



## THE ARMY OF COMPASSION

### Service Opportunities With the Boy Scouts of America

Because of the way the Boy Scouts of America is organized, there are many different ways to collaborate. Here are a few.

**Individual service projects.** A Cub Scout, Boy Scout, or Venturer may choose to undertake a service project on his or her own. For example, Boy Scouts earning the rank of Eagle Scout are required to complete a service project.

**Unit-level service projects.** Individual Scouting units—Boy Scout troops, Cub Scout packs, and Venturing crews—may participate in service projects or develop their own.

**District-level service projects.** Councils are made up of districts. A district is a geographic service area that serves the troops, packs, and crews within its area. A district may choose to develop a districtwide service project.

**Council-level service projects.** Local Boy Scouts of America offices (known in Scouting as council offices) may choose to coordinate a councilwide service effort.

**Contacting the Boy Scouts of America**  
To find the Boy Scouts of America office nearest you, visit [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).



“Service is Scouting’s greatest legacy.”

—Roy L. Williams, Chief Scout Executive,  
Boy Scouts of America

“More than ever before our country, and especially America’s kids, needs the support of an organization like the Boy Scouts to help build stronger families, neighborhoods, and communities.”

—W. Todd Bassett, Commissioner  
and National Commander,  
The Salvation Army

Will you be one to make  
a difference?

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# Boy Scouts of America and The Salvation Army

Building Stronger Communities

ONE volunteer,

ONE family,

ONE community at a time.

### The Salvation Army and the Boy Scouts of America

The Salvation Army and the Boy Scouts of America are working together to address the problem of hunger in our nation—one volunteer, one family, one community at a time.

Through The Salvation Army, Scouts and volunteers have an opportunity to make a positive difference in their communities while learning habits of service that will last a lifetime.

Whether you’re part of a Salvation Army corps community center looking for volunteers or a Scouting leader looking for volunteer opportunities for youth, this brochure tells you what opportunities are available.



## Boy Scouts of America at a Glance



**Cub Scouting**  
For boys who are in the first through fifth grades or ages 7 to 10.



**Boy Scouting**  
For boys ages 11 to 17.



**Venturing**  
For young men and women ages 14 to 21.



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## Ideas for Service

Scouts and Scouting volunteers bring enthusiasm and energy to a project. With a little direction, they can be a tremendous asset to any service effort. Depending on their age, Scouts can undertake a wide range of projects.

Here are just a few ideas:

- Organize a food/clothes/school supply drive for struggling families through your school.
- Become a tutor at a Salvation Army after-school program.
- Brighten an elderly person's day by donating your time to a nursing home.
- Help cook and/or serve meals at a local shelter.
- Find out if a local charity needs building maintenance, then get your friends and family together to complete some of the minor tasks.
- Build a garden for a Salvation Army day care where the kids can learn about the different plants and can participate in planting their own.
- Donate your time in a Salvation Army computer lab, or teach music and art lessons.
- Make posters to help brighten the walls of a local service center.
- Help The Salvation Army sort and give away Angel Tree toys at Christmas time.

## Service Opportunities With The Salvation Army

Behind the shield in almost every community in this nation, through acts of service and compassion, broken lives are mended. The discouraged are given hope. For the lonely, comfort. For the young, a path to follow and a chance to shine. Behind the shield, there are no discarded lives; there are only discarded pasts. In a thousand ways as varied as the landscape of America, Salvation Army officers and volunteers serve God by serving man and investing their lives in the souls of their community. Behind the shield, there is comfort to be given. There is hope to be offered. There is a Savior to be proclaimed. The Salvation Army has provided protection, rescue, and redemption under the unifying symbol of a shield.

The Salvation Army is dedicated to caring for the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, loving the unloved, and befriending the friendless. This dedication has produced an international network of helpful ministries.

Adult rehabilitation centers are among the most widely known of all Salvation Army services and compose the largest resident substance abuse rehabilitation program in the United States. Individuals with identifiable and treatable needs go to these centers for help when they no longer are able to cope with their problems. There they receive adequate housing, nourishing meals, and necessary medical care, and they engage in work therapy, spiritual guidance, and skilled counseling in clean and wholesome surroundings. Residents may be referred or be remanded by the courts.

Donated material, such as furniture, appliances, or clothing, provides both needed work therapy and a source of revenue through The Salvation Army's thrift stores. More than 120 adult rehabilitation centers offer these programs in the United States.

Free temporary shelter is available to homeless men and women in severe financial need. Low-cost housing also is available to men and women living on pensions or social security.

## Contacting The Salvation Army

To find volunteer opportunities where you live, use the affiliate search engine at [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org).

## Good Turn for America

Good Turn for America is a call to service by the Boy Scouts of America to address the critical issues of hunger, health, and inadequate housing in our nation. To address these challenges, the Boy Scouts of America has partnered with some of the most respected service organizations in the nation, including The Salvation Army, the American Red Cross, and Habitat for Humanity. Each of these organizations provides countless hours of service to our nation every year. And working together, we can do even more.

## Safety First

The safety of youth and volunteers is our first priority. Before starting any project, be sure that it's age appropriate, there is proper adult supervision during all phases of the project, and all safety guidelines related to the project are communicated to all participants.

