrs. Rose Runes, a military grandmother, Major Vicki Berry, Associate Divisional Commander of the New Jersey Division, and ORS volunteer to show their support of Operation Red Shield and the Deployment Kit project. While our immediate goal for June is 3000 kits, this is an ongoing project. If you are interested in supporting this project please visit our website at [www.salvationarmynewjersey.org](http://www.salvationarmynewjersey.org) and click on the Operation Red Shield link or contact Brenda Beavers at 908-851-8211.



LETTERS FROM...  
Campers & Staff



*Camp Tecumseh is an experience of a lifetime not only for the children, but for the staff too. Nothing makes me happier than to see the smiles on the kids' faces when making new friends, going to a pool party or winning prizes at the carnival.*

*The children have a week in which they can forget about their troubles at home, play some games, experience new things and just be kids. The staff are able to influence the children by teaching them about God and how special each and every child is to Him.*

*I come to camp not only for the fun and the change of scenery, but to be able to show inner-city kids the wondrous things God has made for them is a unique opportunity that I wouldn't miss for the world.*

*Camp Tecumseh is my home away from home and I can't wait to get back there with my kids to show them all the awesome things God has for them!*

Aimee Colson

Camp Tecumseh Staff Member from Australia

*Camp Tecumseh is an amazing camp. It has hard working staff members, large cabins, and plenty of things to do!!!!*

*When I first went to camp I was scared because I was new, but I was comforted by all the smiling faces of the staff members. The staff were very kind and fun to be around! After a long wait, I finally headed for my cabin.*

*Life in the cabins was great. It was filled with plenty of different things to do. We sang songs, played games, and had Super Quiet Un Interrupted Rest Time; SQUIRT for short. The rules were different in every cabin and they kept us safe and happy. My favorite counselor was Brittany Parks!*

*The activities around camp included sports, boating, farming, art, and much more! We also had swimming, canteen, and evening programs. I enjoyed going to my different clubs and playing around!*

*Hence, my first year at Camp Tecumseh was a blast!!!! There was wonderful staff, great cabins, and plenty of activities. I'm looking forward to going to camp next year!*

Bethany Kelly



# Volunteers

## STORIES

### WHO IS BEHIND THE RED SHIELD?

**V**olunteers are the Army behind the Army. We want to express our appreciation to the thousands of volunteers who give their time and talents in support of The Salvation Army's ministries and services in New Jersey.

Our volunteers come from within the Army family as well as throughout the State. Two of those special volunteers are Ms. Monique Alby and Mr. Ed Angster.

Monique is a Senior at the Academy Charter High School in Lake Como, New Jersey. She is a member of The Salvation Army in Red Bank where she teaches drama, youth chorus and sacred dance. Monique also is a proud member of The Salvation Army New Jersey Youth Band and chorus and plays in the percussion section of the Corps band.

This year for her Service Learning Project, Monique and a fellow classmate chose Human Trafficking, a devastating problem that exists throughout the world. They planned a presentation to raise awareness among their peers and held a fundraiser to raise funds for The Salvation Army in Atlantic City. Majors Joaquin and Kathleen Calvo, Corps Commanding Officers in Atlantic City are actively involved in a community initiative to develop local services for those women and children who are being commercially exploited.

Monique is one of many young people who are helping The Salvation Army to do the Most Good in New Jersey.

Mr. Ed Angster was recently asked how he first became involved in volunteering with The Salvation Army. Ed shared that he had been 'conned' by a 14 year girl who he was sweet on. She asked Ed to join her ringing a bell at a kettle at Bamberger's in Newark.

It was not until 1988 that Ed once again became 'associated' with The Salvation Army when he was asked to do an inspection of a site that the Toms River Corps was considering for a new Corps location.



Several months later Ed was contacted by the Advisory Board Chairman asking that he submit his bill for payment. Ed's response then and one which he continues to live by was, "I can not bill God for my services".

The following November Ed was recruited by Capt. Tony Marciano to become a bell ringer which he did every evening at the Ocean County Mall through Christmas Eve. In 1989 Ed became a member of the Advisory Board at the Toms River Corps, now known as the Ocean Citadel Corps.

Aside from his official Board duties, Ed finds time to:

- Teach Sunday school and hosts picnics and pool parties at his home for the Corps children
- Serve as a regional coordinator of TSA Emergency Disaster Services Team in Toms River
- Most recently Ed has been volunteering with a SA missionary team that is providing support to a hospital in Haiti. Ed has committed to design a new wing at the hospital. On his recent trip to he learned that the hospital did not have an AED machine (defibrillator) or a portable ekg machine. He hopes to return in May with both pieces of equipment in hand.

When asked why he volunteers with The Salvation Army, Ed shared the following thoughts. "I volunteer because someone must do this work and if good people all let someone else do the volunteering no one will do it. I volunteer because when I see there is a need and that I can help, I help"

"As a volunteer one gets much more from the experience than what they give. The conversations at the kettle, the children's faces splashing in the pool, the thanks from the police and firefighters for a sandwich and a drink makes it all worthwhile. A couple of summers ago, I missed a 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic with family to cook on a vacant lot in Trenton food for families that had been flooded out. I will never forget the police and survivors telling me that the hot dogs, burgers and chicken were the best they had ever had. That's why I volunteer.

Thank you to all of the Moniques and Eds for their part in supporting The Salvation Army's mission of "meeting human needs in His name without discrimination".

