

Salvation Army needs community's help

HILLSDALE — The Salvation Army needs the community's help to ensure Hillsdale County residents in need have a good Christmas and are able to access critical assistance programs year round.

The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign is currently behind by \$28,600.34 compared to last year. So far, the Salvation Army has raised only \$67,269.72 of the \$170,000 needed to equip the organization to assist those in need during the holiday and throughout the year.

With \$102,730.28 still needing to be raised, the organization is desperately seeking the community's support. All donations made at the Red Kettle and those that are sent directly to the Salvation Army are counted towards this goal.

Volunteer bell ringers are also still needed now through New Year's Eve.

The Salvation Army, Community Action Agency, Hillsdale County Intermediate School District, Kiwanis, Hillsdale County Community Foundation, Great Start Collaborative and Hillsdale Community Schools are collecting toys and food at businesses throughout the county. Several hundred families who have been qualified by a social worker are signed up.

The Salvation Army is still in need of toys for children, especially for kids 10-17 years of age.

Food for holiday gift baskets is also needed. The organization still needs to collect 175 turkeys or hams along with canned goods and boxed potatoes and stuffing.

Food and toy items can be dropped off to the Salvation Army at 160 East Bacon St. in Hillsdale.

For more information, call (517) 437-4240.



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