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CDI Head Start/Early Head Start Moving to Voorhees Street in Danville

The area's Head Start program has a new home base of operations designed to serve the community better. The new location at 1001 E. Voorhees in Danville brings many benefits. "This location offers better-suited environments to children and families that were served at the Fair Oaks, Laura Lee and Roselawn Centers," explains Nicole Hall, Site Manager. "We are consolidating those centers to our new Voorhees Center. The new facility is less than two miles away from each of the other centers."

The Voorhees Center is newly renovated and features large classroom spaces and new indoor and outdoor play spaces. CDI Head Start administrative offices are also located at the Voorhees site.

CDI Head Start/Early Head Start is an Early Childhood program offering education, health and nutrition and family support to at-risk children and families. Locally, CDI Head Start employs 65 people. The program serves ages birth to five years, with funding to serve 417 people, including children and pregnant women.

In our area, CDI Head Start serves Vermilion, Iroquois and Ford counties in Illinois.

The organization's vision is to invest in future leaders by empowering families and providing a safe and well-rounded learning environment where children can thrive.

Children and adults benefit from programs including early childhood education, health, nutrition, and family support services offered both center-based and home-based.

One of the organization's most valued services is no-cost, high-quality

childcare for eligible families. CDI Head Start is proud to be an inclusive program that serves all children, including those with disabilities. "Head Start and Early Head Start families are offered services, at no cost, to children and families from at-risk populations and also to children in foster care and children with special needs," says Hall.

In the past ten years, Head Start revised the Program Performance Standards to require more accountability to program success, including a bachelor's degree as a minimum qualification for teaching staff. Head Start now places even greater focus on parent/child relationships and requires programs to offer parenting training to families.

CDI has successfully managed over 220 programs in interim management since 2000.

Hall says Vermilion County's greatest strength is "the amazing community partners who assist us in reaching out to and providing services to children and families."

She adds that Vermilion Advantage participation brings another level of value to CDI Head Start. "One of the greatest perks of membership is that many organizations, who are also a part of Vermilion Advantage, didn't know much about Head Start until now," she says. "It has allowed us to partner with other local agencies and tell our story."

To learn more about CDI Head Start/Early Head start, call 217-820-0320, visit cdiheadstart.org/VermillionIroquoisFordCounties, email nhall@cditeam.org or find them on Facebook @VIFCHeadStart.





Mimi's Kitchen & Catering Offering Healthy Meal Prep and Event Catering Services

Eating delicious, healthy food just got easier in Vermilion County. Niki Lesko launched Mimi's Kitchen & Catering Service LLC, where she doubles as chef and owner.

Mimi's Kitchen & Catering offers meal prep services to Vermilion County residents looking for healthy meals that taste great. All meals are affordably priced and prepped, cooked and packaged for pick up. Menus for the Healthy Choice Meals are posted weekly with a sample menu attached. Mimi's Kitchen provides full catering - from dinner parties to boxed lunches, corporate events, weddings etc. They also offer charcuterie boards in all sizes including individual and grazing tables.

What makes the meal plan service different are the healthy food choices. All meals are low carb, low calorie and high protein. Customer requests drive the catering options. "We can provide the best food experience for them and their guests at an affordable price," says Lesko. The company's team includes assistant/chef Chevon Matthews and dishwasher Jesus Perez.

Business contact hours are from 9 am to 5 pm Monday-Friday. Dine-in seating is not currently available but could be on the company's horizon.



Meal Preps are based on macro counts and prepared with natural ingredients. "My favorite menu item on the meal preps so far is the Low Carb Carnitas Bowl," says Lesko. "It is slow-roasted pork with just the right spices served over seasoned cauliflower rice. Also, yogurt parfaits and Caprese skewers are always a hit."

On the catering side of the business, they provide everything from Italian beef sandwiches and chips to a four-course meal. Lesko's favorite catering meal is her specialty rosemary garlic roasted prime rib with a creamed horseradish sauce and balsamic glazed Brussel sprouts with bacon.

On the 13th of January, the team hosted a "meet and greet" to provide future customers with details about the meal plans and catering services, an event they hope to repeat soon.

"I love that Mimi's Kitchen & Catering has the opportunity to be located in the heart of Danville," she says. "It is centrally located for all of our customers from Hoopston to Chrisman, some coming from Watseka and Paris."

Lesko says she can't believe the overwhelming support from the community. "My family and friends have always known and supported my passion for the food industry, but I am thankful for the support and kind words throughout the community," she says. "Also, for the Masonic Temple for accepting my proposal and allowing me to make this dream a reality."

Lesko's path to becoming an entrepreneur is unique. Until last year, the single mother of two had been in manufacturing. "I had been in manufacturing for 24 years until Covid damaged my hearing and was causing me to have dizzy spells," she says. "I decided that I no longer wanted to work in a factory setting. I knew if I didn't make this dream a reality now, I was probably not going to. When I was presented with the opportunity to rent the kitchen at the Masonic Temple, I put my business plan together, formed my LLC, and am now doing what I love. The original name for Mimi's Kitchen & Catering was Lesko's Kitchen. It changed once I became a MIMI."

Lesko's children include Kylie Lesko and August Balsamello. To learn more about Mimi's Kitchen & Catering, visit mimiskitchen-catering.com, call 217-601-1451 or follow them on Facebook @Mimi's Kitchen & Catering. The business address is 109 W. North Street. Customers can also download the DINE IN app by Wix to place weekly orders.

Carmack Car Capitol Ready for New Vehicles and New Customers



Gary Knight vividly remembers his first car - a '67 Dodge Coronet 500. The local owner of Carmack Car Capitol purchased the car when he was 16 from Richart Dodge in Georgetown. "It was yellow with a black vinyl top and bucket seats," he remembers. "I dressed it with shiny mag wheels and drove it for 125,000 miles."

His love for cars, customers and the county has only grown over the years. At Carmack, "our customers are number one," he says. "It's a smaller market, and you can be more personal with your customers. We know customer satisfaction is number one, and thriving in a small county like Vermilion, we strive to keep customers first. We're a family-owned business, we raised our kids in Vermilion County, and we are proud to be a part of the community. I have my interests in the car business, as well as the county and city. I'm looking forward to many miles down the road here."

Carmack Car Capitol is a locally-owned automobile dealership located in Danville, Illinois. The dealership sells new Hondas

and Hyundais as well as pre-owned vehicles. They also have an award-winning Honda service department and NAPA AutoCare Center. The team services all makes and models, from a no-appointment-necessary oil change to a complete engine replacement.

The dealership has been in business for 46 years and was Time Magazine Dealer of the Year in 2017.

Honda recently announced four of their vehicle models would have total model changes next year. "We are excited to see a new Honda Accord and Pilot!" says Knight. "By the year 2040, Honda will have all electric vehicles! This means we should start

seeing charging stations around Vermilion County."

The auto industry has seen significant changes in the last few years. "Ten years ago, vehicles were not equipped with much of the technology and safety features they now include," says Knight. "One of the biggest changes is making sure the customer understands all the features and benefits their new car has to offer them."

Knight has a ready answer when asked what makes Carmack different. "Our employees make us stand out from the rest," he says. "We have some of the best and most caring employees you could have."

To learn more about Carmack Car Capitol, visit carmackhonda.com. You can also find them on Facebook @carmackhonda, on Twitter @carmackcars, and You Tube @carmackhonda.





Center Street Productions: Inspiring Others through Creative Custom Video

extensively with Second Church of Christ, Step Up Vermilion County, and Women's Care Clinic. He recently worked with District 118, Georgetown, and Salt Fork school districts to create virtual graduations in 2020 during the COVID epidemic. He's also collaborated with WhiteSmith Marketing Group to produce corporate videos for a local manufacturing company.

"I'm currently very excited about a new collaboration with the City of Danville to help highlight various aspects of the city, including their First Friday programming," he says. "I'm also looking forward to releasing a new feature-length documentary on a

man named Austin Crawford who contracted a rare terminal disease called Multiple System Atrophy, or MSA." The film is set in Milford, IL and funded by the Multiple System Atrophy Coalition. It is slated for a March release date.

Gioja loves the variety in his work. "On any given day, I could be on a construction site, in a factory, at a church, office, or shooting scenery with a drone," he says. "I also enjoy the opportunity to work with people who are talented in so many ways. I love getting the chance to help them communicate with their various audiences."

Fueled by a passion for storytelling and helping others at a young age, Phil Gioja founded Center Street Productions in 2004 after earning his bachelor's degree in Cinema and Photography at Southern Illinois University. The entrepreneur juggled a full-time job and built Center Street as a side gig for five years before taking the full-time plunge in 2009.

Center Street offers on-site corporate video production and editing services, working with businesses and organizations to connect, educate, and inspire their audiences. Gioja has produced several feature-length documentary films and offers limited live streaming services depending on the event details.

"We view every new project as an exciting challenge and another opportunity to test ourselves and stretch our skills, always striving to present your message with beauty and clarity," he says.

Working in Vermilion County

Many Vermilion County organizations partner with Center Street Productions. He has worked





Faith is the foundation of his business. "I believe that God created all of us with a variety of talents, and this business is a way that I can share my talents and resources with others," he says. "I'm grateful for the many, many opportunities I've had to do that over the years."

Memorable Projects

His corporate video career highlights include working with Caterpillar to tell customer stories on job sites across the US. He's also worked extensively in the buried utility safety space for JULIE Inc. in Illinois, Blue Stakes of Utah, and an ongoing national excavation awareness project called "Digging Dangers." He helped launch a web-based buried utility show and developed a video-based online curriculum for Dig Safely Oregon that is currently utilized state-wide.

In 2018, Gioja worked as a camera operator on the reality show *Wrench'd*

on the MotorTrend Network. "In 2020, I provided a crew for an epic couple of days shooting for the Discovery Channel at Monster Jam University in Paxton," he adds. "We filmed a segment that aired as a part of the Diesel Brothers Monster Jam Breaking World Records. One of the drivers attempted a double backflip in a monster truck, and we shot all the 'before' footage where they were testing the truck and making practice attempts. While they never successfully landed the trick, we had a blast and provided some epic TV moments for the Discovery Channel."

As a documentary filmmaker, Gioja earned a Superior Achievement Award from the Illinois State Historical Society for his documentary on the Old Courthouse Museum, located in Watseka, IL. He produced two feature-length documentaries highlighting the work of C-U at Home in Champaign. One of the films, *The Phoenix: Hope is Rising*, won an award for Best Documentary at the International

Christian Film Festival in Orlando, FL. *Fighting MSA: Austin Crawford's Story* won many awards and led to the current feature documentary project on Crawford's battle with Multiple System Atrophy. *Forgiveness*, a documentary produced for Second Church in Danville, recently won an award for Best Cinematography at the Content2021 film conference and festival in Texas.

To learn more about Center Street Productions, visit centerstreetproductions.com or find them on Facebook and Instagram @centerstreetproductions. Phil Gioja may also be reached via email at phil.centerstreet@gmail.com.



Vermilion County Works Changing Lives in Vermilion County

Jonathan Jett, Director of Vermilion County Works, tells moving stories about the lives his organization has changed. “We have seen single parents, struggling to put food on the table, complete a nursing degree and find a great paying job,” he says. “We have seen homeless youth get their GED, their first job, and find a place to live. Many people who come to us have been laid off from a job they thought they would retire from. We’ve helped them train for a new career and finally get to do something they have always wanted to do.”

Vermilion County Works (VCW) provides many benefits to Vermilion County's economy. The organization connects job seekers with employers, helps employers improve the skills and efficiencies of their workforce, and assists individuals in securing good-paying or better jobs which

brings money into the local economy.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 is federal legislation authorizing federally funded workforce programs and services. The Act prepares eligible youth and adults in Vermilion County and the surrounding area for entry into the labor force. Workforce development programs and services have been developed to meet the needs of area business and industry.

In Vermilion County, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title IB programs are administered by Vermilion County Works (VCW). Danville Area Community College (DACC) was selected by the Vermilion County Board and the Local Workforce Innovation Board to be the grant recipient and the administrative

agency for all WIOA Title IB programs in Vermilion County, Illinois. DACC has expanded its mission to include the training, retraining, and job placement of eligible individuals in our community. A primary goal of the college in implementing the workforce development program is to strengthen area economic development efforts. The training resources in the county have been coordinated under the Act to identify and prepare Vermilion County residents for employment. VCW is located at 407 N. Franklin St. in Danville.

VCW assists eligible adults and dislocated workers with the cost of postsecondary degrees and certificates, fees related to training instruction for Department of Labor registered apprenticeship programs, and case management and support



(Left to right) Jonathan Jett, Director; April Smith, Senior Career Planner; Ashley Jenkins, Career Planner; Chuck Jones, Special Grant Coordinator/EO Officer.

services to be successful in training programs. Training programs must be for occupations considered in demand by the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. VCW also helps with the cost of work-based learning for individuals enrolled in the program if funding is available. Work-based education may consist of work experience (internships), on-the-job training, and transitional jobs for individuals who need to build on their resumes.

VCW also subcontracts a youth program that serves 16- to 24-year-old, out-of-school youth with First Institute Training and Management (FITM). FITM can assist youth with acquiring their High School Equivalent credential and/or offer work experiences with local employers.

Other career services offered by VCW include information on the current labor market, career exploration, and assistance with resumes and interviewing. VCW also assists Vermilion County businesses with training services. These business services include incumbent worker training, on-the-job training, and customized training if funding is available.

“We do a lot of incumbent worker training projects with local employers,” says Jett. “The incumbent worker training projects upgrade the skills of an employers' current workers to make their business more efficient, improve the skills of their workforce and possibly promote workers into higher-paying jobs. Examples of this type of training would be robotics training for maintenance staff, certifications required by a customer of a business, welding, or specialized software training a company may need.”



Individuals enrolled in training services are also eligible for supportive services. Supportive services could include childcare, mileage assistance, uniforms, tools or other items required for training or on the job after the completion of training.

DACC has been the fiscal agent for VCW for nearly 40 years, a relationship that benefits the community. “Being a part of DACC has helped students get wrap-around services like counseling, financial aid, supportive services, and others while attaining a great education,” says Jett. “The connection with VCW and Corporate Education at DACC has helped numerous businesses and employees in our county.”

Jett says if someone is interested in changing career fields, this is an ideal time to upgrade skills. “The job market is the best it has been in decades, and employers are seeking those individuals who want to advance their careers.”

To find out more about Vermilion County Works, call 217-442-0296, ext. 101 or stop by 407 N. Franklin Street, Suite B in Danville 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. More information is also available at vermilioncountyworks.org or by finding them on Facebook @VermilionCountyWorks.



OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center Team Providing Exceptional Care to the Community



Ned Hill, President of OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center in Danville, says the local OSF team always goes above and beyond, never more than during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. The medical center is currently caring for double the number of guests from its pre-Covid run rate.

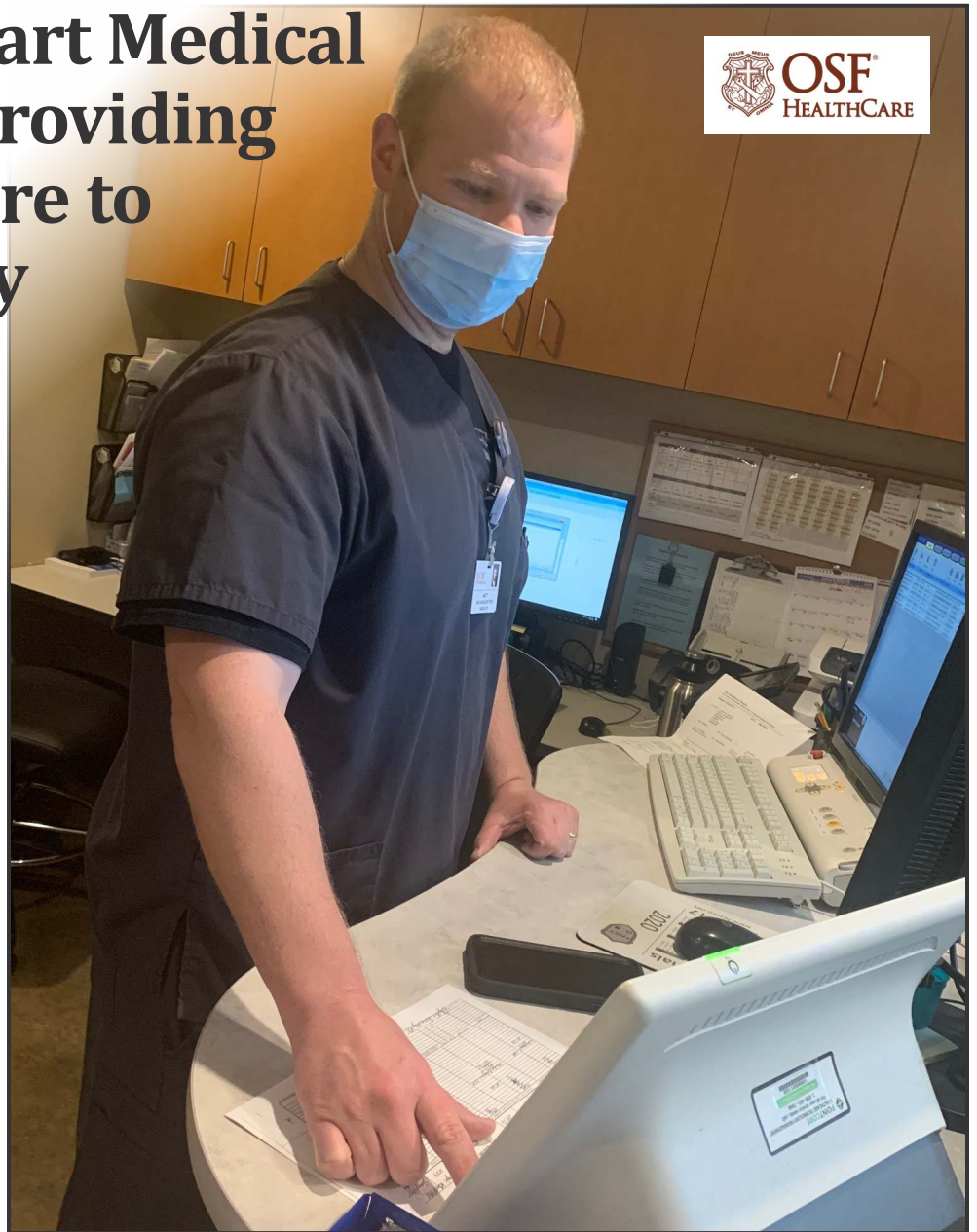
“Our mission partners have stepped up greatly to support one another during this pandemic,” he says. “Our team members are working longer and harder than they ever have before yet still find ways to be there to lift each other up as we provide exceptional care to our guests! All hands are on deck, all Mission Partners are pitching in to help care for the patients. That is what healthcare is all about - working together for the care of the patients.”

Hill says the team's resilience continues to amaze him. “Our Mission Partners continue to impress me with the positive attitudes portrayed day in and day out as this pandemic has lasted longer than most thought possible.”

The pandemic continues to bring changes to the medical center's policies, procedures and elective surgeries. After evaluating support person guidelines, OSF Sacred Heart currently allows one support person per patient throughout their stay. This practice helps reduce the number of people in the building and thus reduces some likelihood of transmission.

Additionally, the team evaluates the number of daily elective surgeries on an ongoing basis as the COVID-19 numbers fluctuate.

COVID-19 testing also continues to evolve. “We continue to test symptomatic patients but are moving away from testing those individuals with no signs or symptoms,” he says.



“The treatment of patients has not changed as we focus on healing those who are symptomatic with any illness.”

Hill has now led the medical center for six months and offers some interesting observations about his role and leadership in general.

“I really enjoy helping others,” he says. “My most important job is to remove any obstacles that arise in the path of our caregivers so they can provide an exceptional experience for every one of our guests. Most people would be surprised that leadership is not about sitting at a desk giving directives. Rather, it's about being on the front line with the team answering phones,

transporting guests, visiting with patients or whatever else needs to be done. There is no job duty that is 'beneath' any position in our organization.”

According to Hill, one of the best ways to support the healthcare community right now is to seek the right care at the right time in the right place. “If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please come see us in the ER. If it's not a medical emergency, please utilize the OnCall locations, Prompt Care or your doctor's office.”

To learn more about OSF HealthCare, visit OSFSacredHeart.org or find them on Facebook @ [osfsacredheart](https://www.facebook.com/osfsacredheart).

Leadership TOMORROW

A Service of *Vermilion Advantage*

Annie Monyok, Founder of Monyok Leadership, and Nicole Van Hyfte, Community Development Coordinator for Vermilion Advantage, are teaming up to take the Leadership Tomorrow program in new directions.

Leadership Tomorrow is a community leadership program with the mission to equip and challenge the next generation to get involved and shape the future and direction of the community's potential. The Danville Area Chamber of Commerce created the popular program, which began in 1986.

Leadership Tomorrow Class 33 starts with a unique reunion kickoff event on Tuesday, March 15th, at the Danville Country Club from 5-8 pm. All past graduates (and their significant others) are invited to come and reunite with their classmates, network with other professionals, and learn about the new framework for the Leadership Tomorrow program.

"We are excited about the launch of the First Annual Leadership Tomorrow Reunion," says Van Hyfte. "This event will ultimately be the launch of the recruitment for the 2022 class as well as recruiting mentors to participate in the new mentoring program. Once mentors sign up, they will be required to attend a mentor training on June 9th from 10 am-noon, attend a teambuilding Vermilion County Amazing Race style activity on June 10th with their mentee, and ultimately commit to being there professionally for their paired partner."

Past Leadership Tomorrow (formerly Leadership Danville) participants are invited to become mentors. Van Hyfte and Monyok will match participants with mentors who have similar interests and career paths. The pairs will meet regularly to work on community and professional development.

"Leadership Tomorrow has been a well-run, valuable program," says Monyok. "We want to honor the history and success of not only the program but also the 32 years of graduates. What better way to kick off the next generation of Leadership Tomorrow by



Nicole Van Hyfte and Annie Monyok

honoring the program's legacy and the success of its graduates?"

Vermilion Advantage's Mabelle Dykes directed the program since 2008 and is stepping away as she retires this year. "Mabelle has done such a great job with this program," says Van Hyfte. "It was because of her that I took this class and ultimately landed my career at Vermilion Advantage, and I believe she deserves a big shout out for what she has done with this program."

Changes

This year, the program's classroom schedule will be shortened to seven partial days. "Don't worry; we aren't cutting programs from Leadership Tomorrow," says Monyok. "We reworked our approach to include all of the same experiences in new ways. This reduces the out-of-office time for professionals."

The challenge of running Leadership Tomorrow during COVID-19 highlighted the potential to grow the program from largely classroom-based to service-based. "Large tour groups or classroom sizes restrict our ability to allow as many participants as possible," says Monyok. "The objective remains to educate participants on the history of Vermilion County while grooming

future leaders who ultimately get involved." As COVID-19 protocols allow, the program will continue to provide classroom experiences and tours around Vermilion County.

Volunteer hours are increasing from 35 to 80.

Vermilion Advantage is also growing its support of non-profits and service organizations who can tap Leadership Tomorrow for volunteer resources and future board members.

More about Leadership Tomorrow

Participants in the program develop pride in the community, gain a network of professionals, cultivate a commitment to get involved in the community and receive community leadership development through mentoring. The community gains a network of volunteers for service and non-profit organizations, along with a community of committed, inspired, and involved leaders.

Employers also benefit. When employees are invested in their community, they are more likely to invest in their career in that community. Local employers gain a more committed workforce by supporting their employees who want to participate. "Leadership Tomorrow is a fantastic investment for individuals new to or rooted in Vermilion County," says Monyok. "This program is a great starting point for anyone interested in investing in themselves and their community."

Van Hyfte agrees. "I am personally so excited to be working with Annie Monyok to breathe new life into this program," she says. "Annie has so many amazing ideas, and together we have a vision of how to grow an already phenomenal program for Vermilion County professionals. I believe Leadership Tomorrow does a great job of keeping our young professionals in Vermilion County."

To learn more about the program or apply, visit vermillionadvantage.com/leadership-tomorrow.

The Salvation Army Christmas Campaign Exceeds Expectations in Vermilion County

As of mid-January, The Salvation Army of Vermilion County raised nearly \$99,000 in its annual Christmas Campaign, exceeding last year's donations of \$91,661.28.

The Salvation Army Christmas Campaign, its largest annual fundraiser, ran from November 1st, 2021, through January 31st, 2022. The donations are used throughout the year.

The Salvation Army of Vermilion County serves more than 8,700 families each year, providing critical services that include food, shelter, help with utilities, rent, clothing, hope and much more.

Campaign initiatives include business sponsorship, red kettle donations, mail and online donations, and sales

from lapel pins. These efforts help raise funds for those in need of a "hand up" to put food on the table and keep a roof over their head.

"Bell Ringers are the army behind the Army and an important component of the campaign's success since kettle donations account for more than 30% of the total funds raised," says Melissa Wilhelm, Special Events & Development Coordinator. "Ringers dedicate their time and brave the cold to ring a much-recognized Christmas bell drawing attention to kettles in front of popular retail locations."

This year, Vermilion County saw a 57% increase in volunteer ringers, the most recorded in the past three years. And, despite the labor shortage and a looming pandemic, the county also saw an increase in paid bell ringers in 2021.

New event partnerships with the Vermilion County Bobcats Hockey Team and the historic Fischer Theatre, among others, also helped generate funds. Mad Goat Coffee was the Red Kettle Kick-Off Sponsor again this year. Funds raised in a two-hour period on Veteran's Day resulted in a 318% increase over last year.

"Vermilion County's biggest strength is most definitely the big hearts of generous people who care about their community and offer help to their struggling neighbors."

—Melissa Wilhelm

Local establishments allowed small counter kettles near their registers, resulting in a 300% increase in counter kettles this year.



2021 Christmas Season
Vermilion County, IL.

Overall, Red Kettles generated \$36,222.16 exceeding the goal of \$32,500.

The Salvation Army also saw a 72% increase in toy donations, primarily through Angel Trees in partnership with Walmart and private donors. The toys were transferred to Toys for Tots and distributed to families in need this Christmas.

More than 40 coats were donated to The Salvation Army of Vermilion County for distribution this winter through the annual coat drive with Delivering Good and Burlington Coat Factory in Danville.

And because of generous donations, The Salvation Army once again constructed and distributed Christmas Baskets to families in need of food this Christmas.

“We are so grateful to our friends and supporters in Vermilion County for a tremendous campaign and for the ability to continue serving those in need this year,” says Wilhelm. “Vermilion County's biggest strength is most definitely the big hearts of generous people who care about their community and offer help to their struggling neighbors. By the grace of God, it is a privilege to collaborate with service clubs, churches, volunteers, businesses, and like-minded agencies who partner and rise to the occasion to keep hope marching on around us. Glory be to God!”



About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army has been serving Vermilion County for 133 years. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and meet human needs in His name without discrimination. The Salvation Army annually helps more than 30 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction, and economic hardships through a range of social services. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug

and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army operates 7,600 centers around the country. In the first-ever listing of “America's Favorite Charities” by *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, The Salvation Army ranked as the country's largest privately funded, direct-service nonprofit.

There will continue to be volunteer opportunities with The Salvation Army of Vermilion County. The organization is looking for help with its food pantry and special events, and is recruiting new Advisory Board Members.

To learn more, visit sadanville.org, email melissa.wilhelm@usc.salvationarmy.org or find them on Facebook @danvillecorps.



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 Hoopeston.....Winter Lucas
 Neighborhood McDonald's.....Jayden Cottrell
 Covington, IN.....Danielle Pritchard

January Student/Athlete of the Month:

Danville High School Student of the Month.....Bryson Perez Hinton
 Danville High School Athlete of the Month.....Martez Rhodes

Schlarman Academy North Student of the Month.....Evan Scherer
 Schlarman Academy North Athlete of the Month.....Caleb Kelly




Oakwood Student of the Month.....Andrew Witsman
 Oakwood Athlete of the Month.....Ashlynn Pinnick

GRFHS Student of the Month.....Anna Martin
 GRFHS Athlete of the Month.....Kaden Mingee

Hoopeston Area High School Student of the Month.....Nicholas Hofer
 Hoopeston Area High School Athlete of the Month.....Tori Birge

Covington High School Student of the Month.....Emma Taylor
 Covington High School Athlete of the Month.....Nate Sly

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