Army shifts to youth development

by Lt. Colonel James Nauta

The Salvation Army has launched a National Youth Asset Development Initiative in partnership with the renowned Search Institute, authors of the 40 developmental assets cited as necessary building blocks for healthy development of young people.

Keenly aware of the magnitude of Joan Kroc’s gift and the need for its wise stewardship for Kroc centers, Army leadership views the initiative as an early step in accountability for positive youth development as an outcome of all programs. This significant evidence-based project will begin in Kroc centers but almost certainly will be an important tool in documenting positive outcomes in service to youth and families throughout The Salvation Army.

The Central Territory was well represented at the National Youth Asset Development Initiative launch last November during the Search Institute’s National Big Tent Conference in Houston, Texas. Training by the Search Institute in each of the four territories has been an important step in preparing for the initiative. In our territory, 60 delegates, including representatives from the six Kroc centers, divisional youth leaders, and staff from select corps community centers, participated in training this spring.

Kroc center youth asset development initiative lead staff will begin the process of teaching the assets framework and preparing plans for adoption of developmental assets beginning with their 2011 day camps. The 40 developmental assets are clustered in internal and external categories.

### Internal Assets
- Commitment to learning
- Positive values
- Social competencies
- Positive identity

Research shows the more assets young people report having, the more likely they will thrive and the less likely they will be to make unhealthy, harmful choices.

This month Kroc center youth, fourth through sixth grades, who are attending day camps will be surveyed using the Search Institute’s Developmental Assets & Life Experience Profile. It is comprised of demographic questions, the institute’s highly reliable Developmental Assets Profiles slightly adapted for this age group, and additional measures of five key outcomes identified by the Army which include: school success, hopeful purpose, positive emotions, citizenship/civic engagement, avoiding violence.

### External Assets
- Support
- Empowerment
- Boundaries and expectations
- Constructive use of time

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For from the column’s title, any-one who knows me would naturally think this piece would be about Boy Scouts, but that’s for another time. It’s sum-mer. I have to talk about baseball. Admiring Derek Jeter’s pursuit of 3,000 hits, I’ve been reminded that one position is critical to a team’s success: the “bird dog,” or baseball scout.

Great players are often found in backyards, “Nowhereville” on the map. The scout passionately tracks them down and reports on their potential. While fans long remember their favorite player, few remember the scout who discovered him. In fact, Googling “Famous Baseball Scouts” doesn’t register even one hit. The names of Tom Greenwade and Dewey Griggs don’t ring a bell, but the players they signed sure do—Mickey Mantle and Hank Aaron!

The 17-year-old Mantle easily could have become a Cleveland Indian, not a New York Yankee. A shortstop, Mantle wasn’t initially on Tom Greenwade’s list to watch. A scout for the Cleveland Indians had seen him, but hearing Mantle had been injured playing football, he rec-ommended the Indians not sign him. Greenwade actually had gone to a game to watch another player when Mantle caught his eye, and he rec-gommended the Yankees sign him after he finished high school.

When Dewey Griggs first spied Aaron, he was a soft-spoken young man who hadn’t even played base-ball in high school. On top of that, Aaron batted cross-handed! But the experienced scout perceived Aaron had the makings of a major-league player. Still, even Griggs couldn’t have known Aaron would become baseball’s all-time home-run king!

It’s what the scouts saw in Mickey and Hank that made the difference. It’s also what Jesus saw in Zacchaeus, a man who due to size could get lost in a crowd with ease. In fact, if people hadn’t despaired Zacchaeus because he was a tax col-lector and cheat, he probably wouldn’t have been noticed at all.

But Jesus didn’t merely cast a glance his way. He deliberately reached out to Zacchaeus. Of all the people gathered, Jesus spoke to Zacchaeus and announced his inten-tions to eat a meal with him. Jesus saw Zacchaeus not just as he was but who he could become in Him (Luke 19:9-10). The good news is Jesus looks at all of us this way.

Is there anyone you have ignored or thought was a waste of your time? Chances are that person is just the one God wants you to look at again. The disciples were “unschooled, ordinary men” (Acts 4:13). David was the youngest and smallest of his brothers (I Samuel 16:7-13). Amos was a simple shepherd and farmer (Amos 7:14-15). But the Lord saw the potential in each of them and used them for great things.

As I sat on the platform during the commissioning meeting, I was reminded once again to see people through God’s eyes. Possibilities for their lives will emerge as they respond to the love of God that I show them. Scout’s honor!

God and Father of all… Everything you are and think and do is perme-ated with Oneness.” Whether delegates come from a multicultural corps, an urban environ-ment or are involved in ethically diverse corps ministries, they’ll leave “ONE” with knowledge and skills that will help them be more effective in their cross-cultural ministries.

The presenters are practi-tioners engaged in multicul-tural and multiethnic min-istries in creative and innov-ative ways. Not only will they provide practical infor-mation based on their exper-tise, they will address the challenging issues related to cross-cultural ministries in biblically sound, often humorous, and always inspiring ways.

General session speakers include Mark DeYmaur, author, founding pastor of Mosaic Church, Central, Ark., and pioneer in the multiethnic church movement; Efrem Smith, an internationally rec-ognized leader and founding pastor of The Sanctuary Covenant Church in Minneapolis, Minn.; Nacem Razzal, pastor of Mosaic Church, Charlotte, N.C.; and Robyn Arik, Global Career Development facilitator, public speaker and trainer on issues related to diversity in youth, racial reconciliation and cultural competence.

Registration is $150 per person or $125 each for 5 or more (registered at the same time). Room rate at the Westin is $74 a night. For a more complete list of presenters and to register, go to www.multiculturalministriescentral.org.
The Currians grew up in the Lawrence area and raised their family there. They came to the Army several years ago. While viewing the 2009 commissioning weekend online, Jeff acknowledged his call to officership. Joyce wasn’t ready, so Jeff continued his work as an auto mechanic and volunteered at the corps as much as he could. The following year Joyce realized she, too, was called to officership. They will enter training with their children, Ryan and Emily. Their corps officers are Captains Wesley and Susan Dallberg.

Antoine “A.J.” Zachery
Detroit Grandale, Mich., Corps
Eastern Michigan Division
A.J. came to the Lord through the Detroit Brightmoore Corps, which merged with Grandale. His personality, genuine smile and deep love for Christ particularly attracts children. While attending the last program, he recalled Jeff. “When our appointment to serve at a corps on the Eastern Michigan Division, I was excited to preach God’s Word and demonstrate the Savior’s love. His corps is led by Envoy’s Terry and Margaret Gaster.”

Alejandro and Carolina Yanez
Kansas City Westport Temple Corps
Kansas and Western Missouri Division
Alejandro and Carolina were the Westport Temple Corps congregational leaders for five years before returning to Santiago, Chile, several years ago to be closer to family.

Last fall they contacted the division to indicate they’d like to return to the Central Territory and enter the College for Officer Training with their daughters, Camila and Angela. They’re hoping all of their visa documents will be approved in time to attend training this fall.

The Kansas City Westport Temple corps officers are Captains Dan and Wendy Faunzeed.

Driven to save

In January 2008 Captains Jeff and Valerie Carr, with their two young boys, Bram, 2, and Jonas, 18 months, became reinforcement officers in the Spain Command. After three years of intense ministry in both English and Spanish, they’ve returned to the United States, taking up responsibilities as divisional finance officer and Christian education coordinator, respectively, in the Metropolitan Division.

The Carrs are eager to serve wherever the Lord leads. “We had prepared ourselves and our extended family for Africa,” recalled Jeff. “When our appointment to serve at a corps on the Mediterranean coastline came, who were we to say no?”

During the first 13 months of their time in Spain, the Carrs lived and served in Denia, a predominantly English-speaking town. “There were amazing times of worship with people from all over Eastern Europe, and times where the Holy Spirit spoke to our hearts in our own languages at the same time about the same thing!”

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Moscow to Midland

This summer Majors Richard and Brenda Herivel returned from a challenging yet rewarding four years in the Eastern Europe Territory to take up positions at Midland Divisional Headquarters as general secretary and secretary for program.

From fires to language barriers to people’s distrust in The Salvation Army, the Herivelts’ tenure in Moscow, Russia, was also a time of considerable growth in the Lord and an opportunity to see God’s supernatural power at work.

“Our time in Moscow caused us to depend more on God for simply getting through the day,” said Brenda. “We had to rely on Him not only for the big work projects and decisions but for the simple things like buying groceries and making it across town.”

Conversely were intense highs where God’s power was revealed across cultures. “God is God and He speaks through His people everywhere in the world,” said Brenda. “There were amazing times of worship with people from all over Eastern Europe, and times where the Holy Spirit spoke to our hearts in our own languages at the same time about the same thing!”

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Across the territory people are finding the Army a meaningful place of worship, fellowship and service—a place to belong!
**Indy ARC enrolls troops**

Eight soldiers were recently enrolled at the Indianapolis, Ind., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC); nine more recruits wait to storm the platform for enrollment after finishing their soldierhood classes!

“Family members are showing an interest in making the Indianapolis ARC their church home,” said Envoy Pam McNary, ARC administrator with her husband, Steven. “The mother of a former beneficiary was enrolled as a soldier, and the current recruits’ class includes an ARC graduate and his wife. Our chapel is always full to overflowing. Families are welcome to attend our Sunday services and share a meal with their loved one.”

Terri Guthrie was introduced to The Salvation Army through visits to her son. He left the program before graduating, but Terri continued to attend every Sunday and was enrolled this spring along with seven other soldiers (all program graduates).

“Two of our new soldiers, Paul Fendley and Justin Duvall, have expressed interest in officership,” said Pam. “Paul is strong in his faith and desire to serve others. Justin entered the program broken but was determined to ‘walk the walk’ with the Lord.”

David Hulette is a different man today than the one the McNarys met almost a year ago as he heals spiritually, emotionally and physically. Henry Gallagher almost died of an overdose but now is helping others find Christ and regeneration. Anthony LeClair is musically gifted, and Peter Bruyn became a soldier after being an adherent. And, “Big Ben” Newsanger is everyone’s ‘little’ brother at the ARC, Pam concluded.

**Triple-strength growth**

Four more soldiers—two seniors and two juniors—have joined the expanding ranks of the multicultural Des Plaines, Ill., Corps. Lt. David and Shannon Martinez, corps officers, and the congregation have worked hard to meld its three language groups—Spanish, Russian and English—into a cohesive Body of Christ with the common purpose of enlarging God’s Kingdom. Local leadership is strong in all three languages, and enrollments are celebrated in united meetings.

Auxiliary Captains Pedro and Mirca Arias, associate corps officers, lead the Hispanic ministry. New soldier Alejandro Arzola, 16, was born in the U.S., after his parents came from Mexico. Alex had attended other churches with his mother but wasn’t impacted until his cousins invited him to the Des Plaines Corps.

“After seeing people in uniforms I thought, ‘This wasn’t like any church I’d attended,’” recalled Alex. “And, I was right!” Throughout the years Alex joined almost every activity the corps had to offer.

“Whether it was serving food or playing in the band, I always liked to be involved. I’ve learned more about God here than at any other church I’ve attended.” But in spite of growing spiritually, Alex didn’t feel “like everyone else” until Pedro talked to him about soldiership.

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**The next step**

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**Renewed life**

David Hulette is a recently enrolled soldier at the Indianapolis, Ind., Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC). Several years ago his drinking escalated after the deaths of his mother and ex-wife, and he had trouble staying employed. When a car crash killed one of his sons (a college graduate in a promising career with whom David was very close), he hit rock bottom.

David felt his life was over and soon discovered it might actually be his liver, as he was severely damaged from the alcohol. His doctor recommend- ed the ARC realizing David could not stop drinking on his own.

About a year ago David found new life in Christ. Today he is absti- nent, head of the ARC’s maintenance department, enjoying a restored relationship with his remaining son. He even earned cre- dentials to umpire youth baseball.

“David has grown so much,” said ARC Administrator Envoy Steven McNary. “He’s a dedicated soldier and employee on whom we depend a great deal.”

**New Des Plaines Corps senior soldiers Julio Trujillo and Alex Arzola. Enrolled as junior soldiers were Kevin Negete and Pedro Calandres.**

“This spring I finally became a soldier of The Salvation Army and God’s Army,” Alex said.

“Another new soldier is Julio Trujillo, who began attending the corps’ English language classes. An atheist, Julio had the opportu- nity to talk with Pedro one day after class. After sharing his doubts and fears about God, Julio came to see that the only way to Him was through Christ Jesus.

“T thought I knew everything but didn’t know God wanted me to know and love Him because He first loved me,” said Julio. “To serve God I became a soldier and wear the uniform to save souls for Him.”

Julio prays he’ll soon be with his wife and four children who are still in Mexico. He’s trusting that they, too, will be transformed by Christ.
Landmark 1,000 courses completed

The territorial emergency disaster services (EDS) section reports they’ve reached a landmark 1,000 emergency training courses completed, that’s an average of 125 per year since 2004 and more than 15,000 people equipped to provide fast, efficient service for disaster survivors.

“Salvation Army volunteers are now far better prepared and much more knowledgeable than they were 10 years ago,” said Martha Noonan, who’s worked in disaster services for the past five years.

Not only are the classes more diverse—covering topics from the essentials of safe and sanitary food preparation to practical skills like interviewing clients, filling out paperwork and determining assistance eligibility—they’re divided by difficulty level. Once basics are covered, volunteers can graduate to courses in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM).

“One of the many benefits of these training courses—which have been tracked since 2004 and in effect since the early 90s—is to provide consistent and clear standards among Salvation Army volunteers,” said Kevin Ellers, territorial EDS coordinator. “These standards are what have led us to being one of the leading disaster assistance organizations in the country.”

Training doesn’t just take place in the Central Territory but all over the nation. Each divisional headquarters records volunteers and their training on a national database. This enables the Army to identify trained volunteers immediately following a disaster.

Efforts are currently focused on creating and implementing online training classes and webinars to increase efficiency and lower training expenses.

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surrounded by family and friends, long-time Evanston, Ill., Corps Officers Majors Alberto and Felicia Rapley celebrated their retirement from active service at the Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps. National leaders and son Alberto Rapley, Jr., presented Meghan Pierson and son-in-law Captain John Pook. The Rapleys’ dance tribute. Daughter Judith Rapley and Janelle Rome ro, performed a daughter tribute. Alberto also read scripture with his wife, Libibeth.

Lt. Colonel Victor Leslie presented a tribute on behalf of officers, as did Evanston Corps Advisory Council Chair Paula Haynes for the community, Barbara Baquedo for friends and Vivian Cowan for soldiers.

Natives of the Canal Zone and Panama, respectively, Alberto and Felicia were trained a decade apart in Jamaica. After being commissioned in 1966 and returning to Panama, Alberto married Felicia two years later and they ran a residence for the elderly. When Felicia entered training in 1974, she had to leave Alberto and their children behind for the first year until she received a Jamaican appointment. After Felicia was commissioned in 1976, they returned to Panama and eventually became divisional leaders in 1992.

The Rapleys were appointed to the Central Territory in 1996, where they led the Cicero Templo Laramie, Ill., Corps and then the Evanston Corps in 1999.

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FLINT, MICH.—The Citadel corps band returned to play—almost 90 years since its first appearance—at the historic St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. Special guests included territorial leaders Commissioners Paul R. and Carol Seiler and then Eastern Michigan divisional leaders Lt. Colonels Norman and Diane Marshall. Band master Matthew Rowland and Deputy Bandmaster Andrew Bell presented a diverse program of music ranging from an upbeat version of “Onward Christian soldiers” to more classic selections.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Todd Stettner, executive vice president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City, and Bill Carr, board president of the Jewish Federation, presented a check for $27,176 to John Goodwin, vice-chair of The Salvation Army Greater Kansas City Advisory Board, and Major Andy Miller, Kansas and Western Missouri divisional program secretary, to be used in tornado relief in Joplin and Sedalia, Mo., and Reading, Kan.

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PONTIAC, MICH.—The corps held a court of awards ceremony, the first in its new building, for character-building troops. More than 40 uniformed children participated! Christopher Lussmann was honored to receive the Divisional Commander’s Award from Lt. Colonel Norman Marshall, then Eastern Michigan divisional commander.

In the Zambia Territory, Child Sponsorship Administrator Elijah Hazemba reports that children at the Ibbwe Munyama School are incredibly grateful for the 240 new textbooks and 20 new desks made possible through sponsorship donations. It’s not just the current students who are affected; the entire territory benefits as the number of children able to attend school continues to increase. Ibbwe Munyama School has seen the largest increases because it was the first to receive sponsorship funds.

“The Salvation Army through child sponsorship has transformed a number of vulnerable and underprivileged Zambians through educational sponsorship,” said Elijah. Children worldwide come to Salvation Army schools, like Ibbwe Munyama School, and children’s homes every day. For just $25 a month, less than $1 per day, you can help them learn, grow and live a better life. Visit www.sponsorship.centralmissions.org to become a sponsor.

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Mrs. Lt. Colonel Grace Danielson was promoted to Glory on June 12, 2011. She would have been 96 on July 15. She was born in 1915 to Thomas and Irma Raber in Porter Township, Mich., where her father was a minister. She received Christ at her mother’s knee at age six. Her father had several pastorates in Michigan and Minnesota while Grace was growing up. She graduated from high school with honors in Browerville, Minn., and attended Capital Christian College in Bismarck, N.D., where her sister was a Salvation Army officer. Grace became a soldier, was active in the band and songsters and was a youth leader. It wasn’t long before she answered God’s call to officership.

She entered training in 1935 and was commissioned a year later with the “Evangelists” session as a probationary captain. She capably held corps officer positions then territorial headquarters appointments before marrying fellow officer Victor Danielson on May 10, 1943. They were blessed with three children, John (who died in infancy), Victor and Kathryn, and shared 60 years together before Victor was promoted to Glory on July 13, 2003.

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