



The Kamloops

# SALVATION ARMY Newsletter

November 2016 Edition

## We Remember

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

We remember. On Remembrance Day, The Salvation Army expresses its gratitude to all those who have served our country and acknowledge the sacrifices they have made to protect our freedom. Because of their service, we are able to live in a land of peace.



During both world wars and throughout the Cold War, the Salvation Army provided Canadian military personnel overseas and in Canada with comforts such as hot drinks and snacks and helped maintain morale by establishing leave centres for rest and recreation. The Salvation Army tried to establish a degree of civility amidst the loneliness and dehumanizing conditions of war – to offer a ‘touch of home’, perhaps. To a remarkable degree, the Salvation Army formed an integral part of Canadians’ military experiences for most of this century.

The Salvation Army maintained morale on the home front with a strong presence at Canadian military installations and in major urban areas and by assisting the families of those in uniform. Closer to the battle front, the Salvation Army showed films, organized sporting events, and provided reading material, cigarettes and other items which the troops greatly appreciated. The Salvation Army also offered spiritual guidance and personal counseling to all military personnel seeking it.

## Christmas Kettle Campaign

On November 16th, The Salvation Army will kick off our annual Christmas Kettle Campaign!

The tradition of Salvation Army Kettles began in San Francisco in 1891 with Captain Joseph McFee. Captain McFee was looking for a way to help provide meals to families in need and recalled the "Simpson's pot" – a large pot used in Liverpool, England into which passers-by threw charitable donations. Captain McFee decided to place a similar pot at the Oakland ferry landing. By strategically placing the kettle, he was able to attract donations from those going to and from the ferry boats.

Now, over 100 years have passed and beyond providing Christmas dinners, the money raised at Kettles is also used to provide clothing, shelter, food, toys, financial assistance and counselling year-round. The Salvation Army's holiday fund-raising activities play a crucial role in sharing the spirit of the season with families in need. The Salvation Army does its best to ensure that no family goes without food, no child is without presents under the tree and that Christmas is a time of hope and healing.

We are currently looking for volunteers to be a Bell Ringer at any of our locations in Westsyde, Valleyview, Northshore, Downtown, Sahali, or Aberdeen! For more information call Christine/Leann at 250-819-0017.

*Lest We Forget...*



## Coats for Folks

### **McCLEANERS**

Thanks to the many donors and the kind folks at McCleaners Dry-cleaning & Laundromats, we have received thousands of clean and warm coats! These coats are being given away to anyone who needs them through both The Salvation Army and Lighthouse Christian Fellowship. Due to everyone's support, no person in Kamloops will need to go cold this winter.

We are also able to give away coats this winter to those that we serve a meal to from our Mobile Kitchen every Tuesday and Thursday night. We are, however, still in need of men's warm gloves, long johns, and scarves.

Those that receive these items continuously express a deep, heart-felt gratitude, offering blessings to those that have provided for them.

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## At The Pumpkin Patch

### **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Last month, families from our Family Fun Night program were able to enjoy a wonderful day at the Sunset Valley Farms pumpkin patch! These families enjoyed a tractor ride, explored the corn maze, and searched the pumpkin patch for just the right pumpkin to take home. It turned out to be a gorgeous day, and our Volunteer Photography was able to take some beautiful snap shots of the event!



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