

# Salvatorian Mission Warehouse



Constant Updates >>>

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## Requests from Missions:

- Adult diapers
- Soccer gear
- Soaps/shampoos
- Toothbrushes/paste
- Mosquito bed nets

Needed items are available to view and/or purchase on our Amazon WishList via our website.

## Director Update

### Winter 2020

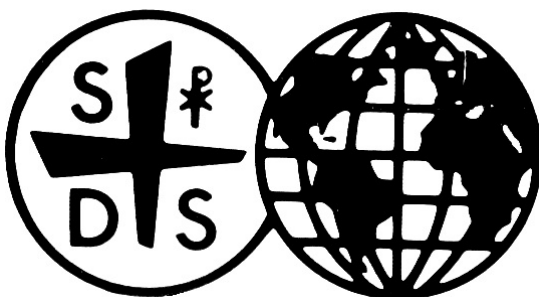
*Continuing the Salvatorian tradition of spreading the love and Word of Jesus through all ways and means!*

The idea of *legacy* has weighed heavy on my mind in recent months—no doubt prompted by the deaths of my paternal grandfather in August and maternal grandfather in December—but also as a result of the people and situations I encounter here at the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse on a daily basis. Money and personal property left behind are considerations, certainly, but the legacy of a person’s character is what I am truly amazed by.

In this edition of the newsletter are two examples of powerful legacy. The first, written by long-time volunteer and member of the Board, Jack Egan, is a testament to his friend and fellow-volunteer, Paul Allen. The second, is the story behind what became the first Salvatorian Mission Warehouse “named” container.

Through their goodness and the work of the Holy Spirit, these two seemingly ordinary people have left a legacy that will continue to create positive change for years to come. I hope you find joy and inspiration in reading their stories. Also included in this edition of the newsletter is a summary of the containers sent last year and a financial overview for 2019. As you’ll see, the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse continues to spread so much joy throughout the world!

Heather Holton, SDS  
Director



# A Volunteer's Legacy

*Submitted by Jack Egan*

Paul Allen, a volunteer at the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse during the 1990s, died on July 6th, 2019, from cancer. Born in Green Bay in 1939, Paul was the second oldest of eleven children. Brother Regis Fust, retired SMW Director, is recognized by Paul in his 'Personal Memoirs.' He connected with Br. Regis "to drop off stuff and to load semis overnight with 1000 pairs of boots for the Chicago Pastors for Peace truck." Later, Paul's mission extended to Nicaragua and Honduras. At a very early time, Paul left his name inscribed in the annals of the history of the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse.

As a classmate of Paul's from 1953-59, I recall him as a person who marched to his own drummer. He dropped out of the major seminary at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., when he learned that many there were focused on becoming Bishops rather than focused on the vocation of serving the poor. Paul was all about reaching out to help those who were stepped on by the world's legal systems and leaders of federal, state, and foreign governments. Stated by his brother Mark, "Paul leaves behind a lifetime legacy of pursuing social justice, university education, and active efforts to help others to be more human." Paul wanted to live amongst and help the poorest of the poor. How fortunate he was when he found his soulmate, Billie Greenwood, Peace and Justice Director for Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, who would later become his wife.

In the vein of Dorothy Day, Co-Founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, Paul reached out to aid those mothers and children who were seeking places of safety in the late 1990s at the Su Casa House in Chicago. How fortunate I was in being able to assist Paul in reconstructing a playground area, upgrading private living spaces for mothers and children, repairing showers and bathrooms, working in the Community Garden, and more. For me, Paul's lifetime of service is analogous to Dorothy Day's, whose cause for canonization was authorized by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

Paul strongly believed that one should "Join one thing – grab something ...reach out and help others." He was convinced that it was not the purity or sophistication of one's theology that the New Testament saw as essential to wholeness (holiness). He felt that there were more important tasks to respond to, open to every human being willing to become aware of the oppressive injustice suffered by so many.

The death of Paul Allen certainly leaves a void in the lives of those who knew him, worked with him, and benefitted by his compassion. He gave his time, effort, and financial support to many social justice organizations during his lifetime. Most recently, during the winters of 2014-19, he and his wife, Billie, were regular volunteers at the Kino Border Initiative's migrant assistance center. Paul and Billie deeply loved their work there, helping to provide basic needs - food, clothing, and first aid – to people who were far from their homes and families. Paul continued to reach out and help others until his death. Knowing Paul was similar to knowing someone who wanted to give his whole self in helping others. In summary, one could say that Paul's life truly reflected St. Augustine of Hippo: "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee."

If you would like to read Paul's complete life story, you can access it at: [paulallen.info](http://paulallen.info)



*A weekly volunteer joined by a school group.*

*Join >>>*

## Volunteer With Us

Individuals and groups are welcome to volunteer at the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse as part of a regular schedule or one-time event. Shifts are available Monday through Friday. Group leaders should reach out in advance, while individuals can come by anytime!

# Memorial Legacy

## *The first “Named” Container*

At the end of October, we received a number of donations in memory of John Charles Shoop who passed away at the age of 90. In lieu of flowers, his friends and family were asked to give memorials to “John’s favorite mission: The Salvatorian Mission Warehouse.” The donations were totaled and it was realized the sum was nearly equal to the cost of shipping the following day’s container to Honduras. It was decided to load that container in memory of John.

The container arrived in Honduras just before Christmas, filled with food, clothing, medical supplies, fire equipment, household goods, religious items, and more. In the few weeks since it was unloaded, the John Charles Shoop Memorial Container has already impacted hundreds of lives and brought so much joy!



*Children living at the city dump are so happy to receive gifts of cracker sticks, beans, and chocolate!*



## **A.S.F.A.H.D.F.E.**

*Loosely translated as The Association for Families with Disabled Boys and Girls—Beacon of Hope, this organization in Honduras seeks to provide support in a country with limited social services. Through the John Charles Shoop Memorial Container, they were able to make a huge impact on more than 100 families. The girl above received a new wheelchair, feeding tube, and formula, greatly improving her quality of life!*

## **“Remember those in Prison”**

*259 prisoners were given gifts of candy, cracker sticks, and beans. Photos aren’t allowed inside the facility, however.*



## **Volunteer Firefighters**

*Communities rely on the bravery of volunteers to fight fires. This container provided much-needed gear for their safety.*

## **Ask >>>**

**Q:** Will you send more named containers?

**A:** Absolutely!

Any individual or group interested in sponsoring a specific container can reach out for more information.

# other news...

The Salvatorian Mission Warehouse was BUSY in 2019!



Children in Ghana enjoying delicious rice!

## Financial Contributions

Individuals	\$245,974
Funds/Foundations	\$261,084
Churches/Groups	\$42,141
Businesses	\$905
Recycling/Other	\$21,985

**Total** **\$572,089**

## Expenses

Relief goods/ Shipping supplies/ Freight	\$565,036
Warehouse/ Equipment	\$36,388
Office/ Marketing/ Salaries/	\$138,031

**Total** **\$739,455**

## Containers Shipped

47 Containers

24 Missions

1,553,573 lbs of relief goods

14 Countries:

- Jamaica
- Ghana
- Peru
- Paraguay
- Panama
- Micronesia
- Honduras
- West Indies
- Chile
- Haiti
- Turkey
- Philippines
- Nigeria
- Guatemala

## Rice Distributed

9 Distributions

20 Missions

429,000 lbs of rice

All rice purchased and distributed in Ghana.

*"I would like to send a special thank you for helping the poor and needy in these communities with your supply of rice. About 360 beneficiaries which includes the poor, sick, widows, and orphaned children received the rice with joy. The beneficiaries were so happy and grateful just like the people of Israel when God sent manna to them in the desert."*

*-Fr. Pascal*



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