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"We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future." Eph. 4:3,4 (NLT)

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Army a hero in Joplin

"It took on a life of its own," said Lt. Jamie Curry, Joplin, Mo., corps officer, of the t-shirts the corps started selling earlier this year to raise funds for its community work. Instead, wearing the blue, "HERO" emblazoned t-shirts by Joplin's citizens has become a rallying cry of the shared survivor experience after the devastating tornadoes that demolished the town in 2011.

The shirts became so popular and prevalent the city's mayor decided to proclaim a "Salvation Army Hero Day." The town was blanketed in blue, from school children to bankers; even all 160 Sam's Club employees sported the shirts! In fact, t-shirt sales at Sam's Club and the corps are still moving briskly, and Jamie has received pictures of t-shirt wearers from all over the country and even overseas!



"This provided a tremendous opportunity to educate our community that The Salvation Army has always been, and always will be here," Jamie continued. "It also gave us a chance to debut some of our plans for celebrating the Army's 125th anniversary here next year."

The Army was widely recognized for its disaster recovery work after the tornadoes, but this exposure has provided a platform to share there's much more beyond assistance vouchers and red kettles.

The t-shirts have become such a common sight around town they serve as conversational ice-breakers. The corps' volunteer base has increased dramatically, and the number of trained emergency disaster services volunteers has grown exponentially.

"Having this increased awareness has been so much more valuable than any funds raised," said Jamie, who plans to kick off the 125th anniversary celebrations during this year's kettle season. The corps hopes to hold at least four major events next year. Also planned is the grand reopening and dedication of the thrift store, which was demolished by the tornado.

"The dedication will bring us full circle," Jamie concluded. "God has used tragedy to bring good. The community has embraced us, and we all look to the future."

According to Lt. James Curry, the Army plans to stage another t-shirt sale next year. These shirts, too, will feature an equally impactful logo not only to commemorate the anniversary but the strong, cohesive spirit of Joplin's people.

Chicago Kroc Center gains national recognition

by Felicia Horton

The Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Chicago has been awarded three National Phoenix Awards for changing a brownfield site to a residential standard in a much needed community. Phoenix Award winners represent outstanding brownfield or environmental projects from each of the 10 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regions.

"That field was a pile of rubble and overgrown weeds," said Renee Nixon Taylor, a longtime resident of the West Pullman area. "We would only pass through it to get from our neighborhood to the bus. I always prayed that God would bring something for our kids and get rid of that ugly field."

The new Kroc Center is the answer to Ms. Taylor's prayer. What was once a brownfield (land previously used for industrial purposes) and contaminated site is now a state-of-the-art community center.

The Chicago Kroc Center project redeemed a contaminated piece of property to a residential standard at a great cost savings. The original bud-

get for the City of Chicago was \$21 million just to clean the PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyl) and contaminants from the site being considered by The Salvation Army. When the Kroc team got together, under the guidance of the site owner's representatives International Facilities Group, a plan was drawn up to remove the PCBs from the site and bury the oil based contaminants. A 30-foot hole would be dug in which to bury the contaminated soil deeply under the parking lot, tennis courts and outdoor basketball court, and the clean clay/soil from that hole was used as the new top soil and engineered barrier. The cost to clean up the site plummeted to \$4 million. The City of Chicago had never seen a project do more for less money. There are also very few projects willing to take a brownfield and bring it up to residential standards where kids can run and play.

Zach Clayton, environmental engi-



Awards are widely recognized as the outstanding award for achievement of excellence in brownfield redevelopment.

neer III for the City of Chicago, was the city's lead engineer on the project and was present in Atlanta for the Phoenix Awards. "The Salvation Army Kroc Center project stole the show," he said. "We were awarded with the 2011 USEPA Region 5 award, the 2011 People's Choice Award and the 2011 national grand prize award."

Created in 1997 this prestigious award honors individuals and groups working to solve critical environmental or social challenges, transforming blighted and contaminated areas into productive new uses and sustainable development projects. The Phoenix

"The Phoenix Awards panel, consisting of environmental professionals and business and government leaders, recognized The Salvation Army for redeeming this plot of land," said Major David Harvey, senior Kroc Center officer. "The Salvation Army Kroc Center is honored to play such an active role in the revitalization of Chicago's South Side and the West Pullman and Roseland neighborhoods in particular."

The Chicago Kroc Center celebrated its one year anniversary this summer.



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Gifted to serve

by Lt. Colonel Richard Amick
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It's been more than a month since we witnessed 32 Proclaimers of the Resurrection being sent out to the uttermost parts of the Central Territory. As the new lieutenants joyfully "marched on," it occurred to me that each has been called to serve the Lord with his or her respective gifts and talents for the sake of others.

As I reflect on the events of that day and the journey on which these

new lieutenants were embarking, I can't help but think of when I began a similar journey 35 years ago. The excitement of doing God's work was exhilarating, and yet fear knocked on my heart's door, reminding me I was young, ill equipped and lacking wisdom for the daunting challenge of building God's Kingdom. After more than three decades, would I do it again? Absolutely! There is no greater joy than serving the Lord!



In the late 1600s, Sir Christopher Wren was commissioned to redesign St. Paul's Cathedral in London after it was destroyed by fire. According to legend, one day he visited the construction site of this great edifice and was unrecognized by the workers. Wren walked about the site, asking men what they were doing. One worker replied, "I am cutting a piece of stone." A second responded, "I'm earning five shillings two pence a day." A third said, "I am helping

Christopher Wren build a magnificent cathedral to the glory of God." What a contrast in attitude and motivation!

Why we do what we do is paramount. Paul challenged the Ephesians to do their work, "not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men" (Ephesians. 6:6-7, NKJ).

If we do our work merely to earn a paycheck, satisfy our boss, our spouse or ourselves, we fall short. Our highest motivation must be like the laborer who told Wren he worked "to the glory of God."

An exemplary life

Harry Reyburn, 2013 Territorial Life Service Volunteer of the Year, has directed recruitment and scheduling for the Omaha, Neb., Winter Night Watch program, providing warm food, clothing and kind service to the hungry, for 24 years. He also recruits and schedules volunteers for the summer feeding program, Kids Cruisin' Kitchen.

"Although his leadership and organizational skills are critical to the programs, it is his ability to inspire those around him that sets him apart," said Greg Kadrlik, Western divisional director of volunteers. "He leads by example. By his actions, he has taught many volunteers how important the gift of caring is to those in need."

Harry came to know about The

Salvation Army while serving in the U.S. military, where he encountered its services all over the world. "I embrace the mission statement which says, '...Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination,'" said Harry.

Harry's life isn't just exemplary on the field; he's a devoted husband of 52 years to Marian, a father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He has served as an elder in his church since 1970 and is a long-time member of Rotary International.

Along with Marian, who has profound hearing loss, Harry is a national educator and advocate for the hard of hearing community. He is active in the National Self-Help for Hard of Hearing Operation.

"The Lord has been good to me, and in my own, small way I'm 'paying back,'" said Harry. "From the scriptures we understand if we see a stranger hungry, thirsty, sick or otherwise needy, and we meet those needs, we have done it as for the Lord."



Harry Reyburn is flanked by Greg Kadrlik (l), Western divisional volunteer director, and JJ Kuzma, Western divisional director of disaster services, who nominated him for the award.

Ceaseless ministry

The Salvation Army was not the only "military" connection for Majors Jerry and Loreen Henderson when they retired from their Racine, Wis., corps officer appointments!

Loreen was working in the Army's business office in Flint, Mich., when she met Jerry, an assertive Navy man who'd retired after a 25-year career, then earned a degree in marketing management. He was recruited by Walmart straight out of college.

Loreen, who'd been raised by officer parents, invited the unchurched Jerry to attend the corps with her, which he found to be friendly and inviting. He then accompanied Loreen to a "Walk through the Bible" weekend at Echo Grove Camp, where she introduced him to Christ.

Jerry became a senior soldier and soon was called by God to officer-ship at the 1993 commissioning weekend. They married in 1995 and became auxiliary captains in 1997. The Hendersons served in corps in Michigan, Minnesota and North



Pictured (l-r) are Majors David and Gay Ann Fulton, Majors Loreen and Jerry Henderson and Majors Susan and Mark Anderson.

Dakota, then in adult rehabilitation centers in Illinois and Wisconsin before their final appointment in Racine. Along the way they became captains in 2002 and majors in 2012.

Ten years ago, the Hendersons' lives were blessed when they adopted two children from Guatemala: daughter Andi, now 20, and son Alex, now 12.

Honoring the Hendersons at their retirement service were two sets of long-time friends: Majors David and Gay Ann Fulton, who officiated the ceremony, and Majors Mark and Susan Anderson. The Hendersons look forward to opportunities for ministry during retirement in Greensboro, N.C.

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Newly accepted candidates



Jessica Smith

Noble Worship Center, Minn., Corps Northern Division



I started attending The Salvation Army at age 5 when corps members came to my neighborhood to promote vacation Bible school. My siblings and I were picked up every day so we could attend, and I've been going to the Army ever since! I accepted Jesus as a young-

ster, and my relationship with Him has continued to grow. I thought a lot about officership over the years, but it was never clear to me if that was what God wanted for me until I read *Not a Fan* by Keyle Idelman which spelled out what being a follower of Jesus really means. It changed my life. My relationship with Jesus was transformed, and God's call became clear. It's amazing what God can do in your life if you just let Him. I'm really looking forward to what He has in store for my future.

Jessica's former corps officers are Captains Alex and Chris Lim; her current corps officer is Captain Nancy Mead.

Linda Acosta

Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps Metropolitan Division



I didn't quite understand my parents' passion for ministry until we joined the Rockford Temple Corps in 2003. There I experienced overwhelming congregational love and began a relationship with Christ. I was surrounded by saints and disciplined through the youth ministry. The following summer I joined a divisional mission team where my heart was set on fire to serve God. My call and purpose was to comfort those in need emotionally. I earned a master's degree in clinical psychology from Wheaton College, but working as a therapist didn't bring peace to my soul. My heart ached for the children and families I encountered because I longed for them to know the Savior. God brought an amazing, loving man of faith into my life, Luis, and we were married this year. We look forward to serving the Lord as officers.

Linda's corps officers were Majors Randy and Kathy Hellstrom; her current corps officers are Majors Steven and Christine Merritt.



If these walls could talk

by Major Julie Aren

As I've sat in the chapel at the Chicago, Ill., North Side Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC), I've often wondered, "If these walls could talk, what would they say?"

Recently those walls were given the ability to speak—or at least convey a verse of scripture!—thanks to colorful banners designed and made by Susan Weibel, a soldier at the Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps.

Wanting the banners to symbolize the changed and renewed lives of ARC beneficiaries, Susan visited thrift stores to purchase shirts made of silky material. This expert seamstress and fabric artist then cut out geometric shapes and fashioned them to resemble multi-colored, stained-glass panels. The panels were then positioned alongside two blue banners bearing the words to Psalm 51:12 in gold lettering: "Restore to me the Joy of your Salvation" on one panel; "and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me" on the other.

The significance of second-chance shirts and second-chance lives was interwoven throughout the Sunday morning dedication service for the banners, and beneficiaries testified to the restoration referred to in Psalm 51.



Major Julie Aren and Susan Weibel with one of the new banners

One beneficiary shared, "In the height of my addiction, I prayed for death on a daily basis. When I surrendered to Christ, my circumstances pressed hard against me, but [they] were the perfect tool in God's hands for chiseling me into shape. The most comforting psalms written by David were squeezed from his life during suffering. I'll continue to trust in the Lord and never push away the instruments He's using... If I did, I'd miss the results of His work in my life."

Single focus for Kingdom

Two Salvationists were saluted at Congress for their exceptional service. If you know them, you weren't surprised. If you haven't made their acquaintance, you'll want to.

After 28 years as an elementary school teacher, **Marian Smith** found a new calling as the character-building ministries director, corps cadet and junior soldier counselor and child safety coordinator in the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division. Serving in these positions for nearly 20 years, she had a significant and lasting influence on youth that's now generations deep.



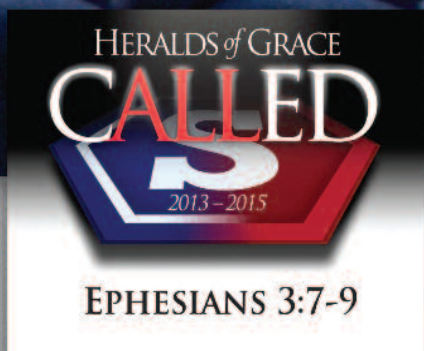
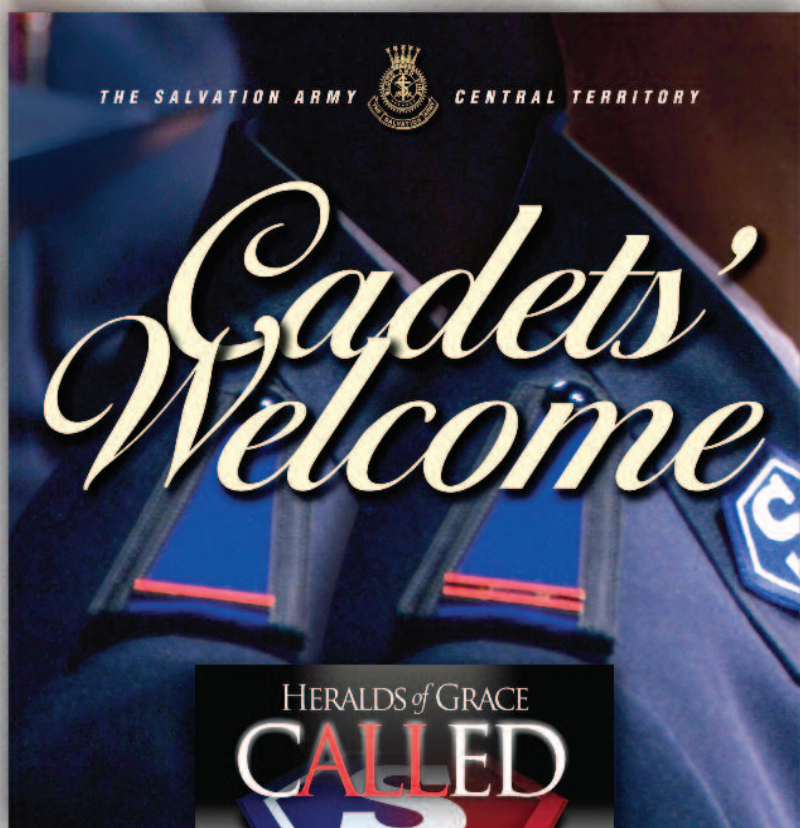
Her selfless personal investment set her apart and made the difference. A cheerleader for the youth, she not only knew their names but often traveled great distances to attend their programs, sporting events, plays and other special events. Her consistent care, along with her joyous spirit, laughter and kindness, made a real impression. Many of the youth she's ministered to are now adults with children of their own and say Marian was a key example of Christian living for them.

Beverly Herivel's name is practically synonymous with the phrase

"missionary sergeant." Her passion for missions took her corps' service and giving to a new level but also made an impact around the world. Before the age of instant communication, she recognized the importance of keeping missionaries in touch with back home and believed Centralites would pray and give more effectively as they learned about the missionaries and their needs.

She had worship services at her Dearborn Heights, Mich., Corps taped and sent to missionaries and encouraged groups like corps cadets to raise money for World Services/Self-Denial. For decades she produced a prayer booklet that was used through-

out the territory. Most recently Beverly has been the key person in the Partners in Mission Next Steps pilot between her corps and the Army in Peru. She has visited missionaries overseas, and when they're on furlough she has opened her home to them.



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Message by
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Loving care and fun key to

Ron, 85, and his wife Arlene, 80, both have Alzheimer's. They live with their daughter and son-in-law who work fulltime. Because of safety concerns, most families would be forced to put their parents into a nursing home. But the Adult Day Center at the Lakewood Temple Corps in Maplewood, Minn., provides another option. Not only does the center provide a respite for caregivers, they receive hours of education from staff about topics like home safety, the disease process and medications.

It's evident the center is making a difference in the lives of many. The smiles on the faces of clients, and the relief communicated by their loved ones, speaks volumes about the center's effectiveness.



Married couple, Ron and Arlene, both attend the center.

The clients—many of whom have Alzheimer's or traumatic brain injuries—are welcomed by a professional staff who are dedicated to ensuring each day is filled with opportunities for choice, connecting with friends and fun in a safe, secure setting.

In operation since 1991, the center was founded after the Lakewood Temple Corps performed a community needs assessment. The center started with 8-11 clients per day in a small space at the corps, using the gym and other rooms as needed.

"Until referrals started coming in, we were a best-kept secret," said Andrea Rath, a registered nurse and geriatric specialist, who joined the center in 2004 and became its director two years later. Almost 10 years later, she still loves her job. Even though she's only in her 40s, she hopes to stay in her position until she retires.

To meet the growing demand, the corps built an addition. With the larger, self-contained and more-secure space, the program's



Director Andrea Rath



Pamela Hoover, activities director, assists a client during art therapy.



Bowling is just one of several physical activities offered at the center.

numbers quickly soared. Although its state-licensed capacity is 50, Andrea restricts the daily population to 45 to allow space for urgent-care needs.

The center charges a daily fee with a sliding scale to accommodate financial needs. "We never refuse care for anyone because of money," said Andrea, although certain criteria must be met, such as the ability to feed oneself (unless sick or injured), being able to transfer from a wheelchair with the assistance of one person, having no or manageable incontinence and no anti-social behaviors (such as striking out). Adults age 18 and above are welcome.

Jim began attending the center 20 years ago when he was only 46 after an aneurism caused a brain injury. His wife appreciates not having to worry about him during the day while she works, and Jim gets much-needed socialization.

The center has 10 regular staff members with three others on call as needed. Most began as volunteers, reported Andrea, who now encourages potential new employees to start as volunteers to ensure a good fit.

Juliana Chapeau, the center's social worker, describes her position as "Best. Job. Ever! I'm lucky to work at a place where I can laugh every day. I don't mean a polite chuckle or an unexpected giggle—I mean a full-on, bend-over belly laugh! It's a big part of



The gardening club is popular with both men and women.

adult day center's success

what we do while offering support, education, understanding, respect and dignity to our clients and their loved ones. I have the privilege of meeting incredible people at one of the most trying periods in their lives. I can be a small part of their journey, walking beside them with a guiding hand."

The gospel is essential to the center's programming, Andrea continued. "Weekly worship services and Bible studies are important to our clients, who often are unable to get to church on Sundays." Majors Doug and Linda Yeck, retired officers, lead the worship service every week and find it's just as much a blessing to them.

"There's always a choice of two or more programming activities going on simultaneously throughout the day to allow people to make their own choices," Andrea added. "The opportunity to say 'Yes' or 'No' is something older adults and adults with disabilities often lose the privilege of doing, along with opportunities for socializing. We strive to restore their quality of life, self-respect and dignity. We want our participants to know this is their center."

Rosalie, 75, comes to the adult day center five days a week. Like most clients, she lives with her children who work fulltime. Rosalie feels a sense of purpose each day "reporting to Mary Jo at work." At this point in her disease Rosalie believes Pam, the center's activities and volunteer coordinator, is someone from her past.

The center's programming is designed to stimulate the mind and body. Its "social model" provides opportunities for socialization for individuals at risk for isolation. Staff members are highly

creative in coming up with fun themes, activities and games, such as Jell-O hockey, balloon volleyball and a pizza-dough toss with contestants wearing black plastic "Luigi" mustaches! Other active games include tennis, croquet, soccer, bocce ball and Wii ping-pong.

Participants can express themselves through art therapy and culinary, gardening, hospitality and men's and women's clubs. They're able to give back to others by writing monthly hand-written "letters to the troops," which are tucked inside care packages; or knitting hats for newborns at local hospitals.



Yummy treats made by the cooking club are enjoyed by all.



Therapy animals make frequent, happy visits!

Regular visits are made by the corps' children's groups for crafts and other interactions, and there are frequent visits from guest entertainers. But the center's favorite guests are animals! Monthly visits from trained and certified pet therapists have produced wonderful results.



Susan enjoys the center's dance sessions!

"Being able to pet and interact with animals is very calming for our clients," said Andrea. "It's great to see the smiles and observe reserved clients perking up and becoming more alert."

The animals vary in size from lap-sized to enormous. "Rose, a large Great Dane, has a pony therapy sister," Andrea continued. "One day it began to rain so we brought the pony into the living room. Rose looked so jealous! I'm sure she was thinking, 'Hey, this is my gig!'"

Outings also are arranged for recreation, cultural events, museums, restaurants or just taking a scenic drive.

"On an outing to a Minnesota Twins baseball game where a Jumbotron circles and highlights fans in the bleachers, one of our clients brought along a big sign that read, 'Circle me quick—I'm almost 102!' Needless to say, it was memorable!" Andrea concluded.

Major Jim Curl, Lakewood Temple corps officer, said, "The adult day center is a fantastic place to spend time in your golden years to fellowship and improve quality of life." With the Baby Boomer generation rising in age, he believes the need for centers like this one will continue to grow.

"Having a quality program and staff makes it easier for families to open up their lives to receive the care they need," he concluded. "They know they're no longer alone when they partner with The Salvation Army in their journey."

A caregiver recently wrote, "This program is outstanding and a true blessing. The staff is wonderful; I could not go through this without them." Another wrote, "I observed the program aides during the music hour and was moved by their dedication, patience, friendliness and especially their enthusiasm working with cognitively impaired people. We're so lucky to have found you."



Children from the corps love visiting the center.

good soil initiative

Taking root

Melinda (Mindy) Willenborg grew up attending a Nazarene church. The mother of five, her faith hit a turning point after her son passed away. "God was still with me," Mindy said. "He brought me peace beyond understanding."

Today as a Good Soil Initiative youth development coordinator at the Mattoon, Ill., Corps led by Captains Jeffrey and Erin Eddy, Mindy feels incredibly blessed to earn a living serving in God's Army. When she started working at the corps, youth attendance was practically non-existent. Now corps programs have brought in upwards of 35

children.

Mindy loves and cares for each. If anyone misses church, she writes them a note. If they're sick or lose someone close, she sends a card. She also visits homes weekly.

"I want the parents to know how great their kids are," said Mindy. "When kids walk through the doors of our corps, they come running for hugs and compliments."

Mindy has implemented a fun, creative way to reward good behavior. In exchange for remembering to bring their Bible to church, memoriz-



Melinda and children of the Mattoon, Ill., Corps

ing scripture, raising grades, praying or performing acts of kindness, Mindy gives out "Billy Booth Bucks," which the kids can redeem for prizes. "Our kids' grades are up, their self-esteem is rising, and we're going broke!" said Mindy.

Not only are the children learning and growing, Mindy is, too.

"I'm learning with them," she said. "I like the fact they challenge me daily,"



Volunteerism as a lifestyle

"This community loves to volunteer," said Plymouth, Mich., Corps Officer Major Keith Bailey. "And, they train their young to do the same!" he added, noting that the Kiwanis Key Club youth auxiliary alone has more than 200 members.

Sandy Kollinger, the corps' volunteer and special events coordinator, said community residents embrace The

Salvation Army and want to do all they can to help throughout the year. She reports volunteers gave more than 7,600 hours of service in 2012.

"Our regulars emphasize they're volunteering *with* the Army rather than *for* it," Sandy said of the volunteers who fulfill daily and weekly roles, such as serving as receptionists, helping with the "Tiny Tots" preschool cooperative, organizing the food pantry, collecting and distributing back-to-school items and making Tuesday-night dinners for youth programs.

Dozens more volunteer for annual and special community events, while Red Kettle work attracts hundreds of volunteers primarily through the corps' relationships with Rotary and other service organizations, churches,



Majors Keith and Colette Bailey (seated) are surrounded by Sandy Kollinger (l), Greg and Jean Stachura, Chris Flaviani, Caroline Stern, Rev. Ron Richards and Marshall Grazioli.

schools and even local sports teams.

"More than 90 percent of our Christmas season outreach, from kettles and coats for kids to toy shops and food baskets, is handled by volunteers," said Keith. "We've found Plymouth to be different from other communities due to its status as one of the wealthiest zip codes in the state," he continued. "The proven commitment of residents to their community helps us better serve neighbors in need."

Each spring the corps hosts an appreciation luncheon for its volunteers and salutes people and organizations for outstanding service. Christine Flaviani was honored as volunteer of the year and Greg and Jean Stachura as volunteer family of the year. Caroline Stern was recognized for a lifetime of volunteer service and a local church, St. John Neumann, was named organizational volunteer of the year in recognition of its year-round generosity.

Christine sacrificially donates her time throughout the year, as do the Stachuras who head the massive, annual letter carriers' food drive and coordinate kettle volunteers. Caroline was honored for her years as a Sunday school teacher and corps cadet leader, along with other volunteering and promoting missions within the corps.



Jean Stachura (l) and Cindy Dunnigan sort donations from the annual letter carriers' food collection.

On target!



Oney Castillo helps coach young archers at the Albert Lea Corps.

Captain Jim Brickson was right on target when he began working with Centershot Ministries last summer to "test market" an archery-based evangelism program as part of the summer day camp schedule at the Albert Lea, Minn., Corps. It proved to be so overwhelmingly popular (with a waiting list to enter the summer class) he decided to include the archery evangelism program in the corps' year-round schedule. The program has embarked on its second summer of fun while creatively conveying valuable life lessons.

"Centershot uses archery skills as a connection to good life skills, combined with presentations of the gospel, for a great start in youngsters' lives," said Jim, corps officer. "Great archers have great foundations, and so do great Christians!" He encourages participants of any age to study and relate the archery principles they're learning to their personal lives.

"These foundational principles are necessary for everyone," Jim continued.

Jim, corps leaders and advisory board members underwent leadership training with Centershot staff before implementing the program.

An interdenominational outreach ministry, Centershot uses archery as a tool to assist churches in presenting the gospel to their communities. Program materials are geared to "teach and reach" children, teens, adults and families to "make Christ the target of their lives."

The "first flight" (an archery term) of the program was celebrated by a mixture of boys and girls ranging in age from 6 to 15. Their enthusiasm was shared by the instructors and parents—especially the dads who observed the classes with great interest.

The Centershot curriculum initially focuses on foundational archery and life skills, followed by various subjects, including discipleship and stewardship. Each archery program rotation lasts approximately eight weeks.

Mission blesses all ages



by Jonathan Taube

English- and Spanish-speaking members of the Des Plaines, Ill., Corps spent a busy week ministering to both young and old on The Salvation Army compound in Kingston, Jamaica, a Partner in Mission.



Our team's primary mission was to serve and fellowship with the retired officers, residents and staff of the Francis Ham Residence. Opportunities abounded for singing and praying, sharing testimonies, playing games or simply chatting. But, we were the ones who were blessed most through our interactions with these heroes of the faith who exuded overflowing joy and love for Jesus despite their infirmities.

providing much needed exams and equipment for the students at a school on the compound for the visually impaired. Another team member, a cosmetologist, gave countless pedicures to the retirees, staff and even neighborhood ladies!

Each morning we would spend time at the Army's preschool to teach Bible lessons and sing with the children. We also made visits during the week to The Nest, a children's home, and the Havendale Corps for meetings of its home league and seniors groups. We worked in shifts to complete our labor and painting projects, and spent any free time with children from the schools, the children's home or with the retirees.

Our trip was surely a divine appointment, full of activities and God's presence. His will was apparent even before we left for Jamaica when God provided a last-minute passport renewal for a team member and delayed the flight just long enough for him to board the plane!

We returned home with a renewed desire to serve the people of our community and plan phase two of our mission with our corps officers, Captains David and Shannon Martinez: bringing a team from Jamaica to serve here!

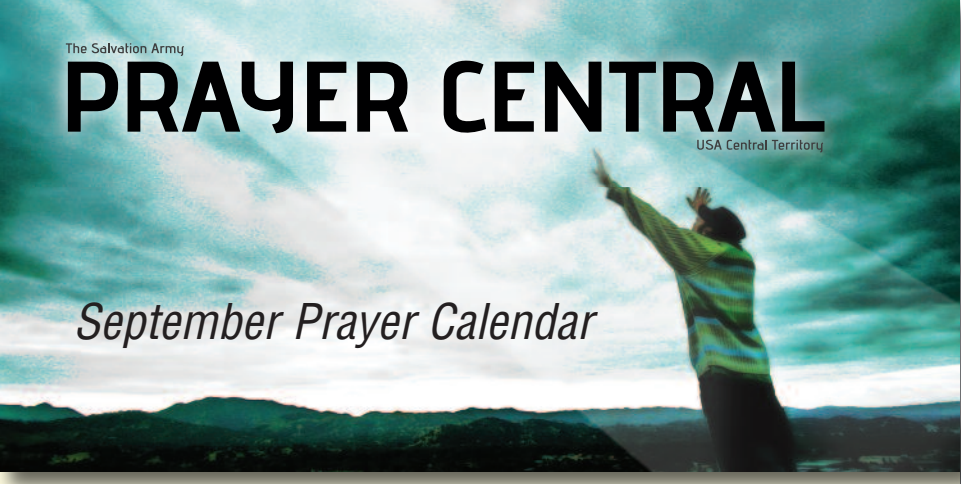


Danielle Irvine visits with a retired officer.

Our 10-person team was perfectly suited to the many ministries in which we found ourselves serving. One of our team members, a licensed optometrist, spent hours each day



Carolyn Romin, Mandy Davis and new friends at The Nest



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Sunday	John 10-12	Gary, Ind., ARC*
	2 Monday	2 Timothy 1-2	Detroit Harding, Mich., Corps
	3 Tuesday	Numbers 10-12	Davenport, Iowa, Corps
	4 Wednesday	1 Chronicles 20-24	India South Eastern Territory ^{PIM}
	5 Thursday	Psalms 105-107	Fort Wayne, Ind., Corps
	6 Friday	Proverbs 22	"Heralds of Grace" session
	7 Saturday	Joel 1-3	Independence, Mo., Corps
	8 Sunday	John 13-15	Sunday school teachers and students
	9 Monday	2 Timothy 3-4	Chicago Midway Citadel, Ill., Corps
	10 Tuesday	Numbers 13-15	Officers' Forum
	11 Wednesday	1 Chronicles 25-29	Chillicothe, Mo., Corps
	12 Thursday	Psalms 108-110	Fargo, N.D., Corps
	13 Friday	Proverbs 23-24	Chicago Staff Band ministry
	14 Saturday	Amos 1-4	Fremont, Neb., Corps
	15 Sunday	John 16-18	Grand Haven, Mich., Corps
	16 Monday	Titus 1-3	Ishpeming, Mich., Corps
	17 Tuesday	Numbers 16-18	International Headquarters, London, UK
	18 Wednesday	2 Chronicles 1-5	Grand Rapids, Mich., ARC*
	19 Thursday	Psalms 111-113	Detroit Temple, Mich., Corps
	20 Friday	Proverbs 25	Decatur, Ill., Corps
	21 Saturday	Amos 5-9	Men's ministries
	22 Sunday	John 19-21	Henry County, Ind., Corps
	23 Monday	Philemon 1	Kansas City Bellefontaine, Mo., Corps
	24 Tuesday	Numbers 19-21	Chicago Midwest, Ill., Corps
	25 Wednesday	2 Chronicles 6-10	Columbia, Mo., Corps
	26 Thursday	Psalms 114-116	College for Officer Training, Chicago, Ill.
	27 Friday	Proverbs 26-27	Fergus Falls, Minn., Corps
	28 Saturday	Obadiah 1	Grand Island, Neb., Corps
	29 Sunday	Acts 1-2	Victims of human trafficking
	30 Monday	Hebrews 1-4	Grand Rapids Kroc Center, Mich., Corps

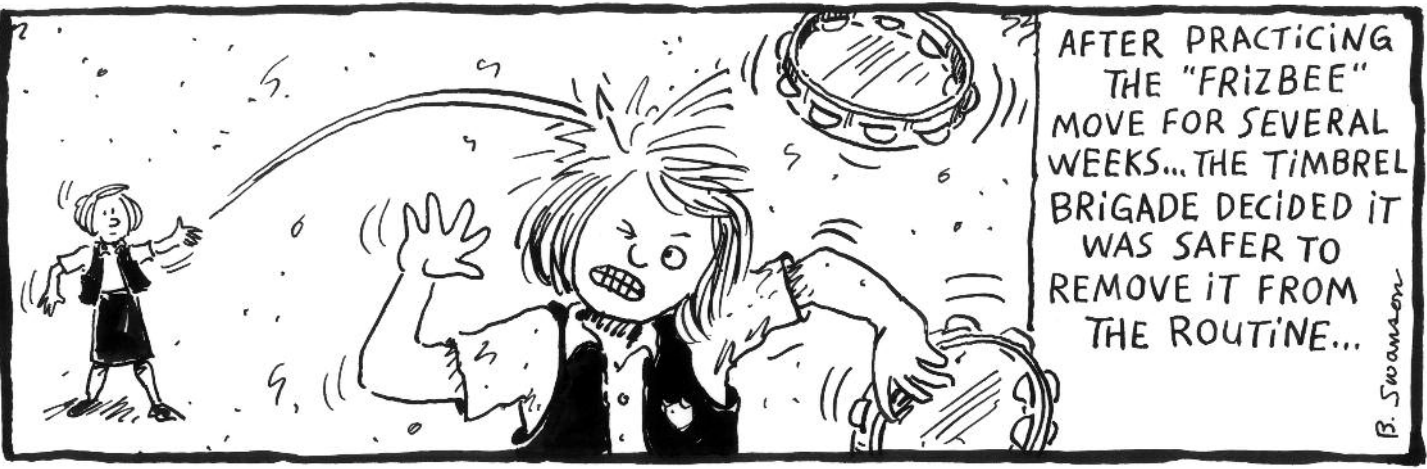
* = Adult Rehabilitation Center
PIM = Partners in Mission

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If you follow the prayer calendar in the next year, you will have read through the Bible!



--Mustard Seeds--



Around the territory

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Officers from the Heartland, Metropolitan and Midland divisions converged on the Illinois State Capitol this spring in what's become an annual tradition of sharing the Army's work with legislators. The Metropolitan Division took the lead in this year's efforts, setting up a legislators' breakfast at which each division made a presentation, which was followed by an army of more than 30 officers and 10 staff visiting the Capitol. "This is a great way for all of us serving in the state of Illinois to share the valuable work The Salvation Army is doing," said Major Evie Diaz, Heartland divisional commander. "Whether it is work with veterans, the homeless or economically disadvantaged people, we are proud to stand in the gap." Pictured: Majors Robert Gauthier, Steve Harper, Lonnel Richardson and Evie Diaz with Illinois Lt. Governor Sheila Simon.



KANSAS CITY, MO.—The Kansas and Western Missouri Division annual civic luncheon this spring, themed "A Debt Repaid: Serving America's Heroes," was focused on The Salvation Army's commitment to our military veterans. The keynote speaker was Major Dan Rooney



U.S.A.F. (retired), a philanthropist, pro golfer and decorated fighter pilot, who served three tours of duty in Iraq. More than 700 people enjoyed the luncheon, which included the presentation of two awards: the William Booth Award to longtime Advisory Board Member Larry Powell (in photo on left) and the Others Award to KCP&L for its volunteer and community leadership programs. Pictured above are Majors Sharon and Charles Smith, divisional leaders, with Mark Clegg, 41 Action News anchor and emcee, and Major Rooney.



KANSAS CITY, MO.—To increase its exposure, the Kansas and Western Missouri Division sponsored the "Salvation Army Tailgater of the Week" award at each home game of the KC Renegades indoor football team, allowing Chris DiMaso, divisional special events coordinator, to share how the Army is "doing the most good." The season ended in a food drive for the Army, along with the awarding of a championship belt for the year's best tailgater.

Pictured with Chris DiMaso (l) are the belt winners and team mascot.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The Midland Division's Light Brigade, initiated in 1999 as a way to recognize and honor planned giving donors, recently welcomed six new members during the group's annual luncheon. The newest inductees include Robert Gulovsen; Mary Stahl; Constance Baur; Paul Brown and his wife, Janise Denton; and Richard Hauschild. They were joined at the luncheon by 85 other guests, who have collectively donated millions of dollars toward furthering the Army's mission of "Doing the Most Good" in the St. Louis community. Pictured: Lt. Colonel Nita Lodge pins Richard Hauschild.



Marquette enrolls six



(l to r) Back row: Captain Ramona Arthur, Ivel Ray Hopkins, Norman Bradbury III, Tyler Desautelle and Captain Joel Arthur. Front row: Daylee O'Donnell, Bill Gilmore and Joleen Desautelle. Flag bearers: Larry Hoevker and Norman Contois

After a divisional camp, three children from the Marquette, Mich., Corps youth activities came back eager to be enrolled as junior soldiers. They encouraged another child and two adults—who were waiting in the wings to be enrolled anyway—to commit on the same day.

Increased interest in junior soldierhood started when Captains Joel and Ramona Arthur, then the corps officers, decided to hold Sunday school classes at their recreation center for children in their youth center programs—a 40-minute roundtrip commute after preaching! During Sunday school the Arthurs encouraged the children to learn more about the Army, and later invited them to camp.

"When we started our programs at the Salvation Army Family Event Center, it was an effort to bridge the kids into more of the spiritual programming and services at the Army," said Ramona.

The Thursday after their enrollment, the children came to activities

in uniform. "After the evening meal was served all three were helping with clean up," said Joel. "I told them they could go play, but one of them said, 'we're junior soldiers now, so we have to help!'"

Major Stephen Yoder, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan divisional secretary, enrolled the junior soldiers along with a senior soldier, Norman Bradbury III and an adherent, Ray Hopkins.

Norman and Ray were introduced to the corps when they took a job at Christmas ringing at kettles. Every morning the Arthurs held devotions with their corps' bellringers. Soon both were attending Sunday services and wanting to get involved with volunteer work and Bible study. Then one day the guys asked what they needed to do to get a uniform.

"There's a sense of family in the makeup of this corps," said Stephen, "humble folks serving the Lord in such practical, God-honoring ways. We were blessed being there."

The corps is now led by Captains Marion and Rhonda Moore.

Promoted to Glory

Major Susan Rubottom

Major Susan Rubottom was 63 when she was promoted to Glory on June 8, 2013.

Born to Medford and Mildred McClain in 1949, Susan grew up across the street from a Salvation Army corps in St. Louis, Mo., where she especially enjoyed the recreational activities. After graduating from high school, Susan married Richard Rubottom, and for several years she traveled with him to various U.S. Army posts.

They entered the College for Officer Training and were commissioned in 1974. Their first appointment was to the Owatonna, Minn., Corps. The Rubottoms served at two more corps and a Harbor Light before five appointments and 18 years ministering in adult rehabilitation centers, where Susan felt the most fulfilled. In 2012 they retired early from the Omaha Citadel, Neb., Corps for health reasons.

Susan's ministry strength was in administration, and in all of her appointments she gave herself wholeheartedly to ministry. With a servant's heart, nothing was above or below her.

Susan is survived by her husband; children, Rebecca (Andy), Rachel (Larry) and Joshua (Kim); 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Major John Werner

Major John Werner was promoted to Glory on June 17, 2013. He was 83.

John, the oldest of 12 children, was born to John and Evelyn Werner in 1930. He graduated high school with honors and worked as a draftsman for Tucker Automotive in Detroit, Mich., before entering training.

Commissioned in 1952 John assisted at two corps in Michigan until 1954 when he married Minerva Mays. Together they served as corps officers and city coordinators for 23 years and for 13 years at adult rehabilitation centers (ARC). They were blessed with five children.

Minerva was promoted to Glory in 1990. After his loss, John assisted at the Chicago Central, Ill., ARC until he married Major Marilyn Chase in 1992. They served at ARCs together until their retirement in 1995.

In retirement John played in the band and sang in the songsters. They moved to Madison, Wis., in 2006 to be near family.

John is survived by Marilyn; children, Bill (Cindy), David (Khris), Ruth (Rod) Johnson, Patricia (Ben) Kerrmoade and Elizabeth (Bill) Lowe; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

