

Community Partner: Salvation Army: Group 2

Team name: Salvation Nation

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The Salvation Nation Action Team completed 136 hours of service to the Salvation Army, logged 76 visits, and traveled 196 miles during the fall semester of 2008. The purpose of their work was “to aid those who are less fortunate than most; To serve the staff of Salvation Army through our physical labor and intellectual abilities; To determine the needs of the Salvation Army and fulfill the needs of the community to the best of our ability and to offer our time, talents, and skills to the Salvation Army to help meet their current needs and assist them with any emerging needs during the semester.” The Salvation Nation Action Team addressed their purpose by 1) obtaining materials and constructing shelves for storage of goods received during the Salvation Army’s yearly food drive, 2) developing an effective system of sorting and organizing the cans of food for the local Salvation Army, and 3) helping Salvation Army Group 1 in organizing a concert that benefits the Angel Tree Project by allowing the community to donate toys. Here’s what the team had to say about their project: “We as a team feel we have accomplished all goals set forth at the beginning of the year in some way. We feel well assured that the Salvation Army in Starkville has benefitted greatly from our service, for instance, without the constant un-bagging, re-shelving, storing, and even distribution of the food cans at Salvation Army we know that the store would have been overstocked and unmanageable; this would have left the already strained employees even more frustrated with the chaos. Also, we know that because of our involvement in organizing, setting up toys, and even helping put on a concert to benefit the Angel Tree Program, many children in this community will have a Christmas gift that they otherwise would not have had. This is one of the greatest joys we received while working for our community partner and we are so thankful for the opportunity to have been a part of such amazing community service.”