

Save the Date for a State Wide **Red Kettle Day**



Come one, come all let's get into the holiday spirit of giving by ringing the bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettles.

When: Saturday, December 7, 2024

Where: Locations to be announced in your District

Your District Charities Directors will provide information on the locations in your district.

Time: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

See your District Charities Director to sign up for 2-hour shifts

The Salvation Army was founded in London, England, in 1865 by former Methodist minister William Booth. Booth abandoned the conventional concept of a church and a pulpit, instead taking his message of spiritual salvation directly to the people – in particular the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute of Victorian-era London.

The Annual Red Kettle Campaign began in 1891 in San Francisco when Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee set up a crab pot at Oakland Ferry Landing to collect money to feed 1,000 of the poor on Christmas Day. Captain McFee encouraged passersby to drop coins in the pot to help the poor. Thus, the idea for the Red Kettles was born.

Red Kettle volunteers didn't become bell ringers until 1900, when a young cadet named Amelia from New York City bought a 10-cent bell to ring. The bell was a huge success and drew attention and donations from those who passed. Not long after, all the cadets had bells to ring.