VOLUNTEER!

Volunteers are the heart and soul of The Salvation Army and make a difference in the lives of others.

These volunteer activities are a few of the ways to get involved – but we welcome your own ideas and requests. Children and families are welcome, however minors under 18 must have an adult with them.

To schedule volunteer opportunities, please contact Diana Barrett at 254-756-7271 x75412, text/call 254-379-2430 or email to SalArmyWaco@gmail.com

Community Kitchen: 300 Webster Avenue, Waco, TX 76706
Our kitchen serves both breakfast and dinner 365 days a year, and lunch 2x per week, providing a nutritious meal to those most in need. Volunteers are needed for dinner and Sunday breakfast. Individuals, families or groups will serve meals, prep, cleanup and assist guests. Volunteers especially needed over holiday vacations & summer breaks. Thanksgiving & Christmas Day meal time may vary.

  Date/Time: To avoid duplication, we schedule volunteers in advance.
  Dinner, 4:45pm-6:30pm, Sunday Breakfast, 7-9:00am; Lunch Mon & Tues, 12pm

Family Store: 4721 W. Waco Drive, Waco, TX
Our Thrift Store sells donated items which provide the funds to support local programs and services. Volunteers assist by helping to sort & hang clothing, assist customers, clean & arrange products, unload donations. Individuals and groups welcome. Volunteers cannot shop on the same day they volunteer.

  Date/Time: Mondays through Fridays, any days/hours between 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
  Saturdays, with approval, any hours between 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

HeART of the Homeless: 300 Webster Avenue, Waco, TX
Art provides a creative outlet for the homeless while sharing new skills. If you have a hobby, talent or skill to share, we welcome volunteers to help teach activities. Supplies will be provided.

  Date/Time: Flexible dates & times, please schedule

League of Mercy / Community Cares Committee: volunteers who emphasize outreach to the elderly and veterans through the VA Center, nursing homes and other centers. Volunteers conduct group visits monthly.

  Date/Time: various dates & times throughout the year, visits typically on weekdays

William & Catherine Booth Garden Apartments: 4200 N. 19th Street, Waco, TX 76708
A housing center for low income seniors (62+ years old) and/or disabled. Volunteers host activities, sponsor bingo, conduct craft, educational seminars, entertainment, or assist with yard work etc.

  Date/Time: please schedule

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Young Adult Outreach: The Salvation Army Corps Church & Community Center 1225 I-35 South, Waco, TX
A casual gathering of young adults, sharing games, discussing life and ministry. All are welcome to participate.

Date/Time: Tuesdays, 8:00pm

Join the Band! The Salvation Army Corps Church & Community Center 1225 I-35 South, Waco, TX
Our infamous brass band plays at community and ministry events. Children and adults, call or email for details.

Children’s Activities: The Salvation Army Corps Church & Community Center 1225 I-35 South, Waco, TX
Character building groups such as Adventure Corps, Sunbeams and Girl Guards (similar to ‘scouts’) are held weekly and include Creative Arts, Music, Ministry and more. Guest speakers welcome. Host activities. Volunteers working with youth are required to complete a ‘Safe from Harm’ session and a background check, which we provide.

Date/Time: Thursdays, 5:30-7:00pm or 7:45pm (Arts/Music) or as needed with events

Organization Volunteers:
Volunteer on a committee, help coordinate events, assist with community / social services outreach, provide office assistance or bring your talent and skills to us to identify an area you feel best suited! Possibilities include:

- Advisory Board – provide guidance and leadership to The Salvation Army Waco
- Women’s Auxiliary – activities to support Sally’s House, our shelter for women and families with children
- Emergency Disaster Services Team (EDS) – responding to disasters/crisis & community activity
- Ministry Outreach – through The Salvation Army Corps Church

Date/Time: various dates & times throughout the year

Maintenance Projects: Volunteer are instrumental to helping us maintain our facilities. We welcome those willing to assist with maintenance projects such as painting, yardwork, cleaning, etc.

Date/Time: various dates & times throughout the year

Spread Holiday Joy: Holidays, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas are a major time for The Salvation Army. From providing gifts for children, meals for families and much more; it truly takes an army of volunteers to spread joy to thousands of children and their families across McLennan County. Volunteer activities include:

- **Ring the Bell! Red Kettle Campaign**: Join us to ring the bell and raise funds for The Salvation Army. Great family, employee and/or group activity. Red Kettle season is November through December 23rd.

- **Red Kettle Reason Online Campaign**: Host an online fundraiser through social media, asking family and friends to donate to the Salvation Army. Easy-to-do while having a tremendous local impact.

- **Children & Family Christmas Toy Programs including**:
  - Angel Tree Empowerment, Salvation Kids and our Toys For Tots partnership with the US Marine Corps and KWTX-TV, all provide children and families with gifts and/or food and supplies.
  - Volunteers assist with applications, toy recruitment and help at events such as toy drives, pack and distribute gifts and other roles.