



**DOING THE  
MOST GOOD™**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF SAN ANTONIO**

Since 2001 the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of San Antonio has been working with young people from disadvantaged economic, social and family circumstances. The Club has actively sought to enrich the lives of girls and boys whom other youth agencies have had difficulty in reaching. We are dedicated to ensuring that our community's disadvantaged young people have greater access to quality programs and services that will enhance their lives and shape their futures.

A youth development strategy underlies all Boys & Girls Club programs and fosters a sense of belonging, competence, usefulness and influence that builds self-confidence and self-esteem.

The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs of San Antonio is part of a nationwide, global affiliation of organizations working to help youth of all backgrounds develops the qualities needed to become responsible citizens and leaders. It is facility-based, and employs professional staff supplemented by numerous part-time volunteers, and offers daily access to a broad range of programs in five core program areas:

- Youth Ministry
- Character and Leadership Development
- Education and Career Development
- Health and Life Skills
- The Arts
- Sports, Fitness and Recreation

Today, hundreds boys and girls in our service area are in need of the programs , activities and services provided by the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs of San Antonio. They will benefit from trained, caring, professional staff and volunteers who help young people take control of their lives, envision productive futures and reach their goals.

## **We Build Ethical Citizens**

Youth who are raised in low income areas face negative influence on a daily basis.

How do we help young people, especially those who are disconnected to grow up to become contributing citizens of good character?

We help them by:

- Teaching and promoting positive Christian principles and values
- cultivating good character and ethical leadership skills;
- providing opportunities to influence peers and others;
- empowering teens to positively impact their community;
- connecting them to caring adult role models; and
- most importantly give them a foundation of Christian principles

The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club is well positioned to connect with community youth, empowering them to become strong ethical and productive citizens. We will do this as a definitive result of proper adult to youth relationships built by our professional staff and volunteers.

The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs of San Antonio identifies character development as helping young people:

- **Know and love GOD**- good character begins and ends with our relationship with our Heavenly Father.
- **Know the Good** – youth learn the ethical traits that are consistent with good character.
- **Love the Good** – youth develop an appreciation for the learned traits and incorporate them into their moral code.
- **Do the Good** – youth practice good character traits as they interact with others and the world around them.

Youth who are provided opportunities to learn, accept and practice good character traits are more prone to exercise them in their daily lives. Moreover, they are apt to make positive ethical decisions throughout their lives.