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The Heart of a Volunteer

March is Disability Awareness Month in Indiana, a time to celebrate inclusion and the contributions of individuals with disabilities. Furthermore, April is National Volunteer Month, which highlights the value of volunteers and recognizes their selfless efforts. Because of these themes, we felt there was no better time to share the story of Bev—a disability advocate and volunteer.

Bev has always had the heart of a volunteer and a passion for helping others. She once volunteered at a women's prison and she enjoys serving on the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, which she has done for three years.



Bev with a representative from The Salvation Army



Bev in her bell ringer uniform

"I just want everybody to know that even if you have a disability, you can do the same things [as people without disabilities], just differently."

Bev especially looks forward to her time as a Salvation Army bell ringer each December. For the past four years, Bev has volunteered for a two hour shift three to four times per week for about three weeks.

Bev says she wanted to get involved with the Salvation Army because she wanted to help people. "My favorite part about volunteering is helping people and knowing where the money goes—knowing other people will be happy and they will have food, clothing, and housing."

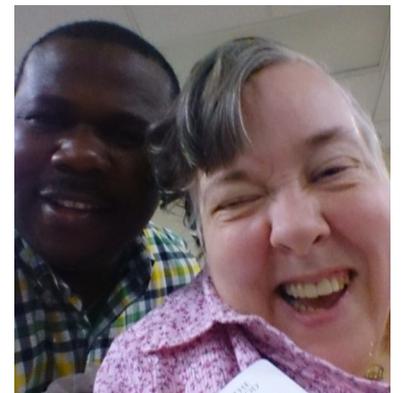
In March, Bev was honored at The Salvation Army's volunteer appreciation luncheon, along with all her fellow volunteers. She looks forward to continuing as a Salvation Army volunteer and wants to spread the news about the organization's good work in the community, particularly their services for families and people

with disabilities.

Bev is grateful for the support she receives from Tangram, which enables her to pursue these volunteer opportunities and have a positive impact on her community.

Tangram thanks our staff members, donors, volunteers, and community partners for the role they play in creating extraordinary lives for people with disabilities like Bev!

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Bev with Tangram staff member, Julius