

**UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY  
OWENSBORO-DAVISS COUNTY  
PARTNER AGENCY: THE SALVATION ARMY - CHARACTER BUILDING**

Braydon and Matthew have been attending our Character Building program for five years. They have become very special to the staff and volunteers at The Salvation Army. We have seen them grow and mature throughout their participation in the activities that have been provided to them. Brayden became an Adventure Corps member when he was in elementary school and from there was introduced to the summer day camp program and the residential camp in Burkesville, Kentucky. Needless to say he became an all year round member and participated in anything The Salvation Army had to offer him. On Thanksgiving Day 2015, Braydon was involved in a very serious accident. He was accidently shot in the abdomen and began fighting for his life. From the local hospital, he was transported to Louisville. Many life-saving surgeries later and also the removal of his leg in order to save his life, he began the slow and painful road to recovery. We made sure we were there for him and his family throughout the whole ordeal. The Salvation Army Officers, Employees and Church members made visits, taking goody baskets and food for the family that was sitting by his side. We were able to assist his family, all of his brothers and his nephew and niece for Christmas by working with our Social Service Department. We made sure they received food, clothes and that 'Santa' was able to provide plenty. His school aged brothers have continued to come to Adventure Corps as we surround them with familiarity and support during the ordeal. His older brother will be going to a Youth Leadership Conference with some of our boys in March. The good news is that he is home now. He is able to get around and is doing well with his physical therapy. We believe he has a good support system with his family, friends and The Salvation Army.

**WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?**

With your investment of \$100 **The Salvation Army** can:

- Provide educational supplies/materials needed to execute program activities geared toward character building

