

UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY
OHIO COUNTY
PARTNER AGENCY: THE SALVATION ARMY

Ruth and Peter came to The Salvation Army in November, 2015, to sign up for a Christmas food basket. They are both in their mid-sixties and have very little income between them. They have signed up for Christmas baskets with The Salvation Army for the past three years and expressed to our Social Services Director how grateful they are to be a part of such a wonderful blessing. They look forward to this time of the year but they know they just don't have the "extra" money to purchase a special Christmas meal. Mid December, 2015, Ruth and Peter arrived at The Salvation Army's Christmas distribution day to pick up their basket. In the basket was a special treat for them. A private donor donated a small amount of hams and turkey's to The Salvation Army to be distributed to families in need specifically for Christmas meals. Our Social Service Director had enjoyed talking with them when they came to the office in November and wanted to do something "extra" for them as they really touched her heart as they are both humble and grateful people. Ruth and Peter received one of the nice sized turkeys, a small ham, green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, stuffing and a loaf of bread. They were elated to receive a turkey for Christmas. Ruth and Peter sent a thank you card to The Salvation Army in January stating how much they enjoyed the meal and how nice it was to be able to cook a turkey (something she had not done in years). Because of The Salvation Army and the United Way donors working together we are able to touch so many lives with sometimes the "simplest" things that most may take for granted.

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?

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

- Provide fuel for (2) families traveling out of county for a medical appointment
- Pay an electric bill, gas bill, or a water bill
- Provide groceries for a family of four for two weeks
- Provide two Thanksgiving or two Christmas food baskets
- Provide 25-30 pieces of clothing from our Thrift Store
- Provide toys and new clothing items for children for Christmas

