

Brendan Haggerty And Family Help Out Salvation Army Christmas Drive



Brendan Haggerty and his wife Beth (pictured left) spent a day at the mall with their children Connor and Morgan but they weren't on any regular Christmas shopping trip. Instead, they were volunteering to support the Salvation Army's annual Christmas drive. They were joined by two of their neighborhood friends Emma and Erik and their mother Sara (pictured right) Brendan's wife Beth said her parents met through the Salvation Army. Beth is a fifth generation Salvationist. Her mom and dad met while working at a Salvation Army camp as counselors. Beth's mother was very active in the Salvation Army and passed away in 2005, said Brendan. His

wife's father recently passed away and Beth has gotten more involved in the Salvation Army again. Read the full story [here](#) including a video and more pictures.

Beth grew up in the church and learned how to play the cornet which is a smaller version of the trumpet. "She hasn't played in over 20 years, 13 years with her and I have only heard her play twice and it was only a few notes," Brendan.

Living in a 'give me, give me' society, Beth, decided it was time to teach our children about compassion and generosity this Christmas, said Brenda. "She signed the family up for bell ringing at the local Wal-Mart on a Monday night for two hours. A week before she decided she was going to play Christmas carols on her cornet that was given to her in the fourth grade by her Aunt who was a minister in the Salvation Army." [Here is a video of Beth on the cornet with the Wal Mart greeter dancing to the music!](#)

"Unfortunately, the cornet had a few issues with the valves so we took it to the local music shop for repairs. During this time, we found out that her cornet has been passed through many generations as the cornet is from 1935. She in turn borrowed a cornet from Fort Lauderdale Salvation Army Corps and played Christmas carols while we rang for the Salvation Army."

Add Brendan, "Overall, in two hours of bell ringing we raised \$233.34 which according to the ministers is a great number for a two-hour bell ringing time frame. The Salvation Army raises enough money every hour to feed at least 13 people. The money also goes to helping needy families at Christmas. Beth will also be working in the Salvation Army toy distribution for the Angel Tree program. On Sunday, we will be visiting a nursing home to drop off a small gift to the residents." The Haggerty family also adopted four children from the Salvation Army Angel Tree program and shopped for them as a family.

