



The Salvation Army

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The Salvation Army Provides Meals For Students During Oklahoma Teacher Strike



Oklahoma City, OK (04/03/2018) - As many school districts across Oklahoma closed due to a Statewide Teacher Walkout, The Salvation Army was requested by many school boards, other agencies and nonprofits in several communities to ensure students did not go without meals while school was cancelled. One in four Oklahoma children are food insecure and rely on the Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch program offered at most public schools.

Salvation Army locations in Bartlesville, Chickasha, Enid, Lawton, Muskogee, Oklahoma City, Shawnee, Stillwater and Tulsa were involved in assisting students while schools were closed. The Chickasha Salvation Army partnered with First Baptist Church to provide a safe place to go during the day as well as providing breakfast, lunch and snacks. The Muskogee Salvation Army had sandwiches available for students who were not in school due to the walkout. Stillwater shuttled students registered in their after-school program for lunch to ensure they receive a meal during the day.

The Tulsa Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Clubs has six locations across the Tulsa metropolitan area. The Clubs were open to members and accepted walk-in students as a safe place for area children and youth while schools were closed. They partnered with Tulsa Public Schools to provide breakfast and lunch while The Salvation Army provided daily snacks, and activities such as crafts, board games, basketball and more. Captain Ken Chapman, Area Commander for the Metro Tulsa Area Command, stated "While not taking political sides with the issues, we are responding to the needs of parents and

children who need a safe haven and nutritious meals. Our resources are stretched, but God will provide! We are in this for the duration. If the families need us, we will be here."

The Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Clubs in Lawton, Oklahoma City and Shawnee also opened their doors to students who needed a place to stay and nutritious meals and snacks. Shawnee provided breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks and was available to current members of the Boys and Girls Club as well as non-members. Oklahoma City and Lawton also provides alternative options for students during the day as well as meals and snacks.

In some areas, such as Bartlesville and Enid, The Salvation Army utilized Emergency Disaster Services resources. Canteens (mobile feeding units) provided lunch to students affected by the walkout at pre-determined sites.

SATERN To Be Promoted At Multiple National Events In May

NHQ, Alexandria, VA (04/12/2018) – Part of SATERN's Strategic Plan is to increase awareness of SATERN within and outside of The Salvation Army. In May, National SATERN Liaison Bill Feist (WB8BZH) will advance that part of the Strategic Plan by speaking at several national conferences.

The first presentation will be at the National Community Relations & Development (CRD) and Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) Conference in Indianapolis, IN. Feist will present "*It Really Can All Fail!*" about SATERN's response to the 2017 Atlantic Hurricane Season.

A week later, Feist will co-present with ARRL Preparedness Manager Mike Corey (K1IU) and Jacqueline A. Yannacci, American Red Cross Director of Community Mobilization Partnerships at the National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters) Conference in Providence, RI. The talk entitled, "*American Red Cross – ARRL Response to Hurricane Maria: Amateur Radio Support for Disaster Operations*", will discuss the partnership between the American Red Cross, the ARRL and SATERN in providing Amateur Radio communications for Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria.

The next week, Feist will present several times at the Dayton Hamvention in Xenia, OH. On Saturday, 19 May, he will present, "*It Really Can All Fail!*" and will also be part of a Partnership Panel Discussion and an FCC Disaster EmComm Public Workshop. He will also do a brief presentation at the ARRL Booth that weekend.

National EDS Conference is 30 April – 03 May 2018
In Indianapolis, IN. See www.2018believe.org for details!