



KCAPS' NEWSLETTER



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

If you have participated in bell ringing the last few years, you should have or will soon receive a text or phone call asking if you will ring the bell this year. If you TEXT Amanda at 559 426-0320 she can either refer you to our on-line calendar or help you calendar your selected date.

If you didn't receive a text or phone call or haven't volunteered before you may volunteer by contacting our office and asking for JoAnn (897-7961).

Thanks in advance for volunteering! 10% of the funds raised go directly to the Salvation Army for administration and other areas of ministry. As an example, they were able to help a number of Creek Fire victims and supported the fire fighters while on duty. **90% of the funds raised stay in Kingsburg to help your neighbors in need.** Your cash and checks are appreciated.



ADAPTATIONS AND CHANGES

Sometimes you get forced into changes you never thought you would make. Then you discover that the forced change was maybe long overdue, and that change can be a good thing. That's what happened with COVID and our annual food drive. For several years prior to COVID there were increasing problems getting volunteers to collect the food. Then our volunteers were passing house, after house, after house where no donations were left to be picked up.

Surprisingly, doing the Annual Food Drive the "COVID way" has yielded close to the same amount of food and it has been far better quality!

We love the Food Drive energy and volunteers! We still need help, it's just going to look a little different.

- We need more volunteers to pass out food bags door to door. (Needs to be done November 12th & 13th)
- We will also need help sorting, packing, and stocking the food that is donated.
 - We will be coordinating dates and times for families, organizations, or other groups to come sort food and load shelves. Times will be available throughout the weeks following the food drive.

If you are interested in helping pass out bags or loading the food shelves, please give JoAnn a call. 559 897-7961



KCAPS' FOOD DRIVE - 2022

Bags will be dropped on your doorstep prior to November 14th

NOVEMBER 14th - NOVEMBER 22nd

PLEASE DELIVER YOUR FILLED BAG TO KCAPS

(1139 Draper Street – Kingsburg)

Office Door Delivery - Monday thru Thursday 9:00 – 12:00

Back-of-store delivery (same place as store donations)

Our goal is 28,000 pounds of food. Thank you. We are counting on your donation!

Monday thru Saturday 9:00 – 3:00



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CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY – TOY STORES

What is this ministry about? Rather than just giving away toys – we put together special toy stores in Kingsburg, London, and Traver. Parents sign up – pay a nominal fee of \$5.00 per child (or less if we feel it is warranted) – and then can shop themselves for brand new toys and clothing for each of their children. That's where the dignity comes in. Just like you, these parents want to provide for their own children. This allows them to do that, by giving them an opportunity for a hand-up, not a handout. We bundle the gifts according to age and gender – each bundle being valued at \$35.00 – or more. The gifts are obtained through donations of new unwrapped toys, or financial gifts to KCAPS. We take the designated funds and go shopping, for thousands of dollars of toys and clothing.



Although it's October we are already in the planning stages for these important, BIG, successful events. In past years we have had **500 - 700 children** a year blessed through this ministry. **Stimulus money is gone and lots of these families fell through the cracks anyway. We know lots of kids are still stressed – our counselors are working with them. You can help!**

We never know the actual number of children to anticipate until the signup period is over. During the signup process we do our best to discern between families who truly need this ministry and those who may wish to take advantage.



Every year our staff also identifies children we believe need a special boost and some positive attention in their lives. These children come from families who did not sign up to participate. Typically, their parents for one reason or another aren't functioning well in life, and their children are reaping the consequences. Toys are selected and delivered by staff or one of our local pastors.

Traditionally, our toys have been donated primarily by local churches and through the Kingsburg Elementary schools. Frankly we feel the schools have enough on their plates, so we are not collecting through the schools this year.



We don't want to leave out a single deserving child! **Please let us know now how you plan to help.**



This year we have three community drop off locations for your toy donations.

- KCAPS office - 1139 Draper Street Mon – Thurs 9:00 – 12:00
- Kingsburg Chamber of Commerce - 1475 Draper Street Mon-Fri 9:00 – 5:00
- Kingsburg City Hall – 1401 Draper Street Mon – Fri 8:00 – 5:00

Toy donations may also be taken to a participating church.



Financial donations allow KCAPS' Staff to shop on your behalf. Please mail your check to 1139 Draper Street. Please note Christmas on your check.

Please make your financial donation, or donations of new unwrapped toys before December 1st.

Please feel free to share the included informational sheet with your neighbors. Thank you in advance for your generosity.