

The Salvation Army Hosts Annual Harvest Festival & Auction Fundraiser

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EAST STROUDSBURG, PA (October 5, 2023) – The Salvation Army East Stroudsburg Corps and The Farda Family are pleased to present the 8th Annual Ann & Joseph Farda Community Service Award to Doris and Bob (in memory) Kinsely at its Annual Harvest Festival & Auction at Stroudsmoor Country Inn, Ridgecrest on Thursday, October 5 starting at 5:30 pm. Event tickets are \$100 per person. Major John Wheeler, Commanding Officer for The Salvation Army, said, "This joyous event is critical to support our local programs, providing comprehensive assistance with meals, food baskets and shelter to thousands of County residents."

Doris and Bob Kinsley have partnered with The Salvation Army East Stroudsburg Corps and other organizations in countless ways for many decades, providing support to neighbors in need across the Poconos Community. From Kinsley's Shoprite Partners in Caring, the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Geisinger Hospital and LVHN-Pocono to Pocono Township Volunteer Fire Co., St. Paul's Church Tannersville, the Tannersville Lions Club, the United Way and The Salvation Army East Stroudsburg Corps, their generosity in time, talent, and treasure is limitless.

Live and silent auction items for the event include vacation get-a-ways, restaurant and adventure gift certificates, beautiful paintings from local, prominent artists, amazing gift baskets, Pocono YMCA year membership, and much more. Wheeler continues, "It is the mission of The Salvation Army in East Stroudsburg to preserve human dignity while empowering people to reach their potential through honoring heritage, strengthening family values and meeting human needs. In these tough economic times, when thousands of neighbors are finding it hard to feed their families, the need for our services is under even greater pressure."

Last year The Salvation Army East Stroudsburg Corps. provided 20,800 hot meals, 26,237 food baskets (~800,000 meals), and 5,292 nights of shelter to Monroe County Residents. The Toys for Joy, Toys for Tots and Angel Tree gift donations provided 10,348 Christmas items to children and families. The Salvation Army feeds approximately 600 Monroe County families monthly. This year, the East Stroudsburg Corps is expected to provide more than 1 million meals to hungry families in Monroe County.

Reservations for the Harvest Festival can be made by calling 570-421-3050. The silent auction will begin at 5:30 pm with the live auction at 7:00 pm. A passed and seated, Hors D'oeuvres Reception, with

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