



The Kamloops

# SALVATION ARMY Newsletter

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## Coats for Folks

### McCLEANERS DRYCLEANING AND LAUNDROMATS

It's getting close to the wintery months, and many people don't have the means to purchase warm clothes. Thanks to the annual support from McCleaners, Radio NL, Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, St. Andrews Church and our donors, we are able to connect those in need with fresh, clean winter jackets. This year's drop-off dates for coat donations are during McCleaners business hours from October 3rd-16th at any of the three McCleaners location in Kamloops. The coats will then be cleaned and distributed around the community to those who need it most.

In addition to coat donations, please consider donating the following items to our church or Thrift Store: warm clothing, socks, blankets, and personal hygiene items. We plan to distribute them to a number of people who come through our doors or visit our mobile kitchen this winter.

## Family Fun Night Kick Off

Our first Family Fun Night of the season was a smashing success with 45 people (adults and children) attending. Families enjoyed quality time eating a meal and participating in activities with each other and with other families.

Family Fun Night runs every Friday night during the school season from 5-7pm. If you are interested in participating, please check out our Facebook Page: The Salvation Army - Kamloops for weekly updates.

## Human Trafficking Awareness

On Sunday, September 25th, Captain Lisa Trickett lead a service focusing on human trafficking and the value of human life. What many people don't realize, is that this modern-day form of slavery still exists, and is the 2nd largest criminal activity worldwide. Despite its illegality, there are still thousands of people each year, in Canada, who are being bought and sold for the purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labour, organ harvesting, and forced marriage. The Kamloops Community Church took collection and raised a total of \$1000 (we aim to raise a total of \$5000 by the end of the year) for Deborah's Gate: a specialized home in Vancouver for trafficked women, men, and children fleeing their abusers. This is the only program of its kind run by The Salvation Army in North America.



The Salvation Army Kamloops Thrift Store dedicated one week on the subject and wrote notes on their sidewalk every day to spread the word to the public. The Salvation Army Kamloops continues our effort in fighting this modern day form of slavery that still exists. To learn more, visit: [www.slaveryfootprint.org](http://www.slaveryfootprint.org)

*Did you know...*

*The Salvation Army flag is the only flag besides the U.S. flag to have flown to the moon?*

## Homelessness Action Week

### PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

The HomeFree Council is once again hosting their annual event Project Homeless Connect. This event will be held on October 13th from 10am—4pm at Spirit Square on the Northshore. Various social services and organizations will participate in order to connect homeless persons with resources to help end their cycle of poverty. Many people that find themselves homeless have a difficult time breaking themselves free of their situation and need many supports. In past years, services such as haircuts, flu shots, and a hot meal were provided to everyone that attended. The Salvation Army will be attending again this year to hand out winter gear (coats, gloves, hats, socks, etc.) and to promote our programs and services for those that may not already know what supports are available.



The Salvation Army staff at last year's Project Homeless Connect

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## Work Experience Program

### BEA-U-TI-FUL

This fall, we are once again introducing our women's work experience program at The Salvation Army. What does BEA-U-TI-FUL mean? Be you to your fullest potential. This group is all about empowering women to have faith in their own abilities and potential. We give these women extra support in their journey into the workforce and, with little or no experience, this program can help them gain and build skills and tools to secure meaningful employment.

Each week of this program will focus on a different aspect of finding employment such as the following: learning about appropriate workplace attire, creating a job search game plan, creating an effective resume and cover letter, practicing mock interviews, and gaining 2 weeks of work experience in different departments of our office. Join us in wishing the best to this fall's group!

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## Get Involved!

We're happy to announce that our bible study 'EXPERIENCING GOD' has been a hit! We currently have 42 people registered. If you are interested in joining this bible study, we will be starting a new one in January. Call to sign up!

**PRAYER WEEK!** October 3-6th will be prayer week at The Salvation Army Kamloops. Drop by to pray about Human Trafficking anytime this week from 10am-5pm.



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