

There's a chill in the air and bells are starting to ring. The holiday season is upon us.

This year's Salvation Army's red kettle campaign has begun and several individuals from Liberty ARC are on the front lines helping to make a difference! Individuals from the agency's Community Connections program are at the Amsterdam Price Chopper every Wednesday (1-2pm) from now until Christmas ringing bells and asking for your help.

Laura Winslow, a Salvation Army case worker said, "The partnership with us [[Gloversville Salvation Army Worship & Community Center](#)] and Liberty ARC is a wonderful thing. We're coming together to make a big impact/difference. I truly believe that everybody has the ability to give back to the community."

One hundred and twenty six years ago an endearing yet vitally important holiday tradition began on the West Coast. Captain Joseph McFee a member of [The Salvation Army USA](#) organization wanted to provide a Christmas dinner for 1,000 poor people in San Francisco, CA but had no way to pay for it.

Captain McFee decided to set up a collection pot at the Oakland Ferry landing with a sign, "Keep the Pot Boiling" thus raising enough money to give those families a much needed Christmas dinner. Eventually, the "kettle" idea expanded to other locations along the West Coast and soon spread east.

Today, red kettles can now be found (and heard) throughout the country from Thanksgiving to Christmas Eve. The kettle campaign funds Salvation Army programs that provide food, shelter, rehabilitation, disaster relief, and much more for people and families in crisis.

The Gloversville Salvation Army Worship & Community Center provides critical services to residents in Montgomery and Fulton Counties. They offer supports to those in-need such as: crisis intervention/domestic violence provisions, back-to-school sneaker programs, toy drives, as well as coordinate the Angel Tree program aimed at matching gift requests from children in need.

Funds from the red kettle campaign go towards supporting these services and ensuring those in our community have a bright and joyful holiday season.

