

Legacy Summary – The Salvation Army

Our group worked with The Salvation Army in Mattoon for our legacy project. The Salvation Army is a nongovernmental relief agency that provides youth/church programs, food pantry, rent assistance, and social services counseling. The Salvation Army relates to Population and Global Health as it provides people of the community with services that alleviate suffering and help them create and maintain healthy functioning lives.

While at The Salvation Army, my group and I organized and stocked the food pantry. We later managed the attic, which contained supplies for the programs. During my experience, the director expressed their gratitude since the number of volunteers they've had was limited. I realized the importance of contributing and volunteering to fuel the community's services. As a student nurse, it's essential to identify areas in need and work to improve the conditions. I was able to help the community by organizing and managing resources used in the youth program and food pantry, further encouraging the community to lead healthy lives.