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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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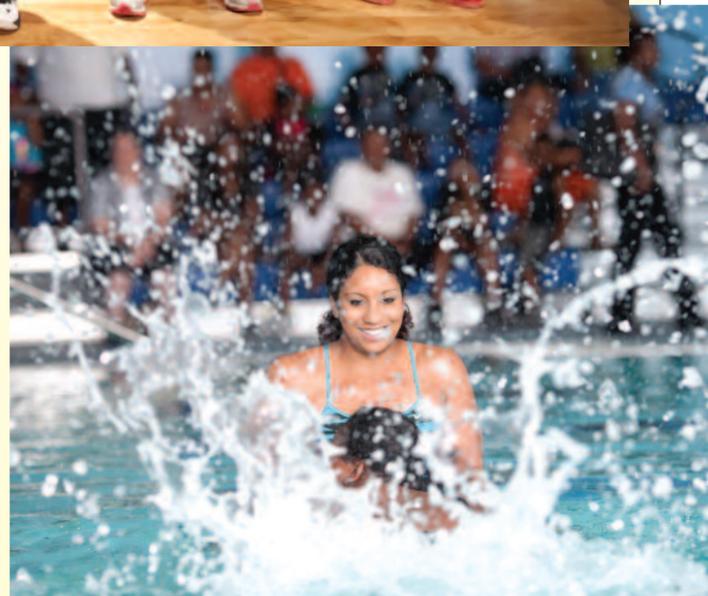
4,000 attend Chicago Kroc Center opening

by Alyse Chadwick

More than 4,000 people joined The Salvation Army to celebrate the grand opening, June 15-17, of the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center on Chicago's South Side.

The festivities began Friday with an appreciation luncheon where more than 200 donors, friends and supporters joined Salvation Army leaders and city and state officials for a sneak peek, a gourmet meal prepared by students in the Kroc Center's Culinary Certification Program, and the unveiling of the Donor Wall created by Kroc Center architectural firm Antunovich & Associates.

Saturday featured the state-of-the-art facility's grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony with members of Joan Kroc's family, Illinois Governor Pat Quinn and other elected officials, community residents, donors and supporters. The Salvation Army paid tribute to Joan Kroc with a presentation to her granddaughter, Amanda Latimer. Amanda read an inspiring letter her grandmother had written to her on her 21st birthday that said, "Serve others joyously, and your reward will be great. Carry with you the



Amanda Latimer (Joan Kroc's granddaughter) and her family with Lt. Colonel Ralph Bukiewicz, Metropolitan divisional commander.

message of charity and brotherly love. Let your light shine as a beacon to guide others unto the path of serenity and stewardship."

Commissioner Paul R. Seiler, Central territorial commander,

delivered a congratulatory message. He was joined at the dedication by Commissioner Carol Seiler, territorial coordinator for strategic mission planning; Lt. Colonels David and Sherry Grindle, former Metropolitan divisional leaders; and Lt. Colonels Ralph and Susan Bukiewicz, current Metropolitan divisional leaders.

"For all of our neighbors from the nearby community today, this is *your* Kroc Center," said Colonel Ralph Bukiewicz to the crowd. "We invite you to explore the many programs

and opportunities that are here for you at the open house following the ceremony. There is something here for everyone—no matter what your age—no matter what your interest."

Representing the Chicago Bulls and the Chicago White Sox was Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, a long-time Salvation Army supporter. The Chicago White Sox Charities and the Chicago Bulls Charities each generously donated \$1 million.

"It's a joy to know that the White

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Lt. Colonel Ralph Bukiewicz, Metropolitan divisional commander, and Illinois Governor Pat Quinn cut the ribbon opening the Chicago Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center.

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How Deep Is Your Love?

by Colonel Merle Heatwole
Chief Secretary

For those of you who were alive in the 70s, you'll remember the Bee Gees' hit which asks the question, "How deep is your love?" Although this song is not meant to be religious, listen to the words of the second verse: "I believe in you, you know the door to my very soul, you're the light in my deepest darkest hour, you're my savior when I fall."

Too many people in our world today are looking for a savior in all

the wrong places. They look for salvation in romance, wealth, power, or drugs and alcohol when what they really need is the true Savior, Jesus.

We have to ask ourselves why more people aren't finding the true Savior. Could it be because our love for those around us is simply not deep enough? Have we become more concerned about what happens inside the church instead of caring for those on the outside? Jesus commanded us to go and



make disciples of all nations and yet too often we're content to stay within our personal comfort zone. How do we reignite a passion for lost souls so that we love people the way Jesus loves them?

Jesus taught us in Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV) that the two greatest commandments are to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and to "Love your neighbor as yourself." These commandments teach us that to have a deep love for others, we have to start with a deep

love for God. When we have fully entered into a deep love relationship with God, we can then begin to love people the way that He loves them. When we recognize the love God has for us in spite of the way we've treated Him, we begin to understand how important it is for others to experience His love and we will do whatever it takes to make sure they receive this message.

While lifeguards spend most of their time on the shore or at the side of the pool, they can't afford to simply stay on the sidelines when someone is drowning. They have to be prepared to dive in as deep as necessary to save that person. Let us also be prepared each day to dive in deep to reach out in love to those who are drowning in sin. May our love be just as deep as the Father's love for us.

Granting healthy futures



Major Riggs with children who've attended The Salvation Army Outdoors program

The Battle Creek, Mich., Corps received a \$150,000 grant from the WK Kellogg Foundation, a non-profit organization that brings groups

together to help underprivileged children. The grant will be used over the next two years to assist struggling families through the corps' "Healthy Kids Build Strong Families" initiative.

"We're so thankful for this award," said Major Thomas Riggs, Battle Creek corps officer. "Vulnerable families will have access to basic needs assistance and their children to opportunities to obtain the educational and life skills they need to become strong, healthy adults."

Among other things, the grant money will enable children to attend The Salvation Army Outdoors summer educational program, a nine-week outdoor summer camp, and WOW (Wild on Wednesdays), a weekly character-formation program that takes place throughout the school year.

"To help a child succeed in health, education and life is one of the greatest gifts you can give to anyone," said Thomas.

A peaceful retreat



Majors Richard and Judy Forney with Lt. Colonel Ted Dalberg

During a service held at the Independence Mo., Corps Majors Richard and Judy Forney retired after nearly 70 years of combined service.

Fellow officers, friends and family gathered to honor them; Lt. Colonel Robert Bonifield presided, while Lt. Colonel Ted Dalberg conducted the retirement ceremony, both have been friends and mentors to the Forneys. The Forneys' three adult children participated in the service as did their six grandchildren who passed out bulletins and participated in musical numbers.

"My parents have set an example for me of what it means to have a strong work ethic, find ways to work with limited resources, rely on the Lord to meet even our most basic needs and live the life of officership to the fullest," said their son, Lt. Richard Forney, who was commissioned last year.

The Forneys met at Vennard Bible College in Oskaloosa, Iowa, in 1964. She came from a farm town in northern Minnesota and he, the son of officers, moved regularly. They were married, attended the School for Officers' Training with the "Undaunted Session" and were commissioned in 1970.

In addition to 16 corps appointments, the Forneys had appointments in disaster services and social services. They each attended

the Brengle Holiness Institute and the Biblical Education Tour to Israel in 2009.

According to Major Judy Forney their most memorable appointment was the years their family spent in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In retirement, the Forneys will reside at Marion County Lake in the Flint Hills of Kansas. They plan to be active in a corps and their little community and open their home to officers, retired officers, missionaries and friends as a peaceful retreat.

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Sox amateur baseball teams will be based here, and it's great that they'll be teamed up with the Kroc Center and working on college scholarships and learning job trades," said Jerry. "It's a wonderful opportunity for ballplayers to get involved in more than just sports. It's great for the neighborhood, it's great for the youth, and it's great for the City of Chicago."

Alderman Carrie Austin, who has supported the Kroc Center every step of the

way, hosting community forums, advocating for the project and facilitating the support of the City of Chicago, spoke at the ceremony.

"The Salvation Army took on a community that was struggling and



needed hope, and they gave us hope. They transformed lives," she said. "To Joan Kroc and the Kroc family, thank you."

"We should never forget The Salvation Army," said Governor Pat Quinn. "When there is no

vision, the people perish. And The Salvation Army had a vision. As we bring people together, there is a spirit of family, a spirit

of community... Young people coming up now have the opportunity to search for positive things, to come together to do and produce positive spirits. We can do it as a community."

During an open house that followed, activities occurred in every area. Spin, Zumba, and cardio kickboxing took place in the sports training and recreation center. The Chicago Bulls Training Academy trained youth in ball handling. The Chicago White Sox Training Academy taught kids the fundamentals of baseball, from t-ball to fast pitch. Olympic Silver Medalist Maritza Correia instructed kids in the basics of swimming in the aquatic center. Visitors also enjoyed activities in dance, music and art in the Academy of the Arts.

Saturday concluded with a free gospel concert, "Discover, Rejoice, Unite," which featured gospel choirs from the Greater Canaan Missionary Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, New Life Ministries and The Salvation Army's Voices of

Victory. Sonya Blakey, host of "The Joy Ride Home" on Inspiration 1390AM WGRB, brought the crowd to their feet as more than 500 voices came together in joyful tribute.

On Sunday, the Chicago Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center was dedicated with a spiritual charge to keep the "steel of their convictions," from I Thessalonians 1:5 (*The Message*), to Majors David and Darlene Harvey who have seen the center from inception to completion.

The 160,000-square-foot Chicago Kroc Center sits on a 33-acre campus and offers a wide array of activities and services. It has the potential to make a tremendous impact on the far South Side, with a particular focus on stemming violence, creating jobs and providing safe and enriching opportunities. About 2,500 people are expected to use the center daily.



Kroc members rock

The new Chicago Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center has a strong nucleus of members who are "all in"—totally committed to its mission. Here are three of the best.



Cassandra Bell and her dance team.

Cassandra Bell

Cassandra Bell is the Kroc Center's young people's sergeant-major (YPSM). Her energy and enthusiasm jump-started the corps' singing company, which consists of nearly 30 children. Among other things she enjoys leading the dance team and greeting soldiers and guests on Sunday mornings.

Cassandra is passionate about corps youth participating in every

major event for the Kroc Center. She also has been intentional and dedicated in preparing leaders and parents for the greater influx of young people prior to the Kroc Center opening its doors.

"Every parent who comes through the door with their children I ask to help out," said Cassandra. "I say that I'm always looking for parent leadership, and believe it or not, it works! They find out who we are and are really happy to help!"

Cassandra started coming to the corps through her cousins, Vincent and Sherry Johnson. A new believer, she immediately felt very comfortable. "I went through the enrollment classes, and that's when I fell in love with The Salvation Army."

Thaddeus Moody

Thaddeus met Major David Harvey, senior Kroc officer, at a restaurant in the Kroc Center area near where he lived. David invited him to visit the corps, and after attending only three Sundays, Thaddeus knew he wanted to join.

"After meeting the other members and class participants, there were no 'ifs', 'ands' or 'buts' about it," Thaddeus said. "I love the mission



Thaddeus Moody supports the Kroc Center 110 percent.

statement. I grew up in the ninth ward, so I'm basically coming back to my own neighborhood and giving back."

Thaddeus brings 40 years of experience in athletics to his position as the outdoor sports manager at the Chicago Kroc. In addition to working at the Kroc, he referees sports from basketball to track and field. As a soldier and employee he's motivated by the Kroc's potential to share Christ.

Eric Kendrick

Eric started coming to the corps through a basketball clinic several years ago and is now an adherent. He is on the Kroc maintenance staff, works with the kids on

Wednesday nights, and often helps man kettles during the Christmas season.

A U.S. veteran, Eric had trouble finding work after his military service—until he met The Salvation Army.

"I love my job, and the people I work with have great attitudes. It can be hectic at times, but when you're working with great people, it's okay."

Eric is a firm believer in Jesus and wants to see people in the Kroc neighborhood come to Christ, too.



Eric Kendrick (l) chills out with Aaron Taylor.

STEPs:

Strategic Tool to Engage Potential



Creating
a **shared** future 

THE SALVATION ARMY • USA CENTRAL TERRITORY

by Commissioner Carol Seiler

A new process is being introduced this fall throughout the territory to increase soldiers' engagement in the mission effectiveness of their corps. It's called STEP^s, and you'll be seeing it soon where you worship, fellowship and serve.

People at your corps will be engaged in meaningful and real conversations about service and Kingdom-building, setting goals and taking action to help your corps reach its full potential. In other words, "stepping it up" in a new—and effective—way for the Lord.

STEP^s was developed as part of our territory's work on "Creating a Shared Future." It replaces the old annual corps review system which emphasized statistics ("outputs"). Instead, STEP^s focuses on mission effectiveness ("outcomes") and unique challenges and opportunities present in each individual corps location. Piloted in 44 corps this past year, STEP^s has had an overwhelmingly positive response and impact.

Who will be involved?

Soldiers are a vital part of each corps' STEP^s team. The program's materials describe characteristics of different areas of service and ask the group to rate what level their corps is at: concern, basic, commendable, or outstanding. The group then is encouraged to provide a "portfolio" that supports their rating. For instance, if the team rates their corps as outstanding in holistic ministry, they might assemble pictures, statistics, media and written plans as a part of the portfolio. This gives each corps a chance to "customize the score-card."

How is this different?

We all work on mission, but the resources and needs vary in each location. The new system enables corps to go beyond just thinking about whether they're doing more or less and to consider the depth and breadth of their ministry. Goal setting is more locally-driven to

accomplish a "vital few" goals rather than a long list of less important ones. We pray this gives new energy to working for Kingdom results.

To better understand the differences, let's do a simple comparison of the old annual review process and STEP^s.

- Previously, we unintentionally highlighted all the ways a corps *didn't*...; STEP^s intentionally looks at what a corps *does*.
- Previously, our focus was related to *quantity* and direction (up or down); now it's related to *relevance*...
- Previously, we focused on organizational *needs*; STEP^s looks at **mission effectiveness** and organizational *capacity*.
- Previously, we documented the *past* and put it aside until the next year; STEP^s takes a "*slice in time*" approach and asks, "What is the corps doing today?"
- Previously, goals were set sometimes *automatically*; STEP^s focuses on "vital few" goals *identified by the corps* which, if accomplished, will have a significant impact.
- Previously, reviews relied on *questions* being asked and *statistics* being reviewed; STEP^s looks at a *grid of evaluation* showing depth and breadth. The levels are: concern, basic, commendable, and outstanding.
- Previously, a review was done by a *divisional headquarters officer couple*; STEP^s brings together a *customized consultation team* from the divisional headquarters with officers and employee staff who can offer unique input for varying needs.

What does it look like?

Modeled after a famous quote from General John Gowans (Rtd.), mission effectiveness is organized into three main areas: Saving Souls, Growing Saints, and Serving Suffering Humanity.

	Concern level	Basic level	Commendable level	Outstanding level
2d. Sharing Christ as mission focus	Urgency of salvation is not emphasized. Most attenders are content with the corps, and feel unable to share Christ. Few prayers are given for unsaved.	Understanding of urgency of salvation is discussed. Lay leaders want direction. Some prayer for unsaved family members.	Urgency of salvation is a priority for officers and local leaders. Prayers by name for converts are part of personal small group ministry.	Urgency of salvation is normal. People are actively praying and preparing for new converts. Corps members have a passion for souls and many can easily lead someone to Christ.
2g. Perception of visitors	A visitor is seen as a stranger. The officers are the primary greeters of visitors. Visitors may be identified as a category: e.g. "our shelter guests, the ARC, etc."	A visitor is seen as a corps growth prospect. They are warmly welcomed by the officers.	A visitor is welcomed with genuine warmth by more than the officers. Effort is made to acknowledge, not embarrass them.	A visitor is seen as an expansion of a network of friends and acquaintances. Soldiers and officers show sincere interest in learning about who they are.

Above are just two of the eight categories in the Saving Souls section. Going through the material a corps might identify a critical need relating to a passion for souls and their perception of visitors that, if moved "up a step," would change their ability to impact saving souls. Or in the Growing Saints section, they could be very strong in the category of responding to visitors but find there is less ability to connect for the long-term.

Not only does the document help a corps have a realistic gauge of how it's doing but what it means to be at a different level and what steps might be taken to engage their potential. Corps may decide they want to "move up a step" in any category. The material is written so that goals and action steps

can be developed easily from the narrative in the next category. A corps which finds it's doing very well in an area may decide to build on that strength as well.

What are people saying?

Here is just some of what pilot corps and the divisions had to say:

"The reports of the corps were very favorable regarding the system itself. Most felt the document was very beneficial in providing a snapshot of the corps. They were excited about the end results and were challenged to set goals that would help the corps to increase in mission effectiveness."

"Some of the early comments from corps indicated the process had greater focus, made it easier to

discover direction, honestly sharing with each other through the open discussion, and experiencing better results by working together."

"Since each appointment has its own unique aspects and opportunities for ministry, the team would work with the individual corps to determine a ministry plan that would provide maximum outcomes."

"Though the corps is small, they enjoyed the tool so much that they completed every category, even though the document itself allowed them to pass over some of the discussion categories. ...It was helpful in that the goals were a step up toward the highest level, which made the goals setting easier and more exciting to the members of the corps' STEPs team."

What's next?

The territory is working on making STEPs a web-based process that will have an electronic format and be available in both English and Spanish. It will allow soldiers or other key members at the corps to enter their comments online and send the material to their divisional headquarters for preparation and discussion. The corps' portfolio will be attached as documents. Tracking will be done of the ratings and goals for the year.

We think that corps will embrace this new process as they see how much clearer and more flexible it is and the difference it can make now—and for eternity.

STEPs Pilot Corps

Eastern Michigan Division

Flint Beecher, Mich.
Royal Oak, Mich.
Saginaw, Mich.
Warren, Mich.

Heartland Division

Burlington, Iowa
Canton, Iowa
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Champaign, Ill.

Indiana Division

Indianapolis Eagle Creek, Ind.
Kokomo, Ind.
Logansport, Ind.
Shelbyville, Ind.

Kansas and Western Missouri Division

Emporia, Kan.
Independence, Mo.
Leavenworth, Kan.
Salina, Kan.

Metropolitan Division

Chicago Englewood, Ill.
Elgin, Ill.
Chicago Mayfair, Ill.
Norridge, Ill.
Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.
Rockford Tabernacle, Ill.
Rockford Temple, Ill.

Midland Division

Columbia, Mo.
Joplin, Mo.
Mattoon, Ill.
Saint Louis Temple, Mo.

Northern Division

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Austin, Minn.
International Falls, Minn.
Rochester, Minn.

Western Division

Des Moines Citadel, Iowa
Fremont, Neb.
Grand Island, Neb.
Mitchell, S.D.

Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division

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Fulton Heights, Mich.
Grand Rapids, Mich.
Muskegon, Mich.
Petoskey, Mich.

Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Division

Beloit, Wis.
Fond du Lac, Wis.
Fox Cities, Wis.
Oak Creek, Wis.

Bwana Asifiwe

(Praise the Lord)



The women of Kenya love to dance. Here they are on Sunday morning of the Territorial Women's Congress. The bandanas were a gift from the Central Territory.

by Colonel Dawn Heatwole

Earlier this spring nine women and I traveled on a global mission trip to the Kenya West Territory. Upon arrival in Kisumu, Kenya, we were struck by the beauty of the land and the new airport, yet right outside its gates were shanty huts and people cooking over fire pits. It was the first in a study of contrasts.

The rainy season was in full force in Kenya West, so the landscape we passed on our 90-minute journey to Kakamega was lush and green.

Our big adventure started with a welcome at the Territorial Women's Congress which was attended by more than 1,500 women who had come by foot, public transportation and rented bus. As we entered the venue they were singing, dancing and praising God.

The weekend included many typical components of our women's weekends: timbrel routines, dancing, singing, laughing, workshops, a fashion show, and the teaching of God's Word. Differences were noticeable, too. For instance, we met outdoors under temporary tents, and during meetings women sat in plastic lawn chairs or on the ground. They slept on mats that they rolled out on the hard cement floors of the school classrooms and cooked their own meals, by division, over open fires.

Joy was seen in their dancing, not only when they performed but as they came on and off the "stage." Of course, we had to dance and sing our way onto stage as well. They loved it! They wore the blue



Jeannie Brooksbank with a young man of the Kakamega Corps who helped take photos and run short errands.

bandanas we brought as gifts for the event and Kangas, which many of them made into colorful tunics. The Kangas had been funded in 2010 as a Central Territory women's ministries World Services/Self-Denial project. The response to God's Word on Sunday morning was overwhelming as we watched women kneel on the hard-packed red clay field and lift their hands in praise and prayer. We will never forget it.

During the week we painted two officers' quarters; neither home had indoor plumbing, electricity or running water. All cooking was done outside in a hut, but we were well taken care of.

On the second day we decided to paint the corps—basically one large open room for meetings—as well. We wished we could have been flies on the wall when the members arrived on Sunday to this surprise.

Children would congregate wherever we went. We sang choruses with them, read them stories and, of course, handed out "sweeties"—candy of any kind. They would giggle at our attempts to speak Swahili and would gather their friends to listen to us.



Sarah Kincaid is surrounded by children while taking a break from painting the officers' quarters of the Mdivini Corps.



Justine White helps paint the meeting hall in a rural corps.

Our visits to Joyland, a boarding school for disabled children, and Kibos, a boarding school for blind and Albino children, were a blessing. We learned so much about what The Salvation Army is doing for children others have forsaken and forgotten. Some have been left by family members on the doorsteps because they are considered a curse on their tribe. The homes do so much with so little. We were so happy to be able to leave additional money for them to buy school uniforms and to build new toilets.

As the territorial candidates' secretary, my heart was especially full visiting with the cadets of the "Proclaimers of the Resurrection" session. Though training for six months in local settings because the traditional format is too expensive, the cadets were in town for a Spiritual Day when I met up with them. It was a joy.

We came back tired but with full hearts. We hope our experience can be used to tell others about the importance of World Services/Self-Denial giving by women's ministries groups and to share what a difference it makes!



Angela Hessler visits with some of the students of the Joyland School.



The kangas (skirts) worn here were purchased by the USA Central Territory Women's Ministries in 2010.



Raising expectations

by Paul E. Rigby

When I was asked to share my perspective as an advisory board member, it didn't take long to come up with five successful outcomes around Chicago Advisory Board (CAB) initiatives:



1. Seeing God's providence in the completion and opening of the Chicago Kroc Center.

Did we ever think we'd see the day when all the undeveloped fields would be finished, water in the aquatic center, equipment in the fitness room, the chapel full of chairs (and people) and even the coffeeshop ready for customers?

Since June, hundreds of families from the far South Side have been enjoying state-of-the-art athletic, musical, community and spiritual facilities made just for them.

We are so grateful to God for the work of the CAB, and many other volunteers, on behalf of the project, and for bringing this transformational facility to reality.

2. Gradual but steady improvements in the Chicago Advisory Board (CAB) membership.

This initiative began several years ago with these goals in mind: to increase the engagement of the CAB, to raise expectations of the commitment level of CAB members, and to recruit top executives from corporations in the Chicago area.

While we aren't finished with this initiative, it is exciting to see the positive growth and impact new CAB members are making.

3. Enhancements to the "Starlighter" (Christmas kick-off) event.

An off-shoot of Success #2, raising the bar for the annual Starlighter event also has seen immediate results.

CAB leadership took responsibility

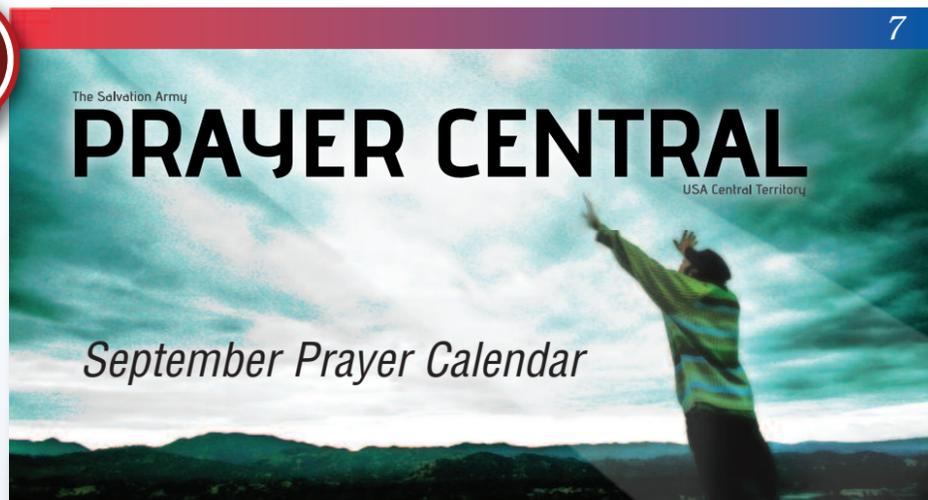
and leadership of the event, setting clear expectations and a purpose for it—i.e. making it a fundraising event—and challenging CAB members to raise their participation. Their efforts resulted in the 2011 Starlighter being sold out earlier than ever before, and achieving net proceeds about 30 percent above projections. Just wait for the 2012 Starlighter!

4. Timely and transparent financial reporting.

Not always the most exciting outcome to report on but, with the significant involvement of CAB members with expertise in business and finance, the Army's reporting of its financial condition to the CAB has shown dramatic improvement in recent years. Complete and relevant information is distributed days before meetings, which permits better discussions, management oversight, and decisions.

5. Increasing engagement by our Junior Advisory Board (JAB).

Also, a fairly recent initiative, our JAB is engaging young professionals in virtually all of the CAB activities, such as the Starlighter, annual golf outing and regular meetings. In addition, the JAB has set up regular volunteer serving opportunities and is recruiting new and younger friends to the Army.



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Saturday	John 10-12	College for Officer Training, Chicago, Ill.
	2 Sunday	2 Timothy 1-2	Gary, Ind., ARC*
	3 Monday	Numbers 10-12	Detroit Harding, Mich., Corps
	4 Tuesday	1 Chronicles 20-24	Davenport, Iowa, Corps
	5 Wednesday	Psalms 105-107	India South Eastern Territory PIM
	6 Thursday	Proverbs 22	Fort Wayne, Ind., Corps
	7 Friday	Joel	"Disciples of the Cross" Session of Cadets
	8 Saturday	John 13-15	Independence, Mo., Corps
	9 Sunday	2 Timothy 3-4	Sunday School Teachers and Students
	10 Monday	Numbers 13-15	Chicago Midway Citadel, Ill., Corps
	11 Tuesday	1 Chronicles 25-29	Officers' Forum
	12 Wednesday	Psalms 108-110	Chillicothe, Mo., Corps
	13 Thursday	Proverbs 23-24	Fargo, N.D., Corps
	14 Friday	Amos 1-4	Fremont, Neb., Corps
	15 Saturday	John 16-18	Grand Haven, Mich., Corps
	16 Sunday	Titus	Ishpeming, Mich., Corps
	17 Monday	Numbers 16-18	International Headquarters, London, U.K.
	18 Tuesday	2 Chronicles 1-5	Grand Rapids, Mich., ARC
	19 Wednesday	Psalms 111-113	Detroit Temple, Mich., Corps
	20 Thursday	Proverbs 25	Decatur, Ill., Corps
	21 Friday	Amos 5-9	Men's Ministries
	22 Saturday	John 19-21	Henry County, Ind., Corps
	23 Sunday	Philemon	Kansas City Bellefontaine, Mo., Corps
	24 Monday	Numbers 19-21	Chicago Midwest, Ill., Corps
	25 Tuesday	2 Chronicles 6-10	Women's Ministries
	26 Wednesday	Psalms 114-116	Columbia, Mo., Corps
	27 Thursday	Proverbs 26-27	Majors Cornell & Candace Voeller (Sweden)
	28 Friday	Obadiah	Fergus Falls, Minn., Corps
	29 Saturday	Acts 1-2	Grand Island, Neb., Corps
	30 Sunday	Hebrews 1-4	Grand Rapids Kroc Center, Mich., Corps

* = Adult Rehabilitation Center
 ** = Divisional Headquarters
 PIM = Partners in Mission

Go to www.prayercentralusa.org for prayer updates.

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



Veterans program honored



by Amanda Waters

Kansas State Rep. Mario Goico and Speaker of the House Mike O'Neil presented an award of recognition to The Salvation Army's Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program in honor of National Military Appreciation Month. The new program is designed to assist very low income veterans and their families in obtaining and maintaining stable housing. In the first six months of operation, 169 individuals in 93 households across Kansas were helped. Ninety-five percent of those who completed the program exited to stable, permanent housing. Pictured are: (l to r) Randy Crandall, deputy coordinator, Homeless Services U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; Aaron Estabrook, SSVF case manager; Kansas Representative Mario Goico; Captain Charles Yockey, then Topeka, Kan., corps officer; Stacy Pacholick, SSVF program manager; and Chad Crispin, SSVF peer mentor.

--Mustard Seeds--



Living up to its name

The soldiers of the Superior, Wis., Corps are striving to achieve just that—superiority in all they do for God. Major Rosemary Matson, corps officer for the last 12 years (the last two beyond her 2010 retirement!), sees her ministry at the corps as a privilege.



Soldier Lois Hermanson adds to the worship experience.



Major Rosemary Matson

"We've enrolled so many soldiers over the past couple of years [more than 20 senior soldiers and several junior soldiers], we decided to spend some resources on discipleship, including meetings by Majors Joseph and Lois Wheeler," said Rosemary. The Wheelers, territorial evangelists and spiritual formation secretaries, talked about things that hinder people and their spiritual growth, such as doubt, fear, guilt and pain.

"Many of our people made a new beginning with Christ as Lord that weekend," added Rosemary, who's also been encouraging spiritual growth at the corps by hosting different groups at her quarters for Bible studies and spiritual sharing.

"I have a great person helping me, Connie Maki, our corps ministries director," Rosemary continued. Connie attended Liberty Bible College and Moody Bible Institute and was an international evangelist for more than a decade, traveling with a Swedish singer and pianist. Connie then served as a federal



Lynn Andrews mentors Cody Brett, 16, on the corps' new music media.

agent in criminal justice for many years. She's a past president of the International Association of Women Police, of which she's still a board member.

"Connie is good at reading people and excellent at helping them get their hearts right with God," Rosemary added. "We all work to bring new people into the corps and shower them with love. One of our soldiers constantly invites food pantry clients to worship with us; average Sunday attendance often exceeds 80 people. Our Spirit-directed worship and prayer keep people coming."

Rosemary and Connie devote a lot of their time to corps people, visiting homes or spending late nights on the phone. They also meet with leaders regularly to ensure they're growing spiritually.

"We consider ourselves a true family of God," Rosemary concluded.

12 years of steadfast support

by Susan Eustice

In an era of tremendous demands, it's remarkable so many people have returned annually for 12 years to support the D.J.'s Heroes Awards luncheon in Omaha. Nebraska's governor and other dignitaries were there again this year. Many of Omaha's most generous philanthropists also showed up. The event is a powerful combination of fundraising, inspiring speakers and scholarship awards to students who've overcome hardships.

Over those dozen years, 81 high school seniors have received a total of more than \$400,000 in academic scholarships.

A crowd of nearly 1,300 were privileged to hear Bob and Lee

Woodruff speak. An ABC News correspondent, Bob talked about being seriously injured while reporting from Iraq. This year's luncheon raised more than \$360,000 which will support three Salvation Army Omaha youth programs.



2012 D.J.'s Heroes are all smiles! Back row (l to r): Trevor Miller, Poe Dee, David Munro, Majors Renea and Paul Smith, and Bob and Lee Woodruff. Front row (l to r): Kennedy Healy, Hannah Wright, Erin Murray and Hana Kendic.

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Marion on the move

"We have a strong atmosphere of ser-vanthood here," said Lt. Jason Bigelow, Marion, Ind., corps officer. "When we arrived there weren't any local officers, other than the bandmaster, but many were being prepared by God for this next step." In the last year nine local officers have been commissioned and more will be soon!

Lts. Jason and Dana Bigelow arrived at the Marion Corps and quickly discovered a dedicated community of believers and volunteers who received them with open arms.

It isn't just the corps members who are dedicated; it's the community volunteer base, too. Believe it or not, the Marion Corps employs only two people; the rest are volunteers. "We don't even have a janitor," Dana exclaimed. "Our people see a need, and, no questions asked, it gets done!" Marion has more than 500 volunteers on record.

The entirely volunteer-run Marion food pantry is the largest in the county and served over 10,000 people last year. "Our people really love what they do," said Dana. "It's more than just handing out a can of food; they talk to clients, listen to



The Bigelows recognize Sarah Welch, one of many corps volunteers.



Having fun at VBS.

their stories and try to be an encouragement to them. Seeing their passion reignites my passion for doing what I do."

Because the corps tasks are being handled so well by local officers and volunteers, Dana and Jason have the opportunity to be out in the community finding new resources, meeting new people and educating them about The local Salvation Army.

"I'm really excited about what God is doing here," said Jason. "With all of this support, our future looks bright. Our prayer is to continually find local needs and expand by meeting them!"



Promoted to Glory

Major Jennette Stern

Major Jennette Stern was promoted to Glory on May 30, 2012. She was 92 years old.

A mere pound and a half at birth, Jennette survived in a shoebox by the stove under the care of her parents, Otto and Grace, in Detroit, Mich. God had a plan for her life.



Jennette became a Christian at the Detroit Brightmoor, Mich., Corps, in 1937. She enjoyed serving in local officer positions, and during the Detroit Bowery, Mich., Corps opening, God called her to officership.

Commissioned in 1943, Jennette served in appointments across Michigan. In 1952 she was appointed to Eastern Michigan Divisional Headquarters first in family services, then finance and finally statistics.

During her years at headquarters, Jennette returned to soldier at Detroit Brightmoor. Among her exceptional involvement, she was a dedicated corps cadet counselor. Countless youth from her brigades went on to become officers or local leaders.

Jennette is remembered as a person of integrity, patience and faith.

She was preceded in death by one sister and five brothers. She's survived by three sisters, one brother, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Clarification/Correction

In the June issue an article about Feed the Kids program in Milwaukee, Wis., misstated that it began in 1999. The summer feeding program actually began in 1989.