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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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At the center of it all

South Bend Kroc Center revitalizes music and creative arts

Neil Carmichael arrived at the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in South Bend, Ind., in June of 2022 as its new fine arts and

education director. His mission has been to revitalize the fine arts programming after the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic.

But in looking to the future, he



Neil Carmichael, fine arts and education director at the South Bend Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, works with students.



Kroc Center Officer for Congregational Life Captain Tracy Gantner reads to children.

had to look to the past.

"The first thing I did was try to find out what was done [here] historically," Neil explained. "I needed to explore and learn from past programs and identify what the community wants and needs."

Neil had previously taught instrumental music to children in grades K-5 at Nuner Elementary School and Fine Arts Academy in South Bend and was named Nuner's "Teacher of the Year" in 2021. He plays multiple instruments himself, composes music and has produced several albums.

With that strong background in education and music, Neil had a list of things he hoped to achieve when he arrived at the center.

"One of the reasons I took this job is I wanted to reach more than the 500 people I was serving on a weekly basis [at the school]. I wanted to grow that footprint and bring the best in arts and education classes to a broader community," he said.

And how are things going?

"Pretty well," Neil said, adding that 150 people are taking part in the arts and education classes. And things continue to grow.

"The mission we are on right now is to help the community grow physi-

cally, artistically, spiritually and emotionally. We want to position ourselves as an organization that can do all these things," he said.

Enriching the lives of children is a primary goal for the center's leaders.

"Children have always been at the heart of our ministry, and coming off of the pandemic our children were in crisis," said Kroc Center Officer for Congregational Life Captain Tracy Gantner, who leads at the center with her husband, Senior Kroc Center Officer Captain John Gantner.

She continued, "We needed to make a concerted effort to ensure a safe and friendly environment, along with quality learning resources and programs. Joan Kroc's generous gift and individuals like Neil give our children hope for a bright future."

There are a variety of classes at the Kroc Center, with everything from ukulele lessons to hip hop. Parents and children can paint and munch on cupcakes together during the Cupcakes and Canvas class, and the Parent and Child Ballet class ("Possibly the cutest thing ever," Neil said) has moms and dads doing pirouettes right beside their little ones.

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On the 25th anniversary of OTHERS, we're celebrating the initiative that uses fair trade principles to fight poverty. We invite you to learn more and support this wonderful program. See pages 4 & 5.



A student takes an audio/visual production class in the Afterschool University at the Kroc Center.

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From God's heart to yours

by Lt. Colonel Renea Smith
Territorial Secretary for Personnel

Hanging on the wall in my office is a picture of a sweet, smiling, little boy. His name is Charlie, and he is charming, fun, adventurous and daring. At 3, he wields great power over his "Paw and Grams." When Charlie enters the front door, my husband and I smile broadly and shout "Charlie!" Immediately, a little bundle of energy runs straight into our outstretched arms.

The love we feel for this little boy is immense. When we speak his name, our eyes light up and our faces crinkle with joy. We feel a strong, emotional response. *It's love!* Could any grandchild be as perfect as this one?

God always has spoken clearly to me through relationships, especially my family relationships. The love I share with my parents and siblings, with my husband and our two sons, with Charlie and his parents, reminds me of God's great love.

While the love humans have for one another may be intense, it is far outdistanced by God's boundless love for us. If I tried to measure my love for my family, though it might seem great to me, it would only be a fraction of God's love for them.

In 1 John 4:8, God's very essence is captured in the words, "God is love." God acts out of love. His mo-

tivation is love. He created everything out of love. He teaches us and disciplines us out of love. His plan of salvation resulted from His love.

Songwriter Frederick Lehman penned: *The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell; it goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell; the guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin. Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure—the saints' and angels' song.*



Today, hear these words from God's heart to yours:

"I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself." (Jeremiah 31:3, NLT)

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." (Romans 5:8, NLT)

"...nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels won't, and all the powers of hell itself cannot keep God's love away. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, or where we are—high above the sky, or in the deepest ocean—nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when he died for us." (Romans 8:38-39, TLB)

Connecting families, building relationships

For Lt. Wayne Strayer, corps officer at the Ottawa, Ill., Corps, ministry is all about building relationships.

"It's my philosophy to treat everyone like family," he said. Since he arrived in Ottawa last June, regular Sunday attendance has more than doubled, weekly programs have resumed after pausing during the pandemic, and new programs have started.

One big factor contributing to the corps' growth is a strong focus on pastoral care and corps engagement in Pathway of Hope (POH).

The corps' POH initiative serves



PATHWAY OF HOPE

dozens of families at a time, many of whom are referred by family services. Caseworker Rachelle May walks with families toward reaching their goals on the path toward improved stability and sufficiency. Working closely with other agencies, she helps families resource their needs, including helping them obtain food, clothing, housing and assistance with bills; referring them to mental health services; and providing emotional support in family situations involving court proceedings.

One way she's helping families build a community of support is through a new monthly activity called Family Connections. POH families, both those who have completed the initiative and those currently working toward their goals, come together for an evening of fun and education. Led by volunteers from the local community college, ac-



Families enjoy an activity during Family Connections.

tivities include skill-building and helpful tips for parents such as cooking or how to stretch their grocery budgets while the children enjoy games and activities.

POH families are further connected to the corps through pastoral

care with Lt. Wayne and the warmth and acceptance of corps members.

"I have an open door policy," said the lieutenant. "I provide as much pastoral care as the families invite."

Corps members not only enthusiastically welcome POH families who come to Sunday services but also provide transportation to church, women's ministries and Bible study each week. A network of support has developed in which people check on one another and let each other know they care. One corps member even donated furniture when a POH family obtained housing, helping to make it a home.

"The longtime corps members are really the backbone," concluded the lieutenant. "Investing time and energy into building relationships with people shows them that we care about them. When they see that we're not just giving them a handout and sending them away, that we're willing to listen and talk with them, then they start to feel welcomed and want to come back."



A recent family fun fair



Volunteer Shasta Hladovcak hosts an educational game to encourage healthy habits.



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others: TRADE FOR HOPE

by Bo Christoffer Brekke

Around 1997, Komola and her family were representative of many rural Bangladeshi families—living in a small tin shed on rented land on a roadside plot, the wife taking care of their two young children at home and the husband trying to earn a living for the family by doing whatever daily labor work was available.

Twenty-five years later, they proudly invite guests into the family's brick home on their own land in their home village, with the harvest from their own rice field drying in the courtyard outside. Their two children have completed university degrees, picking up career opportunities that would have been distant dreams for their parents in 1997.

One of the factors driving this family's journey has been that Komola became one of the very first women to work for OTHERS back in 1997. The job gave her the opportunity to earn an income of her own for the first time, helping to put the family on the path to where they are today.

Generating opportunity

OTHERS is a Salvation Army initiative using fair trade principles to fight poverty—under the slogan "Trade for Hope." While everyone shares the same desire to be able to provide for themselves and their family, far too many lack the opportunity to find a job or are forced to work under poor working conditions. By creating flexible jobs with fair wages and access to international markets, OTHERS is one of The Salvation Army's contributions to the global goal of giving more people access to decent employment.

OTHERS artisans are engaged through relationships with local Salvation Army programs that focus on economic development in rural and urban settings—with a particular focus on women. OTHERS currently has active production groups in Bangladesh and Kenya, where the former has remained the biggest producer country since the beginning as a local Salvation Army initiative there in 1997. There are currently around 618 artisans in Bangladesh who are involved in production for OTHERS, along with 343 artisans in Kenya.

All products are handmade or include some element of manual work. Some of the produc-

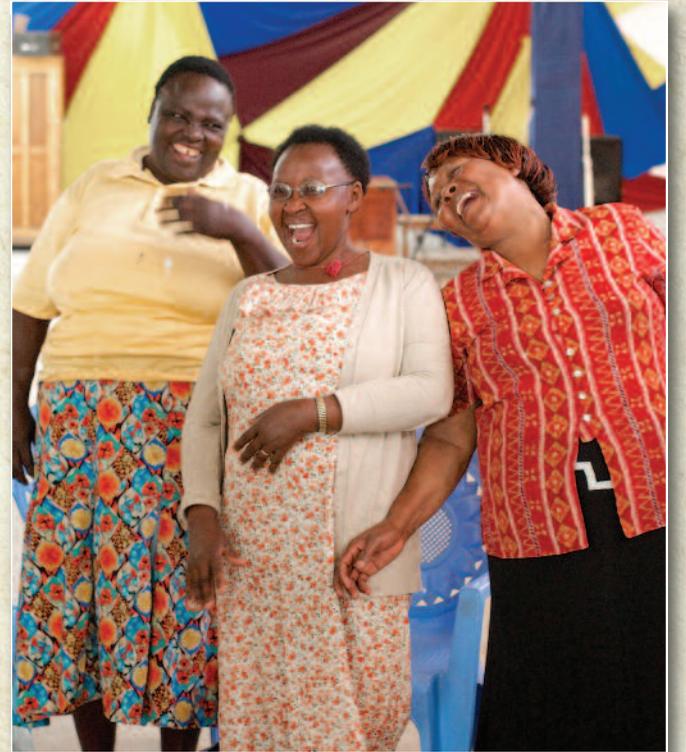


tion groups consist of fulltime employees, while many consist of part-time workers who are paid on a piecework basis. This allows OTHERS to be inclusive and provide income-opportunities for example for mothers, like Komola, who need to combine work with childcare.

OTHERS' history has been one of trial and error, exploring numerous opportunities and re-strategizing when initiatives haven't achieved the desired results. In the big picture, however, the 25-year journey of OTHERS has been one of steady expansion and consolidation. Production capacity quickly outgrew the local market in Bangladesh, and the first steps to expand to the international market were made in the early 2000s. A significant milestone was reached in 2011 when a new partnership with Trade Central became the entry point to North America—an opening which has continued to generate ever wider opportunities since.



celebrates 25 years



Having a positive impact

A job is often about much more than just an income. It's about empowerment, about the dignity that lies in learning and perfecting a skill, in having the fruit of one's labor valued by someone else. The testimonies of OTHERS artisans invariably contain the same ingredients: the income earned through OTHERS helps them meet daily needs, invest in household improvements, purchase livestock, start businesses, and most importantly, send children to school.

"I have been able to find support emotionally, as well as economic empowerment through the OTHERS group," said Famines from Dandora, Kenya. "I have been able to pay school fees for my two boys and also learnt handicraft skills from the group."

Christine from the Dorcus Beads group in Kenya shares, "I used to live in a grass hut but have now been able to build a house as a result of being part of OTHERS."

While Famines and Christine represent the majority of OTHERS artisans—women from low-income backgrounds—partnerships with other existing projects and initiatives help OTHERS to incorporate specific vulnerable groups as well, such as refugees living in Nairobi, Kenya, or women who have been exploited in the sex industry in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Looking to the future

At its best, trade can be a powerful tool for changing the world for the better—as The Salvation Army has experienced since the days of the Founder, and for the past 25 years through OTHERS. While domestic challenges understandably take a lot of focus in the cur-

rent challenging times, now is also a particularly challenging moment for the world-at-large as inflation, conflict and the aftermath of COVID-19 have led to an increase in global poverty and hunger for the first time in decades. Where there is a need, there is The Salvation Army, and while the 25th anniversary of OTHERS is an opportunity to reflect in gratitude on what has been, the goal of OTHERS is to continue to grow substantially in the years to come so that the impact can be expanded.

Today, you can find beautiful, high-quality OTHERS products in countries as diverse as the United States, Norway, Canada, Bangladesh, Iceland, the United Kingdom and Japan, in dedicated online stores, Salvation Army shops, as well as in external retail stores and chains. Considering The Salvation Army's global reach, this still represents only a fraction of the potential. Building on the heritage of the Founder's focus to direct our attention toward "others," the aim of OTHERS is to encourage consumers to consider the people behind the products they buy before making their consumer choices.

As consumers, we all have at least a little bit of power to influence the world for better or for worse.

In buying OTHERS products from Trade Central or usa.tradeforhope.com—for yourself, for an event, or as the perfect gifts for others—you can be part of the next 25 years of the OTHERS journey, helping facilitate many more stories like Komola's.

To purchase items from the OTHERS program, visit shop.salvationarmy.org or usa.tradeforhope.com.

God is always near

Years ago when Beth Curtiss was going through a painful loss, she would pray during her long daily commute to and from work.

"It was as if Jesus was sitting right next to me in the car," Beth recalled. "I remember very clearly that I could almost feel a tangible hand patting me and comforting me. He knew my heart was hurting, and I needed His companionship."

Today, she looks back on her life and knows that God has always been near to her.

"There has never been a day in my life that He has not been as close as my own breathing. My highest aim is to honor Him."

Beth, the corps sergeant-major at the Shelbyville, Ind., Corps, is an executive assistant and a community liaison for the Central Indiana area commander. As divisional sergeant-major for the Indiana Division, she is also a member of the Territorial Soldiers' Forum and serves as its secretary.

"Soldiers can reach out to me with anything they want to talk about; anything that is on their heart," Beth said in regard to the forum.

As a third-generation Salvationist, Beth grew up seeing God provide for her family in both



Beth Curtiss with employee Emi Voller.

good and bad times, and she developed her "rock-solid" faith.

She watched as her mother faced financial challenges and as her grandfather reminded her mother of God's provision.

"My grandfather would always tell my mother that God had been taking care of him for 80 years, and He was not going to stop now."



Beth works at a warehouse building family boxes to hold bags of gifts from the Angel Tree.

Beth's leadership at the corps has had her doing a bit of everything. She served at one time as the young people's sergeant-major. She currently is the adult Sunday school teacher; she oversees community care ministries and has been working to establish a Bible-study program at an assisted-living facility.

"We have a small corps, so you do whatever you can," she said.

Envoy Shannon Benner, Shelbyville corps administrator, has worked with Beth for years.

"Beth loves to meet a challenge," Envoy Shannon said. "She is very giving of her time and resources. Major Marlene Edwards always says the word that describes Beth the best is 'others.' Beth is always thinking of others."

The Salvation Army's mission of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and meeting needs in His name continues to be Beth's mission, too.

"Being instrumental in getting people into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ is one of the highest goals of my life," she explained.

When she is not working, Beth is busy with

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HOPE: Stories of Survival

The first full-length anti human-trafficking documentary produced by the Eastern Territory, "HOPE: Stories of Survival," was awarded an Emmy in New York City and now is available for purchase on Amazon in DVD format or on Prime Video, iTunes and Google Play. Proceeds support anti-trafficking efforts.

The documentary features the stories of three American women survivors of trafficking for sex from as young as 8. They share their day-to-day lives after trauma recovery and how they're taking back control of their destinies through empowerment, love, trust and hope. They guide viewers through some of their darkest memories of fear of exploitation and provide hope for others through their ability to overcome obstacles with the support of those around them.

"Human Trafficking is a pervasive injustice that impacts, what is estimated as, millions worldwide... This unique and powerful documentary sheds light on the strength and resiliency found inside survivors of human trafficking rather than solely focusing on the trauma," said Arielle Curry, Eastern territorial anti-trafficking coordinator.

Forced human labor is a multi-billion-dollar industry, with sex trafficking accounting for 81 percent. Worldwide 75 percent of the victims are women and girls. Tragically, 25 percent are children.

"I want people who see this film to join The Salvation Army in raising awareness about the horrific realities of human trafficking and lend support to its victims," said Joseph Pritchard, Eastern territorial director of internal communications, who directed the documentary. "But, most of all, I want to share the message of HOPE that these women discovered during their recovery process and let victims and survivors know that they are not alone."

her family. She and her second husband Jeff have been happily married for 26 years and have a blended family of six children ("Yours, mine and ours," Beth says) and nine grandchildren.

She is grateful to God for being there through life's hills and valleys.

"I have gone through divorce and remarriage, trying to blend a family, the loss of a parent, financial challenges, job-related challenges—and God has proved Himself faithful throughout my life. He has been immeasurably good to me," she said. "He is everything to me."

To learn more about the forum, visit salarmycentral.org

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March Prayer Calendar

My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Wednesday	Isaiah 45-50	Des Moines, Iowa, ARC
	2 Thursday	Matthew 23-25	Alpena, Mich., Corps
	3 Friday	1 Corinthians 1-2	Sweden & Latvia Territory
	4 Saturday	Genesis 36-39	Midland, Mich., Corps
	5 Sunday	Ruth	Columbus, Ind., Corps
	6 Monday	Psalms 27-29	St. Joseph, Mo., Corps
	7 Tuesday	Job 19-20	Chicago Midwest Ill., Corps
	8 Wednesday	Isaiah 51-55	Macomb, Ill., Corps
	9 Thursday	Matthew 26-28	Zambia Territory
	10 Friday	1 Corinthians 3-4	Grand Valley, Mich., Area Command
	11 Saturday	Genesis 40-43	St. Cloud, Minn., Corps
	12 Sunday	1 Samuel 1-5	Burlington, Iowa, Corps
	13 Monday	Psalms 30-32	Granite City, Ill., Corps
	14 Tuesday	Job 21-22	Wausau, Wis., Corps
	15 Wednesday	Isaiah 56-61	Switzerland, Austria, & Hungary
	16 Thursday	Mark 1-2	North Platte, Neb., Corps
	17 Friday	1 Corinthians 5-6	Davenport, Iowa, Corps
	18 Saturday	Genesis 44-47	Chicago, Ill., Harbor Light Center
	19 Sunday	1 Samuel 6-10	Gary-Merrillville, Ind., Corps
	20 Monday	Psalms 33-35	Jackson, Mich., Corps
	21 Tuesday	Job 23-24	Zimbabwe & Botswana Territory
	22 Wednesday	Isaiah 62-66	Freeport, Ill., Corps
	23 Thursday	Mark 3-4	Hibbing, Minn., Corps
	24 Friday	1 Corinthians 7-8	Dubuque, Iowa, Corps
	25 Saturday	Genesis 48-50	Bismarck, N.D., Corps
	26 Sunday	1 Samuel 11-15	Goshen, Ind., Corps
	27 Monday	Psalms 36-38	Brazil Territory
	28 Tuesday	Job 25-26	Champaign, Ill., Corps
	29 Wednesday	Jeremiah 1-3	La Crosse, Wis., Corps
	30 Thursday	Mark 5-6	International Falls, Minn., Corps
	31 Wednesday	1 Corinthians 9-10	Muncie, Ind., Corps

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

ARC = Adult Rehabilitation Center

A column on holiness
by Dr. Bill and
Rev. Diane Ury

The loving logic of "being" holy

You be holy for I am holy. (Leviticus 11:44, I Peter 1:16)

by Dr. Bill Ury
National Ambassador for Holiness

You Be Holy — Everyone who desires to know why we exist, why we are, bumps into mystery. The only reasonable answers come from the Word of God. Our Creator reveals His divine purpose for our being. What He desires is something we cannot produce. Being made holy requires Someone outside of me bringing into me what I am not.

Notice that God starts with His vision for us before He talks about Himself. True Holiness is always self-giving. He always is thinking about you before Himself. Only One who is holy can give holiness.

We talk about an experience of holiness, but holiness is much more than our feelings or choices. It is the most personal, intimate, transformative relationship you or I can ever know. The Holy One will never leave the receptive person, you, confused about our created purpose.

For — There are a lot of important, large theological words in the Bible. I have found that everything hinges on the small words. Words like "but" or "and" or "as." The same is true with "for" here. It might be clearer to use the word "because" here instead. I am because He is. Being holy must be drawn from His holiness. That alleviates me of any wrong conceptions of who I am in the logic of salvation.

Any holiness I may know is only of Him, from Him, through Him, because of Him.

Whatever I may think holiness is or isn't, the only thing that matters is Who is holy. Any command of God or offer of His holy love to me is based first in the fact of who He is, not on who I may think I am. To believe there is something good inherent in me is to already miss the Gospel and the gracious God who is Love and offers His holy love to me. The word "holy" defines my created being.

My sole purpose is to be filled with Him. Any holiness I may know is only of Him, from Him, through Him, because of Him. The Holy One is the cause, and any holiness in me is the effect of His presence.

I am Holy — His loving logic is clear: "I am" holy. It is not "He is" holy. To miss the startling intimacy of the offer would be tragic. He is only interested in a "you" and "I" relationship. The Holy One desires a first-person union with you. Only the "I am" is holy. What He is by nature is what He makes us.

We reduce holiness to an experience, or a doctrine, or a denominational distinctive. God is not interested in our small definitions.

We try to deny our being can ever be holy. We make all kinds of excuses normally focused on our sinfulness, brokenness and selfishness. But notice, the only Holy One unmistakably informs us of who He can make us to be, whatever baggage we bring. God says to anyone willing to respond, "I am what I want you to be." The logic flows this way: I can make you to be holy because I am the source of all holiness. The Triune God tells us the meaning of human existence in this short astounding promise of Himself.

The problem is that for most of us holiness is something that happens to us. We reduce holiness to an experience, or a doctrine, or a denominational distinctive. God is not interested in our small definitions. He wants us to allow Him to pour His freely shared nature into our hearts and lives. Do you know why you exist? The God of Holy Love wants you to be like Himself. Impossible? Not to the One who made all things, especially you!



--Mustard Seeds--



730... AND BEYOND



8,558 days and counting

by Major Alex Lim

Song # 963 in our songbook says "Joy! joy! joy! There is joy in The Salvation Army..." I get excited every time I hear or sing it. It's been proven by the lives of the many retired and active officers currently working across the territory. I am grateful to be one of them.

I currently serve at the College for Officer Training, but some of the most joyful and rewarding moments of my 22 years of ministry have been spent working in partnership with the adult rehabilitation center (ARC) while I was in the Twin Cities.

While praying and planning for a new ministry program at the corps where I was first appointed, I attended one of the ARC meetings and found out that the beneficiaries did not have a home church. Almost immediately the Holy Spirit spoke to me, convicting me that after the beneficiaries finished the ARC program God wanted our corps to continue to care for them and help them walk with Jesus. So, this became one of the new ministries at our corps.

Although there was great joy in this ministry, it required spiritual warfare. There were times when our corps experienced frustration, but through the intercession of several prayer warriors and the compassion of the corps members, some men overcame addiction and became soldiers and some of their families even became corps members.

With the soldiers who successfully graduated from the ARC program



and began to lead a stable new life, we created the discipleship group called SOS (Soldiers of Salvation). We met every Saturday for Bible study and fellowship, provided mentorships to new ARC beneficiaries, raised funds for World Services, and performed community care for the corps' older adults like cleaning up fallen leaves or mowing their lawns.

Even after years have passed, I miss the joyous times I spent with them. The partnership ministry with the ARC has been a driving force for the growth and revival of the corps. I am happy this ministry has continued. I salute the current corps officers who are strengthening this ministry further, and I am grateful to the faithful corps members for supporting and participating in it. Above all, I thank God and give Him the glory for the opportunity to develop this ministry.



The newest worship series for Lent, *The Easter Code*, features weekly code words that unlock the blessings of Christ's journey to the cross. (This series draws inspiration from *The Easter Code* by O.S. Hawkins and *Journey to the Cross* by Paul David Tripp.)

Available in both English and Spanish, the Lenten series features worship service materials for the five Sundays of Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter including children's moments, music options, dramas, readings and other resources.

See your corps officer for more details.

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Guests can take fitness classes, swim, play basketball or pickleball and attend ministry programs along with Sunday worship services.

There is a Homeschool University program for grades K-5. Home-schooled students take part in theater, art, cooking, modern dance and swimming courses. For the next session, Neil hopes to include a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) day.

There is also an Afterschool University that offers the same classes as the Homeschool program but with rotating club times, Neil explained. Instructors or volunteers teach club

classes in technology, audio/visual production, writing and digital music.

Neil hopes people of all abilities see the South Bend Kroc Center as a welcoming place. When they step through the front door, all are invited to grow, learn and worship together. Everyone is welcome.

With its adaptive arts programming, the center's classes can benefit people of all levels and abilities, including those with autism, Down syndrome or other conditions.

"We focus on a person's potential instead of on their limitations," Neil concluded.

Promoted to Glory

Major Judith McCarty

Major Judith McCarty, nee Riley, was promoted to Glory on November 20, 2022. Judith loved people and was a dedicated pastor who carefully shepherded her flock. She used her gifts to glorify God and especially enjoyed singing, remaining faithful and positive even after a surgery caused her to lose the ability to worship with her voice.



Born in Davenport, Iowa, on March 19, 1948, Judith graduated from Davenport Central High School in 1966. She attended Vennard College where she earned an associate

of arts degree and met her husband and ministry partner, John McCarty. They were married on June 7, 1969.

After seven years as evangelical Methodist ministers, the couple began more than 30 years of service with The Salvation Army. The McCartys began their officership as cadet lieutenants in 1977 and were commissioned in 1978 as members of the "Disciples of Jesus" session. They served in adult rehabilitation centers and corps for more than 30 years before retiring to Wichita, Kan., in 2013.

Judith is survived by her husband and four children, James McCarty, Joy Kopacz, Katherine Newby and Kevin McCarty; two sisters, Becky Barr and Rachel Riley-Halliday; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother Joel Riley and one grandson.