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*A glance into the...*

# Salvation Army's Boys & Girls Clubs

The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs provides structured programming for youth ages 6-18. It's focus is to prepare youth mentally, physically and spiritually. Special initiatives will be taken to serve those youth exposed to unusual or disadvantaged circumstances. There are four Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs that offer after school homework and tutoring, arts and crafts, daily devotional (offered but not required), physical education, social and recreational programs, Summer Day Camps, Easter and Christmas Camps and along with National Programs such as Youth of the Year and National Kids Day Program.

*The following is a possible scenario that could happen (all names and areas have been changed for privacy reasons):*

The Salvation Army's Boys & Girls Club means a lot to Jane Doe. The Club is a place where she knows she can go to receive help with any and everything that is happening in her life. She started attending the club when she was a teenager. Her first day was like a hypnosis because she was hooked the second she stepped into the club. Everyday she would go home and rave about the day to her mother.

Her mother was happy that she liked it and it helped her out as well. She has been raising two girls alone. The Boys & Girls Club made it easier for her because she knew that her daughters were at a safe place while she worked. The club was like a second home to Jane. The staff at the club made Jane feel like she had known them all her life. The club has various activities that keep the children occupied during the afternoon. There are some educational activities and homework is always done first. Jane never saw this at other centers or organizations. She knew that the Boys & Girls Club were concerned about her education. Before she joined the club, Jane knew little to nothing about the bible. She learned about the bible during the reading sessions at the Boys & Girls Club.

Jane came from a neighborhood that has trouble everywhere you turn. The Boys & Girls Club kept her away from all of the troubles and crime during the day. It is very easy for children to get into trouble today. Whenever they are doing something productive with their time, their chances of being involved in trouble are decreased. Whenever an organization, like the Boys & Girls Club, arrives and keeps children motivated and determined, you will see new things start to happen. Jane really enjoys going to the club because the club has helped her through a lot of trying times in her life. Jane said, "You have no other choice but to excel forward when you are at the club."