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A civic success in Chicago

by Camerin Mattson

The Salvation Army Metropolitan Division's annual Civic Luncheon, held this spring in the Hilton Chicago's Grand Ballroom, was a definitive success. More than 750 attendees helped

raise nearly \$1.1 million toward the Army's work throughout the greater Chicago area. These funds will provide food, shelter, substance abuse rehabilitation, afterschool programs, music lessons, freedom from trafficking and disaster relief.

Former First Lady Laura Bush, a past member of The Salvation Army's National Advisory Board, was the featured keynote speaker. Since leaving Washington, Mrs. Bush has been an advocate for literacy, education and women's rights. She charmed guests as she talked about her passion for the Army's Fight for Good and shared updates and life lessons from her well-known family.

Luncheon guests also enjoyed encouraging words from Khloe Thompson, a 12-year-old California girl who raised nearly \$65,000 through a GoFundMe campaign to support the Army's work during the polar vortex that gripped Chicago this past January. When she was just 8, she started her own nonprofit, Khloe Kares, which creates and distributes tote bags filled with necessities for women in shelters and living on the streets.

"I was able to raise \$65,000 in just a day," Khloe told luncheon attendees. "And we have about 800 adults here today, so . . ." Her words helped inspire nearly \$175,000 in donations through a paddle-raise, which a group of generous donors matched.

The Civic Luncheon also marked the premiere of The Salvation Army's new The Fight is Now campaign in Chicago. Guests were treated to the first public showing of the campaign's official video. (Learn more at thefight-isnow.org.)

Before Mrs. Bush spoke, Lt. Colonel Charles Smith, Metropolitan divisional commander, presented longtime friends and supporters Craig and Janet Duchossois with the William Booth Award. One of the highest honors, it is given to those who exemplify The Salvation Army's goal of service to people. The Duchossoises have been generous supporters of the Army since 2001, chairing committees, funding positions and facilitating many volunteer hours from their employees.

"To be recognized by an organization like The Salvation Army is a very, very humbling experience," said Craig.

The Salvation Army also presented two "Others" Awards. Antunovich & Associates and Bulley & Andrews received the "Others" Awards for their years of support and their work on The Salvation Army's Kroc Center, Freedom Center and Shield of Hope properties throughout Chicago.



Metropolitan Divisional Commander Lt. Colonel Charles Smith with William Booth Award recipients Janet and Craig Duchossois



Former First Lady Laura Bush with Khloe Thompson, 12, and her family

Photos by Victor Powell of Powell Photography

"We'll be here for as long as it takes"

Western Division transitions to long-term flood recovery operations

by Michelle DeRusha

"We had no time to grab our belongings, no warning," recalled Tiffany Michel of Pacific Junction, Iowa. "The water just came up and destroyed our home."

That was the experience of thousands of Midwesterners affected by catastrophic flooding this spring along a 400-mile corridor flanking

the Missouri River and its tributaries. The historic flooding impacted a three-state region and caused more than \$3 billion in losses.

"This is believed to be the single largest disaster response in Western Division history," said Western Divisional Commander Major Greg Thompson. "It was an unprecedented collaborative effort from hundreds of officers, staff and volunteers from corps across Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa and the greater

Midwest, all of whom came together with one focus: to serve, support and help the survivors of these devastating floods."

All told, The Salvation Army provided more than 40,000 meals, 48,000 beverages and 41,000 snacks. More than 72,000

flood clean-up kits and other supplies were distributed, and nearly 22,000 volunteer hours were clocked.

As floodwaters receded and survivors began to focus on clean-up and rebuilding, The Salvation Army transitioned from disaster response to long-term recovery. While Disaster Resource Centers (DRCs) in Norfolk, Omaha and Bellevue, Neb., and



Council Bluffs and Sioux City, Iowa, continued to provide residents of particularly hard-hit areas with food, water and clean-up supplies, corps officers and case managers began to meet one-on-one with individuals and families to assess their long-term needs and to provide emotional and spiritual care.

Major Donna Miller and her team from the Council Bluffs, Iowa, Corps are serving four counties in Iowa. As of mid-May, more than eight weeks after the initial flooding, hundreds of families were still displaced. The canteen crew provid-



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Getting it right

by Major Lesa Davis

Territorial Secretary for Spiritual Life Development

If we get our spiritual lives right, everything else will fall into place, right? It sounds so simple when you say it, but I believe the answer is yes. We are spiritual beings. Everything we do comes from our inner lives. As Christians, that inner life is shaped by faith in a Triune God who created us, loves us and shapes us into the image of Christ. As we cooperate with that process, we naturally order our priorities around our life with Jesus, and life with Jesus is never boring.

Spiritual life is not passive. Obviously, it is important to believe the right things, but spiritual life is a lot more than just thinking correctly about Jesus. Spiritual life requires action. Think about the kinds of

things Jesus said to His first followers.

- Leave your family business and follow Me.
- Give Me your lunch so I can multiply it and feed 5,000 people out of it.
- Forgive each other—multiple times.
- Love your enemies.
- Sell everything you have and give the money to the poor.
- Take up your cross and follow Me.
- Go and tell the whole world about Me.

These actions aren't natural to us. They can only happen if our lives are fully committed to Jesus and fully submitted to the Holy Spirit. If we get that right, we won't have to worry



about having nothing to do.

Part of my appointment as territorial spiritual life development secretary is to help Central Territory Salvationists explore and understand what a fully formed spiritual life looks like daily. Obviously, there are many facets to spiritual life, but I believe there are three top priorities: prayer-shaped lives, personal and social holiness, and all-consuming discipleship.

If I had to choose just one thing for every Salvationist to do, it would simply be to pray. Prayer is the key to spiritual life and the key to every part of the Mission Imperative. Prayer energizes everything we do. It is like oxygen to our souls. Without prayer, we will not—in fact, we cannot—achieve any part of our mission. Faithful, disciplined prayer will always lead us to faithful, disciplined action.

Secondly, I believe we must rediscover our heritage to Wesleyan holi-

ness in every dimension of life, both individually and corporately. Holiness teaching and experience is a hallmark of our Salvation Army history, but I sometimes wonder if we have forgotten our own doctrine of holiness of heart and mind. As Salvationists, we believe the Holy Spirit can empower us to live victorious lives free from the guilt and power of sin. The work of the Holy Spirit can and will transform us personally, relationally and socially.

The result of our prayers and our submission to the Holy Spirit will be an all-consuming lifestyle of following Jesus wherever He leads. We will not fear our cultural differences but embrace them because we will see Jesus in each other. We will go to our cities because Jesus will lead us there. We will reach young people because Jesus is already drawing them to Himself. We will recognize leadership potential in people of all ages and cultures because we will see them as Jesus sees them.

If we get these things right, we will be well on our way to fulfilling our mission as Christians and Salvationists.

Back home again in the Army

by Elizabeth Budelman

Nearly 50 years after Tom Robertson drifted away from Christ and The Salvation Army as a young adult, he's back.

Growing up in Canada, Tom and his family attended the Danforth Corps in Toronto. Saved as a child in first grade, he continued to be a faithful soldier into his early adulthood when he chose to go down a different path.

It wasn't until a couple of years ago that Tom suddenly felt compelled to get back in touch with his childhood bandmaster, Bill Lorimer, who'd been like a father to him. He searched Facebook and found Bill's daughter, Suzanne, and wife, Joyce. Though Bill had passed away, they were thrilled to reconnect with "their boy" Tom. Reuniting, they reminisced about Bill's passion for brass banding. It sparked a desire in Tom to continue his mentor's legacy, and he was honored when they gave him Bill's tuba.

With persistence and encouragement from his wife, Tom regained his musical skills. One day he visited the Milwaukee Cold Spring, Wis., Corps where he met Stan Kelley, a soldier who works as development director at the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Divisional Headquarters. Stan con-



nected Tom with Steve Hull, divisional music director, who had been friends with Bill.

Steve invited Tom to band practice at the Oak Creek Centennial, Wis., Corps, where Tom received more affirmation he was on the right path. Last summer Tom attended the debut of a musical about the prodigal son, *A Long Way Off*, at commissioning and just happened to sit next to retired officers who had served with Bill's parents in Winnipeg and had been members of the corps band in Toronto back in 1967.

Tom knew the sequence of events was no coincidence. His faith was rekindled. This past February he put on a Salvation Army uniform again, began playing Bill's tuba in the Oak Creek Corps Band and testified of his renewed commitment to Christ. He said he's thankful for God's unconditional love and how the Army has welcomed him back with open arms.

A friend once told him, "You may leave the Army, but the Army never leaves you. You look like you are finally at home." Smiling, Tom replied, "I have found that to be so true."

Celebrating God's faithfulness

Seeing people saved, growing in their faith—that's the biggest blessing of officership, according to Majors Keith and Bethany Petrie, who retired after 35 years. In a service themed "Great is Thy faithfulness" Major Cheri Hobbins presented their retirement certificates and tributes were given by soldiers and students from their previous appointments. Lt. Colonel Larry Hull, Beth's father, was their honored guest.

Holding several longer corps appointments especially enabled the Petries to see God's faithfulness and how He used their ministry to change lives.

Though both lifelong Salvationists and children of officers, neither had really considered officership before receiving God's call, which for Keith came during youth councils and Beth on a summer service corps (now summer mission team). They were married in 1981 after Keith completed officer training as a member of the "God's Soldiers" session. While Beth attended the College for Officer Training, Keith ministered as a cadet-spouse.

They were commissioned together in 1984 with the "Servants of God" session. They served in corps, divisional appointments and at the

College for Officer Training. Keith also served as city coordinator in Des Moines, Iowa, while Beth led the Des Moines Citadel Corps. With advanced emergency disaster services (EDS) training, Keith served after 9/11 twice and Hurricane Katrina. Beth served on EDS response teams in the Dominican Republic and Mexico.

Their final appointments were men's ministries secretary and divisional secretary in the Indiana Division. They have three grown children, Payton (Dale) Burnett, Arielle and Jordan.

In retirement, Beth plans to use her master's degree in theology to teach in the distance learning program. They have moved to Forsyth, Mo., where they and Beth's dad live across the street from their grandchildren and enjoy seeing them daily.



Majors Beth and Keith Petrie with Major Cheri Hobbins

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Corps members of one heart

"Farmington Hills is a truly multicultural corps with an incredibly affectionate and welcoming congregation of several ethnicities with just about every shade of skin color," said Major Marlys Anderson, who led this suburban Detroit, Mich., corps until this summer. "There's a unique feel to this place," she continued. "During the eight years I served as corps officer, Sunday morning attendance grew to almost 80 people, 90 percent of whom were new to The Salvation Army."



Major Marlys Anderson

Continuing to serve as Farmington Hills associate corps officers and divisional intercultural ministries directors are Majors Romeo and Evelyn Alip, retired officers from the Philippines who were invited to start a ministry with Detroit's large Filipino population. The Filipino Fellowship began meeting in 2012 at the Eastern Michigan Divisional Headquarters. It moved to Farmington Hills a few years later and became the International Fellowship with 70 people gathering

for worship once a month on Sunday evenings.

The members of the corps and the fellowship have become one. Many people have begun attending both services which has allowed personal relationships to grow as more and more programs, activities and events are shared at the corps.

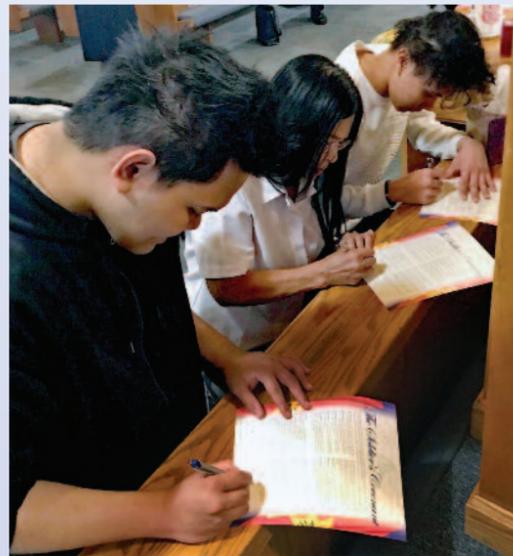
Membership also is on the rise. This year 12 people from three different ethnic groups were enrolled.

Major Marlys attributes this growth to everyone being asked to take ownership of a responsibility at the corps, whether collecting the offering, joining the praise team or volunteering for a ministry.

Major Romeo anticipates the enrollment of several more people later this year after sol-



Some of the latest soldiers enrolled at the Farmington Hills, Mich., Corps.



Solemnly signing their soldiers' covenants are (l-r) Andre Oliver, Letecia Taguran and Clide Tuto.

diership classes conclude.

"We now have people representing African, Asian, Caucasian and Native American cultures attending the corps, as well as recent immigrants," said Major Romeo, who was encour-

aged to see six teens from the International Fellowship attend Regeneration earlier this year.

Diversity at the corps is reflected in women's ministries (attended by up to 50 women); youth programs and activities, and the constant stream of people from the community who come into the building during the week for social services, programs and activities, or gym-rental groups. More than 100 people visit the food pantry on Wednesdays, and up to 80 people enjoy an evening meal on Thursdays.

"I've heard from many people that they were almost shocked to experience such a warm welcome, genuine care and unconditional love when they've come here," Major Marlys concluded.

Lts. Anil and Karen Kumar now lead the corps with the Alips.



The Farmington Hills, Mich., Corps is a melting pot of believers, report Majors Romeo and Evelyn Alip (c).

Welcoming others with open arms

The Arnold, Mo., Corps is reaching out with new initiatives aimed at sharing Christ and welcoming the community to its table through a weekly Dinner Church and a monthly women's ministries group called "Coffee, Crafts and Friendly Chats."

The fellowship hall is set for Dinner Church each Wednesday evening. Guests and regular atten-

dees receive a warm reception, a hot meal and a serving of the gospel message. Dinner Church is advertised in the food pantry and on the corps Facebook page, inviting people to come for a delicious home-cooked meal, conversation and worship.

Since introducing Dinner Church, Captain Amanda Hellstrom, corps officer, and several soldiers have welcomed with open arms those who

attend on Wednesday evening. The blossoming relationships have led to community care ministries like providing rides to medical appointments or to the community college for classes, assisting with homework, or sharing information

on community resources.

"We are all one congregation," said the captain. "Whether we attend Sundays, Wednesdays or both, we are all church members."

The captain compares the Wednesday service to what historically was the Sunday evening "salvation meeting", which was geared toward sharing the salvation message and testimonies of God's grace. Around the table organic conversation with intentional witnessing brings Christ to the forefront, and the captain gives a short message. Many of those who visit begin attending regularly for both the physical and spiritual nourishment they receive.

The corps' other endeavor, "Coffee, Crafts and Friendly Chats," is a relationship-building outreach intended to provide women with a few hours of respite, companionship and friendship within the warmth of



Linda Day, corps sergeant major, prepares home-cooked meals for Dinner Church.

a safe, Christ-centered environment. On the second Friday of the month, women are invited to join the captain for conversation and crafting over a good cup of coffee. So far, the response has been positive, with as many as 10 in attendance.

Through each of these initiatives, people are being reached with the gospel while building meaningful relationships which point them to Christ.



Captain Amanda Hellstrom and two Dinner Church members

Newly accepted candidates

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Donna Gooden

Chicago Midway, Ill., Corps
Metropolitan Division



Education

Ministry Intern, Certificate in Clothing and Fashion, anticipates completing Associate of Arts Degree this summer

Career/work

Social services case manager; formerly a small business owner

Turning point or milestone in your faith journey

Leaving my business and immigrating to the U.S. from Jamaica was difficult. I had to lean on God and trust Him with my future.

First Salvation Army encounter

At age 11 I went to live with my father and stepmother whose grandfather was a Salvationist. So all of us children went to The Salvation Army, and I loved it! To me, there was no safer place.

Interests and spiritual gifts

Leadership and teaching

Spiritual mentors

Majors Alberto and Felicia Rapley, Major Janice Love, Major Colleen Michaud, Lts. Nathan and Alisha Welch and my Midway Corps family.

Donna's corps officers are Lts. Nathan and Alisha Welch.

Wayne Strayer

Davenport, Iowa, Corps
Heartland Division



Education

Medical Assistant Associate Degree

Salvation experience

I grew up Lutheran and was confirmed in high school, but my real salvation experience came years later at the Davenport, Iowa,

Adult Rehabilitation Center.

Turning point or milestone in your faith journey

Losing my father and grandfather only a month apart made me realize life is short and I needed to change, but I couldn't do it. After months of struggling and hopelessness, I asked God to change me.

First Salvation Army encounter

Getting assistance through one of its food pantries.

Interests and spiritual gifts

Compassion and patience

Spiritual mentors

Captain Alex Velasquez, Majors Scott and Jolinda Shelbourn

Memorable ministry experience

Time spent at the family shelter in Davenport and my Ministry Discovery internship in Burlington, Iowa, are my favorite experiences.

Wayne's corps officer is Major Jolinda Shelbourn.

Jean Rene Nkodia Kiangbeni and Merveille Mabondo

Royal Oak, Mich., Corps
Eastern Michigan Division



Education

Jean Rene: Associate's degree in industrial electricity; certified in humanitarian and industrial polyvalent logistics

Merveille: Computer science with a focus on computer programming and analysis

Career/work

Jean Rene: Ministry Discovery intern, electrical contractor

Merveille: Ministry Discovery intern, homemaker

First Salvation Army encounter

Jean Rene: I grew up in the home of my grandparents, Salvation Army officers, for many years.

Merveille: Though I grew up in my parents' church, I came to the corps at age 14 with my aunt, a Salvationist.

Your calling

Both: Our calling to officership came as a growing conviction when corps members, leaders and friends encouraged us because of the qualities they saw in us and our commitment to ministry.

Interests and spiritual gifts

Jean Rene: Administration, music, evangelism, mercy

Merveille: Service, healing, mercy

Spiritual mentors

Both: Commissioners William A. and Nancy L. Roberts

Memorable ministry experience

Jean Rene: Seeing how our band's ministry at a hospital touched many of the patients who then accepted Christ

Jean Rene and Merveille's corps officers are Captains Peter and Catherine Mount.

Johnny Miller and Marsha Williams-Miller

Evanston, Ill., Corps
Metropolitan Division

Career/work

Johnny: Carpet installation

Marsha: Childcare

Salvation experience

Johnny: My parents were evange-



lists, so I grew up in church singing and praying for people.

Marsha: I accepted Jesus as my Savior at age 15 in a Christian Fellowship Club in high school.

First Salvation Army encounter

Both: We visited The Salvation Army about three years ago, felt the love and hospitality and stayed.

Your calling

Both: At a Metropolitan United Meeting on March 25, 2018

Interests and spiritual gifts

Johnny: Giving, encouragement, helping people

Marsha: Exhortation, faith, discernment, service

Spiritual mentors

Johnny: My mom and grandma, my corps officers

Marsha: My parents, Wilford and Dorla Williams, and grandmother, Alma Gordon, my corps officers

Little known fact about you

Johnny: I won a certificate in high school for weightlifting.

Marsha: I'm a good party planner, game night enthusiast

Johnny and Marsha's corps officers (CO) were Captains Norman and

Denesia Polusca; their current CO is Captain Mary Kim.

Katherine Reid

Lawrence, Kan., Corps
Kansas and Western Missouri
Division

Career/work

Customer service

First Salvation Army encounter

When I was in eighth grade, my mom and I lived for a short time at a Salvation Army shelter. It made a huge impact. Later in life when I was in a financial bind, I called The Salvation Army for rent assistance and learned about Pathway of Hope (POH).

Your calling

During a meeting, the corps officers invited everyone to stand either on the chapel's left side if we wanted to be more involved in the corps or on the right side if we felt called to do even more. I wanted to stand on the right but stayed glued to my seat. The next week I shared this with my officers who explained officership. I wanted to know more.

Memorable ministry experience

During a Bible study I started at the shelter, I shared how I wasn't defined by a traumatic experience because of my value and joy in Christ. After the meeting I was able to pray with a woman who'd had a similar experience.

Little known fact about you

I used to be a ballerina as a child and still love dance.

Katherine's corps officers are Lts. Andrew and Corey Wheeler.



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For the love of God's Word



"One of the most important things to teach young people is that scripture can hold up against questions and culture," said Justin Rose, who with his wife, Courtney, contributes a monthly Bible Study column and reading calendar for *Peer* magazine.

"In youth ministry we see a lot of questioning and doubt, but we don't run away from the hard questions," he continued. "We want to show the power of scripture and how it is still relevant."

Soldiers at the Chicago Mayfair Community Church, Ill., (Corps), the Roses are zealous about biblical literacy and are dedicated to teaching God's Word. Courtney, an adjunct professor teaching Old Testament at Olivet Nazarene University, volunteers as an adult Bible study teacher, mentor and guest speaker. Justin serves as the corps youth director and co-leads English-language services on Sundays with John Kim.

The couple started writing for Salvation Army publications by submitting entries to the *Young Salvationist's* creativity contests. They were eventually asked to create and submit a monthly Bible reading plan, and when the *Young*

Salvationist morphed into *Peer*, they were asked to expand that ministry through contributing a Bible study.

Given freedom to create and develop the space, Justin and Courtney knew just what they wanted to do.

"We're passionate about helping people cultivate a love of scripture through learning how to read the Bible," said Courtney. "We want them to have permission to question and move into spaces they're not necessarily comfortable with, but with emphasis on accurate interpretation that's in line with Salvation Army theology and doctrine."

According to the Roses, one of the best ways to engage with scripture and learn to interpret and understand it is through story. They strive to address passages that are often misinterpreted and to highlight lesser-known characters, particularly women, who have important stories to tell.

Courtney concluded, "My hope is that our writing is refreshing and that our readers are shown a new way to interact with and relate to the scripture."

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Affirmed in leadership

In recognition of her outstanding service to the Lord and the Kansas City Eastside, Mo., Corps, Juliet Walker is the first recipient of the newly established Lt. Colonel Ruth Bonifield Leadership Award.

Juliet serves as young people's sergeant major, sunbeam leader, worship team leader and a Sunday school teacher. Not satisfied with serving only on weekends, she even takes Mondays and Tuesdays off work so she can be involved in corps programs and uses vacation days to lead vacation Bible school!

"Juliet is active in women's ministries as well. Within the last year she has introduced three new ladies to the group," said Major Janice Love, corps officer. "She also provides pastoral care and ministry to people within her sphere of influence."

Juliet's passion for ministry grew when she attended the National Seminar on Evangelism. Saving souls

became her primary concern—not just at her corps and in her neighborhood, but everywhere.

The award affirms Juliet in her leadership, indicating that her corps officer and divisional leaders recognize her commitment and growth potential.

"We are grateful for the life of Lt. Colonel Ruth Bonifield and how her legacy of advancing the position and role of women in The Salvation Army continues through the generous gift of her family to develop others in leadership," said Major Darlene Harvey, Kansas and Western Missouri (KWM) divisional director of women's ministries.

The award will be presented to one outstanding woman soldier or adherent in the KWM division each year. The woman chosen receives a scholarship to the Central Bible Leadership Institute or another training opportunity.



Juliet Walker (third from right) is the first recipient of the Lt. Colonel Ruth Bonifield Leadership Award.

The best and brightest



For the second year in a row, the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Divisional Headquarters has been ranked as one of the "best and brightest companies" to work for in the Milwaukee area! Each year, a competition identifies and honors organizations that deliver exceptional human resource practices and an impressive commitment to their employees. They are assessed on categories such as work-life balance, diversity and retention. "It is a great honor to be among so many companies selected for this award," said Major Steve Merritt, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan divisional commander. Earlier this year seven staff members represented The Salvation Army at an awards ceremony hosted by the National Association for Business Resources. Pictured: Lee Ann Girard, Wes McKenzie, Major Tim Meyer, Mark Mueller, Amy Burke, Dylan LaCanne and Envoy Jan McMahan.

"The Salvation Army has been with us from the beginning"

Salvation Army provides flood relief for hard-hit Hornick, Iowa

by Michelle DeRusha

When Paula Thoele saw images of the flooding in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota on the news from her home in Savanna, Ill., she knew she wanted to help. "I can't afford to give a lot of money," she said, as she wiped tables, squeezing a sponge into a bucket of hot water. "But I can give my time and my energy."

Paula connected with a team of Salvation Army volunteers from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who, along with volunteers and officers from Des Moines, Mason City, Ames and Fort Dodge, Iowa, traveled to Hornick where they joined Sioux City, Iowa, corps officers Captains Chris and April Rutledge-Clarke and staff to help with flood relief.

Hornick was flooded on March 18 when a levee was breached on the West Fork of the Little Sioux River, a tributary of the Missouri River. All 250 of the town's residents were forced to evacuate. When they returned four days later, most discovered their homes had suffered extensive damage. Many houses had up to seven feet of water inside. Furnaces,



Paula Thoele joined The Salvation Army in making a difference in Hornick, Iowa.

water heaters and appliances were destroyed; furniture and clothing are ruined. The power was out, and plumbing wasn't functioning.

Paula and Chuck Rose, who'd been in Texas when the town flooded, lost everything. "When we opened the



Major Michele Harms and Captain Kenyon Sivels with a Hornick resident and the canteen crew from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

front door, we knew it was gone," said Paula, her eyes filling with tears.

The Roses temporarily lived in a trailer on the edge of town until they could figure out what was next. They and most of their neighbors met for lunch and dinner at the American Legion building, where The Salvation Army established a makeshift flood-relief headquarters.

"I will never pass another red kettle again without remembering The Salvation Army and their support and generosity during this experience," said Paula. "The Salvation Army has been here with us non-stop from the beginning."

"We can't thank the volunteers enough," said longtime Hornick resident Loretta Prichard. "The meals The Salvation Army volunteers are cooking for us are better than you'd get at any restaurant in Sioux City," added her husband, former Hornick councilman Jake Prichard. "We are so grateful."

Hornick hasn't experienced this kind of flooding since 1960. When they first arrived, Captains Chris and April went door-to-door assessing needs and helping to keep residents hydrated as they began the laborious

clean-up process.

"Seeing the extent of the damage hit me hard," admitted Captain April, whose own home in Sioux City was damaged by flooding. "I'm supposed to be the strong one, but it choked me up. It's absolute devastation."

In addition to supplying food, water and gift cards to home improvement stores and financial assistance, the Clarkes and their team provided childcare when the residents met for an emergency town hall meeting. "We rented a bounce house, did crafts and played football with the kids," she said. "That way the parents could focus on the meeting without worrying about watching their kids or finding someone to babysit."

The Salvation Army also delivered fans that residents have used to hasten the drying process. "They put two pallets of fans out on the side of the street, and when those were gone, they delivered another pallet," said Jake.

"We truly can't thank The Salvation Army enough," added Loretta. "I really don't know what this town would have done without them."



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ed lunch daily to 150 people in Hamburg, Iowa, and Major Donna visited displaced flood survivors temporarily living at a campground in Waubonsie State Park near Sidney, Iowa, to offer emotional and spiritual care.

"We brought toiletries and personal hygiene supplies, but we were mostly there for conversation and consultation," she said. "This disaster has had an enormous impact, and for a lot of people there is still a lot of uncertainty and frustration. We want to be a listening ear for them,



right there where they are."

At the Norfolk, Neb., Corps, Captain Jesus and Major Kelli Trejo's long-term recovery plan includes support to nearly a dozen surrounding towns. In addition to providing material assistance and case management at the corps, they've made numerous personal visits to residents in their homes to assess individual needs and provide emotional and spiritual care.

In northwest Iowa,



Captains Chris and April Rutledge-Clarke are focusing long-term recovery efforts on Sioux City, Hornick, South Sioux City and Dakota Dunes.

"We distributed more than \$11,000 in financial assistance in one night," said Captain April about their outreach work in Hornick (see story above). Most of Hornick's residents don't have flood insurance, and many were not eligible for federal assistance. The \$500 grants provided by The Salvation Army help flood survivors pay utility bills, make mortgage and rent payments, purchase building materials and refill prescription medications.

"We'll be here for as long as it

takes," said Captain April. "We came in as The Salvation Army, but when we leave, it will be as family."



Need prayer? Ask the maintenance guy



by Craig Dirkes

Every couple of weeks, like clockwork, a man who lives with schizophrenia comes to The Salvation Army in Rochester, Minn., needing prayer. But he doesn't ask to meet with corps officer. He's looking for Dave Kruger, the maintenance guy.

"We pray about simple things, that God would help get him a new shirt or a new pair of socks," said Dave, 58, who's been working at the corps for a quarter of a century. "The man keeps me humble."

After Dave prays for the man, the man prays for him.

"He is so sincere," Dave added. "He shows me how God takes care of our littlest needs. The man is a blessing to me."

Dave prays with many others. During weekday business hours, he's the go-to prayer-giver any time officers aren't available.

"Some people want prayer when they're having a bad day, and some just need to know there's someone out there who cares for them," said Dave.

Every weekday, right before the hot lunch program begins at 11:30 a.m., Dave leads dozens of guests in prayer before the home-cooked meal prepared by staff and volunteers is served. He's been doing this for 12 years. In addition, Dave regularly prays with men from a local halfway house who come to the corps to satisfy their community service requirements through janitorial work a few hours a day for weeks or months at a time.

"I talk and pray with them to help keep them on the right track," Dave said.

Dave knows from experience what it's like to need prayer and a helping hand. He was raised in Rochester, poor, with 16 brothers and sisters! His father worked as a farmhand, while his mother stayed home and took care of the children.

"We slept three or four kids to a bedroom—sometimes three or four to a bed," Dave said. "We raised farm animals and also ate out of our garden: potatoes, beans, cucumbers. My mom canned vegetables all summer long."

He was introduced to The Salvation Army at age 7 or 8, when his mother took him and his siblings to the thrift store to buy clothes. There, they met a Salvationist.

"He invited us to church," Dave

said, fighting back tears. "When Sunday came along, he drove to our house and picked us up."

Fifty years later, Dave hasn't stopped attending the corps. He was hired there in 1991, about 10 years after he graduated from vocational school with a degree in building maintenance. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Dave has been married for 31 years and has three grown children.

"Dave Kruger embodies the idea that together, we are one Army," said Major James Frye, formerly corps officer in Rochester. "The combined efforts of Salvation Army officers, staff members, volunteers, and donors become a groundswell of love and compassion that touches countless lives."

Dave is happy to do his part. "I can't reach all the people," he said. "But if I can reach a few of them, that's what it's all about."



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Sunday	John 10-12	Northwest Indiana ARC*
	2 Monday	2 Timothy 1-2	All who labor for the Lord
	3 Tuesday	Numbers 10-12	India South Eastern Territory ^{PIM}
	4 Wednesday	1 Chronicles 20-24	Detroit Conner Creek, Mich., Corps
	5 Thursday	Psalms 105-107	Fort Wayne, Ind., Corps
	6 Friday	Proverbs 22	Public Welcome of Cadets
	7 Saturday	Joel	Territorial 730 Candidates Weekend
	8 Sunday	John 13-15	Sunday school teachers and students
	9 Monday	2 Timothy 3-4	Independence, Mo., Corps
	10 Tuesday	Numbers 13-15	Chicago Midway Citadel, Ill., Corps
	11 Wednesday	1 Chronicles 25-29	Chillicothe, Mo., Corps
	12 Thursday	Psalms 108-110	Fargo, N.D., Corps
	13 Friday	Proverbs 23-24	Fremont, Neb., Corps
	14 Saturday	Amos 1-4	Men's Ministries
	15 Sunday	John 16-18	Grand Haven, Mich., Corps
	16 Monday	Titus	Grand Rapids, Mich., ARC*
	17 Tuesday	Numbers 16-18	Music and creative arts ministries
	18 Wednesday	2 Chronicles 1-5	Detroit Temple, Mich., Corps
	19 Thursday	Psalms 111-113	National Advisory Board meeting (Milwaukee, Wis.)
	20 Friday	Proverbs 25	Decatur, Ill., Corps
	21 Saturday	Amos 5-9	International Staff Band and Chicago Staff Band in concert
	22 Sunday	John 19-21	Victims of human trafficking
	23 Monday	Philemon	Kansas City Eastside, 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	Majors Bounlouane & Champathong Keobounhom (Thailand)
	27 Friday	Proverbs 26-27	Fergus Falls, Minn., Corps
	28 Saturday	Obadiah	Grand Island, Neb., Corps
	29 Sunday	Acts 1-2	Candidates for the College for Officer Training
	30 Monday	Hebrews 1-4	Grand Rapids, Mich., Kroc Center

ARC* = Adult Rehabilitation Center
PIM = Partner In Mission

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



Beardsleys on new journey

"Our Journey was an easy choice for the theme of our retirement service, and what a journey it's been!" said Majors James and Elizabeth Beardsley. It began 43 years ago when the couple entered the training college after both had taken to heart Judges 18:6b (ISV): "The mission that you're to accomplish is from the LORD."

The majors' retirement service, presided over by long-time friends Majors Max and Betty Grindle, began with a luncheon followed by tributes from several people, including their

daughter, Captain Heather Montenegro. The major's son, Lt. James Beardsley, expressed his tribute through music. Son-in-law Captain Xavier Montenegro conducted the retirement ceremony as the majors' grandchildren, Xavi and Hannah Montenegro, held the flags.

Commissioned in 1978 as members of the "Disciples of Jesus" session, the Beardsleys served in 14 appointments in five divisions, most recently as Des Moines, Iowa, capital area coordinator and program director, respectively.

Having served their first six corps officer appointments in the Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division, the Beardsleys decided to retire there. "It felt like home," Major Jim concluded. "We've served in small to large corps and at two divisional headquarters. We feel we've accomplished God's mission...and are committed to His new journey for us!"



More than serendipity

What seemed like serendipitous events was God's plan that led Majors Thomas and Belinda Riggs to join The Salvation Army and find lives of fulfilling service. After more than 40 years of officership, they recently retired in a service attended by friends and family. Longtime friends, Majors Mark and Susan Anderson, presented their retirement certificates.

The Riggs met while attending a pilgrimage weekend at Camp Mihaska in the Midland Division in 1974. Tom was a new Salvationist from the St. Louis Temple, Mo., Corps, who found The Salvation Army when he wandered into the corps and discovered a place to put his faith into action. After an officer made a favorable impression on her unchurched father, Belinda grew up attending the Centralia, Ill., Corps

with her family.

In 1976 Tom went to officer training and was commissioned in 1978 with the "Disciples of Jesus" session. He and Belinda married in 1979 and she was commissioned in 1982 with the "God's Messengers" session. The Riggs served in corps appointments throughout the Central Territory and retired from the Sioux Falls, S.D., Corps.

Tom earned master's degrees in organizational leadership, human services and counseling crisis response and trauma—knowledge and skills which served him well in ministry. He took great joy in teaching and preaching God's Word, while Belinda thrived in youth ministry, engaging them with the gospel and discipling them.

In retirement, the Riggs look forward to spending time with their children and grandchildren.



Promoted to Glory

Lt. Colonel Marie Brown

Lt. Colonel Marie Brown, 94, was promoted to Glory on June 14, 2019, after a life well lived, solely committed to winning the world for Christ. She was known for her compassion.



She was born February 3, 1925, in Brooklyn, N.Y. After her mother died in childbirth, she and her twin brother were adopted by her father's brother and his wife, Edward and Annie Brown of Detroit, Mich. There as a young girl Marie joined The Salvation Army and chose to serve God as an officer when she grew up.

Upon being commissioned in 1944, she served in two corps in Minnesota before being appointed to the finance department at Northern Divisional Headquarters.

In 1955 she was sent to Kenya, East Africa, where she became territorial chief cashier and accountant. She was appointed in 1961 to Nigeria where she did similar work for six years before returning to the Central Territory. After three years, she went back overseas in 1971, first to the Philippines and then to Japan from 1981 to 1988, before her final appointment in the Metropolitan Division's finance department.

After retiring in 1990 to Rockford, Ill., she accepted four short-term mission assignments in Sri Lanka and Ghana.

She is survived by a niece and nephew and many friends.

Major Marguerite Zarfes

Major Marguerite Zarfes was promoted to Glory on May 25, 2019.



A lifelong Salvationist with a servant's heart, she loved to work in the background. Her faith was evident in how she lived and invested herself in others.

Marguerite grew up attending the Wichita #4, Kan., Corps, where she was a junior and senior soldier. After high school, she entered officer training and was commissioned in 1951 with the "Ambassadors" session.

Five years later she married Lt. Ross Zarfes. Together they served 42 years in corps, city coordinator and divisional appointments. For seven years they ministered throughout the Midwest as territorial evangelists.

They retired in 1995 from Kansas and Western Missouri Divisional Headquarters where Marguerite served as Christian education director and they both were instrumental in planting and opening the Kansas City Northland, Mo., Corps.

Marguerite is survived by her husband, Ross; children, Lt. Colonel Carolee (Mark) Israel, Major Sandra (Curtiss) Hartley, Paul, and Barbara (Steve) Madsen; seven grandchildren and five (soon to be six) great-grandchildren.

Sentimental journeys

"I was amazed and reminded of how God has constantly been ordering my steps and creating joy in my journey," said Major Wes Green at the retirement celebration honoring his service, along with the service of his wife, Major Sharon Green, for 28 years before her promotion to Glory in 2007.

"Sometimes the journey changed, taking me out of my comfort zone, but God kept placing me in His plan," said Major Wes.

Officiating the retirement ceremony held at the College for Officer Training was Lt. Colonel Dick Amick, territorial business secretary. Tributes were given by sessionmates and two officer friends from Indonesia and England with whom Major Wes served as an international auditor. Additional tributes came during dinner at the Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps. The day's highlights included a video of the international auditors' global adventures and a song chronicling Major Wes' officership.

Commissioned with the "Disciples of Jesus" session in 1978, the Greens served as corps officers in six divisions. Along the way Major Wes held financial positions in two divisions while Major Sharon served in women's ministries and character-building programs.

After his wife's passing, Major Wes earned a master's degree in business while serving as a territorial auditor. After serving as the Metropolitan divisional business officer for a year, he was appointed to International Headquarters, where he traveled the world with auditing teams until returning to the Central territorial audit department in 2018.



Major Wes Green with Lt. Colonels Dick and Vicki Amick