Rallying our youth

by Jerrie Miller
Character-building ministries director

This spring heralded not only the warmest weather in years but the largest crop of character-building youth rallies in the Central Territory with attendances growing to more than 2,000! Though themes differed, the root was the same: fun, fellowship and friendly competition. And, at the end of the day, the memories kids took home were just as important as any ribbons or trophies.

In Eastern Michigan 628 youth and leaders turned out for “The Biggest Winner: Character-Building Edition.” A unique highlight was a fair featuring 28 booths, from doctors to dentists. With check-up sheets in hand, children stopped by each station for a stamp and along the way learned the importance of exercise, eating right and living a healthy lifestyle.

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A ministry of prayer and popsicles

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**Signs of Blessing**

by Lt. Colonel Jeffrey Smith
Territorial Secretary for Personnel

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**Lunch is served**

by Faith Colas

Milwaukee is now ranked as the fourth poorest city in the nation. According to the U.S. Census Bureau report released in 2010, 40 percent of Milwaukee’s children are living in poverty.

So, The Salvation Army’s summer meal program for children is needed more than ever. Feed the Kids will kick off June 18 at Red Arrow Park in downtown Milwaukee. Nearly 100 community and business leaders volunteer for one hour to prepare lunches for area children. Salvation Army vans bring lunch to the poorest neighborhoods, parks and street corners on the weekdays. An average of 2,000 lunches are served a day!

Last year 95,846 meals were served over 10 weeks. Operating since 1999, this unique mobile feeding program is in collaboration with Hunger Task Forces, the Milwaukee Public School District, West Allis/West Milwaukee School District, the Milwaukee Corps’ Center for Independence, Boys & Girls Clubs, the Social Development Commission and Heartlove Place.

Programs come and programs go, but the SHARE Summer Health and Recreation Experience day camp held annually by the Midland, Mich., Corps is logging its 31st year this month!

SHARE hopes to surpass its record of 427 kids enrolled last year at four sites (the corps and three elementary schools) by adding a fifth site at a trailer park where the corps served children lunch each weekday last summer.

According to Captains Matthew and Malinda O’Neil, corps officers, SHARE is the only faith-based day camp in the city that is funded by the faith community; area churches help support SHARE through grants, volunteers and pastoral recommendations for staff.

Activities include daily Bible lessons, a summer reading program “and lots of singing, arts and crafts,” said Malinda. Field trips include visits to the city pool, the beach, an arena for roller activities and the planetarium. Special on-site events include visits from petting farms, fire trucks and other city vehicles. Weekly theme days for which staff and kids dress up also provide entertainment!

All of the sites unite for a special “SHARE Sports Day” where the kids compete in relays and scrimmages. The day camp ends with a united finale, “The SHARE Show,” held at a city park on a rented, large mobile stage.

“It’s really cool,” said Malinda. “Each site prepares songs and short skits for the kids to perform and show off for each other. Parents, friends and the public attend. The SHARE show is also video taped for play on the local community cable channel.”

More than 50 paid staff and numerous volunteers help make SHARE possible each year. “Being on staff is much more than being a day camp counselor; it’s an intentional leadership program in spiritual and personal development,” said Malinda.

“Staff keep us informed of decisions made for Christ; more than 80 were made last year,” Malinda continued. “We notify their parents and pastors; we follow up with the unchurched.”

The corps also offers a comprehensive afterschool program ("The SAL") incorporating character-building classes as well as hockey and archery. Some day camp youth also come for worship and corps cadets, including Bible Bowl, Malinda added.

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Snatched from the brink

Craig Dirkes

The Minneapolis, Minn., Harbor Light recently welcomed six new senior soldiers into the fold: Chett Brannon, Janet Douglas, Donnell Guy, Brian Pinkard, Russell Taylor (renewal) and Richard Weeth.

"I could write a book on the faith I have seen from our new soldiers," said Envoy Don LaMar, Harbor Light director of corps ministries. "Their commitment to God is unwaivering. They have been through more than most people will ever experience."

Donnell Guy can attest to that. The 32-year-old Chicago native spent his teenage years gang-banging and selling drugs. He grew up attending church with his grandma, until she passed away when he was eight. After that, he didn’t have any contact with God until he was 19—while attempting suicide. "I ate a bunch of pills, laid down and began drifting away," Donnell recalled. "I woke up gasping for air. I was on the floor, crying, and asking God, ‘Why won’t you let me die?’ I don’t want to go through all this pain. Then I had a feeling come over me. At that moment, I knew God really does exist. I went in the bathroom and threw up all the pills. Ever since then, the Lord has had His hand on me to do better."

Though Donnell would have ups and downs throughout his 20s, today he is completely sold out for Christ.

Donnell Guy helps survivors of an apartment fire in Minneapolis pick out clothing and household items during a distribution event at the Harbor Light.

by Craig Dirkes

Newly accepted candidates

Jonathan Tamayo
Menasha Fox Cities, Wis., Corps Wisconsin/Upper Michigan Division

Growing up as an officers’ child, I had many people ask or suspect I’d be an officer because my parents were. Given this, I tested my calling and asked God if this was really what He wanted me to do. Two years ago God confirmed this in me. Having listened, trusted and followed God’s leading in my life, I know He will guide me, protect me and take care of me.

Jonathan’s corps officers are Majors Jose and Annette Tamayo.

Michael and Erin Metzler
Independence, Mo., Corps Kansas/Western Missouri Division

We are so excited to move forward on the path God has put us on! Many things have changed for us in the last year. Each of us was called to officership before getting engaged. Then, God set things in motion and set opportunities before us, one right after another! We were married in June 2011. We were sent as interns to Independence, Mo., where we have had a great pre-training experience! Now, we are blessed to be expecting a child in August.

We are looking forward to attending the College for Officer Training, the next step in our journey of full-time ministry for our Savior! We cannot wait to begin this new endeavor God so clearly has called us to.

Michael and Erin’s corps officers are Majors Batch and Lisa Prost.

New Commitments

January - March 2012

76 Senior Soldiers
39 Adherents
94 Junior Soldiers


come
join
our army

Newly accepted candidates
David Crossley and his family slept at the Joplin Corps Community Center, at friends’ houses and at a motel.

Today, thanks to the aid of The Salvation Army, his church, family, members and friends, David and his family are hopeful their lives will return to normal. “We just poured the foundation on a home we are building. We hope to move into it in early June,” he said.

As David reflects on the long year his family has endured, he is struck by the progress they’ve made. “I was just thinking the other day, our wedding anniversary is coming up and last year we were living in a motel room with no idea where we were going to wind up. Now, we’re living in a comfortable duplex and building a home of our own... Now we’re almost whole again.”

Just two months after the epic storm, Lieutenants James and Jamie Curry were appointed officers in Joplin. Jamie reflected on life in her new home town: “Any other place I have ever lived, I’ve never had the experience of stepping out my front door and seeing something different than the day before. Almost an entire year has passed since the tornado, but it still seems like last week to the residents here. While there are significant changes to the landscape as buildings are rebuilt, the emotional toll is still ever present.”

The Cuurys and their team have been hard at work as part of the Long Term Recovery Committee, a consortium of nonprofits and service agencies working to handle long-term survivor case management.

“We have the benefit of seeing first-hand how God can work, even in a disaster,” said Jamie. “There are success stories that come through our doors each day, and when these individuals are helped, it renews their desire to help others.”

David says that in some ways the storm has been a blessing. “It brought my family closer, and I think it brought many of us in the community closer. Whenever we had a need, The Salvation Army or one of its partners was there to meet it. God’s love has been manifested in so many ways in these days of recovery, and I am so grateful.”

Jamie observed, “There is a greater sense of community among the people of Joplin. As is the case in many catastrophic events, everyone is affected in one form or another which creates in itself a genuine sense of comradeship. Joplin is no different.”

Dana Ross, case manager for The Salvation Army Joplin Relief Center, said, “We have formed some amazing partnerships. We are one of the primary social service providers for this event, and through these partnerships we can connect our clients with just about anything they need.”

The Salvation Army was recently awarded a contract with Missouri that will allow it to continue long-term case management with residents through May 2013. Plans soon will be released detailing The Salvation Army’s strategy for long-term recovery and investment in Joplin.

Editor’s note: Captains Jason and Mary Poff were the corps officers in May 2011 when the tornado struck Joplin, Mo., and led the initial emergency relief.
Doug Keeney was uninsured and unemployed when the tornado struck. A construction worker in a down economy, he had long struggled to find reliable work.

He lived in a house he planned to retire in. “It was an old house, but it was paid for,” he said. “It was surrounded by a dozen beautiful old trees that I just loved, but because of those trees, I was unable to get insurance for the home. We’d had two ice storms a few years previous, and the insurance company required that I had to cut back all trees hanging over the house. At a cost of $300-$400 per tree, I just couldn’t afford to cut them back without a job.”

On May 22, 2011, when the sirens sounded, Doug wasn’t unusually concerned.

“We always get weather alerts, and everybody just goes out on their front porch and looks. I saw there was a tornado north of my house, and I wasn’t overly concerned,” recalled Doug, “but I remembered the employees at the Arby’s near my home didn’t have a TV or radio and probably didn’t know to take cover. I walked across the street and told them to get in their cooler to take cover. They invited me to take cover with them, and I told them I’d run home to get my wallet and keys and would return shortly.”

As Doug arrived home, the wind increased to a dangerous pace. Before he knew it, he was unable to take cover and became pinned between his front door and the nearest wall, a providential place it turned out, as little else was left when the storm passed.

“When the storm was over, the second story on my home was gone, as was half of the story I was standing on. I dug around and found a few things I needed, then headed out to find my neighbors and friends,” he said. “That’s when I saw the only thing that was left standing at Arby’s was the cooler where the employees had taken cover.”

Doug brushes off the thought he might be a hero. “I think I just did what everyone else would have done,” he said.

For the next three weeks, Doug came to his home every day to clear debris and to find his belongings. “I dug through all of the debris and found every little thing I could. The volunteers were amazing. They helped a lot. They got down in there and dug with me and helped me move what I could.”

Since the storm, Doug has worked closely with Salvation Army case managers. “As far as I’m concerned, Dana and her team have really gone above and beyond. When I needed work clothes for my debris clean-up job, they were there,” he said. “They’re working to help me get a vehicle, and thanks to her team, I’ve been connected with Convoy of Hope, and they are building me my new home.”

Every morning since the storm, Doug goes out to sit on his old concrete porch, all that remains.

“I’m gonna miss my trees,” he said a little wistfully, “but this has turned out to be such a blessing, none of which would have been possible without The Salvation Army.”
Sleeves rolled up!

by Craig Dirkes

Emergency disaster services (EDS) volunteer Jim Daly is one of the Northern Division’s most prized assets. It’s no wonder he received the Disaster Services Sleeves Rolled Up award this year.

Jim, a 65-year-old resident of Little Canada, Minn., became an EDS volunteer in 2000 after retiring from his job as a police lieutenant with the Ramsey County Sheriff’s Department. He’s since logged an estimated 10,000 volunteer hours!

Jim is instrumental in virtually every disaster response. He offers round-the-clock support in response to local house fires, floods and other disasters. He’s served at countless large-scale disasters, including instrumental roles at the I-35W bridge collapse site in Minneapolis, major flood sites across the Midwest, and Ground Zero in New York City following 9/11.

“Jim doesn’t just do what we ask, he taken the initiative to do more,” said Major Byron Medlock, Northern divisional disaster services secretary. “Whether he’s teaching an EDS class in North Dakota, establishing an incident command center, strategically planning, or just serving coffee at a local fire, Jim has literally helped to shape the way our division responds to disasters.”

Jim is valued for his intelligence, professionalism, commitment and humility. He performs his volunteer duties as if they were a paid, full-time job. He treats disaster survivors and relief workers as if they were his friends and family. He volunteers for one simple reason: to give back.

“I remember being on a S.W.A.T. team call in a trailer park at 2:00 a.m., and somebody from The Salvation Army showed up with hot coffee and food,” Daly recalled. “I appreciated that, so volunteering is the least I can do. I love the work of The Salvation Army.”

Word of Jim’s volunteerism even reached The White House. On August 21, 2007, President George W. Bush met Jim at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport to present him with the President’s Volunteer Service Award.

“Jim represents Christ in everything we do; he reminds us of why we come to work,” said Drew Hasty, Northern assistant director of disaster services. “Jim Daly is, in a word, remarkable.”

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Joint conference a grand slam

by Sue Spreiter

The National Social Service and Disaster Management Conference (NSSDMC), held this spring in Glendale, Ariz., was ground-breaking as it was. For the first time the two groups have come together for a jointly sponsored conference. More than 700 Salvation Army officers, employees and volunteers from the U.S. and Canada participated in the gathering themed Ready for Mission: Equipped for Service.

National Commander Commissioner William A. Roberts wrote in a welcome to delegates, “The benefit of a conference like this is to develop professional and social relationships, to learn, to hear from inspiring speakers, professionals and practitioners, and to see, first-hand, expressions of Salvation Army service. More importantly, however, the paramount goal is to refine skills and deepen commitment for the life-changing work in which The Salvation Army is engaged.”

The conference exceeded these goals. It began with six all-day pre-conference workshops providing in-depth training. The evening keynote session was themed Season Opener since several major league baseball teams converge on Phoenix for spring training. Throughout the weekend nearly 100 informative workshops (including tours to six programs in the area) were presented.

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The camp effect

by Carrie Dixon

Growing up in The Salvation Army has helped form me into the woman I am today. And some of my best Salvation Army memories are of summers at camp. I recall activities that, unknown to me then, instilled a love of the outdoors and taught me life lessons and skills.

Today as a member of the Three Trails Camp staff in Kansas City, Mo., I’m blessed to be a part of a long history of Salvation Army camping. In my ministry I observe short amounts of time can reach a case at home since parents are aware of dangers they face and often simply won’t allow them to play outside unlike 20 years ago. We hope they will develop a new-found love for the outdoors and take it back home to their siblings, parents and communities.

This summer please join me in praying for camps in our territory. Pray the staff will be godly examples. Pray the children will meet Christ and, if they already know Him, that their faith will grow.

Pray that our camping ministry will honor God and help His children experience the masterpiece of His creation.

July Prayer Calendar

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

---Mustard Seeds---

DAN... REMEMBER YOU HAVE A SOCCER GAME IN A HALF HOUR... AND WE'RE PLAYING THE #1 TEAM...

HIS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS IS STUDYING 2ND KINGS...

I BETTER GO AND GIRD MY LOINS FOR BATTLE...

THAT’S GOOD

Carrie with her husband, Michael, and children Mihayla, Stephen and Joshua.

Media makeover

The Salvation Army’s international website has undergone a makeover.

Relaunched earlier this year, www.salvationarmy.org now offers a fresh, contemporary design and easier-to-find content. With better use of space and modern graphics, the aesthetic is grounded by improved search functionality, easier navigation and access to our growing social networking capabilities.

According to an international news release the updated platform is enhanced, “with content from Flickr, Twitter, Google Maps, TimeRune (an interactive, historical timeline) and Issuu online versions of All the World and Revive magazines,” Words of Life devotional materials are posted and updated weekly on the site as well.

Lt. Colonel Laurie Robertson, international communications secretary, said, “This is not the end but only the beginning. My prayer is that the website will always be a catalyst for multitudes of people to receive the saving grace of Jesus.”

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Davenport, Iowa, River Valley ARC*

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Corps

Brown County, Ind., Corps

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Rallying our youth

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Joining a Walk for the World, 365 kids and leaders in the Midland Division raised $1,505.89 for Haiti, their Partner in Mission. Children also participated in games from knot tying to locating countries on a map; even the youngest got involved in a relay like racing tricycles.

At the Northern Division’s youth rally nearly 300 children cheered on their peers who were hoisted up in the air with rope and carabiners. The wildly popular Kidz Blitz entertained and encouraged youth with this and other creative competitions. Children spent the majority of the day visiting 12 stations to answer questions about emblems.

The Marinette Corps took home four trophies.

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Promoted to Glory

Major Paul Eugene Thompson

Major Paul Thompson was promoted to Glory on April 4, 2012. Paul was born to Leonard and Violet on January 26, 1936, in Mitchell, S.D. He was introduced to The Salvation Army as a child and active in Sunday school and youth activities.

After high school Paul joined the U.S. Air Force, and during this time he met and fell in love with Lt. Alma Jean Darling. Omaha North Side, Neb., corps officer. She resigned her officership, and they were married in 1956. Their marriage was blessed with two children.

The Lord confirmed Paul’s calling to officership during a crusade meeting at their corps, Omaha Citadel, Neb. After Paul’s commissioning in 1971, the Thompsons served at corps in Minnesota, North Dakota and Iowa. They retired from Grandview, Mo., in 2001.

Back at the Omaha Citadel Corps in retirement, the Thompsans were actively involved in ministry. Paul is remembered for his joy in youth ministry, love of music and desire to win souls for the Kingdom. Paul is survived by his beloved wife, children Captain Patricia (Eric) Johnson and Major Gregory (Lee Ann); two grandchildren and one brother-in-law.

Major Joyce Baer

Major Joyce Baer was promoted to Glory on April 12, 2012.

Evelyn Joyce Harris was born to Eldon and Bessie Brown July 2, 1936, in Atchison, Kan. She attended the corps from an early age and gave her heart to the Lord after her corps officer spoke on the soul’s condition. In her candidate’s application testimony she wrote, “The conviction was too much.”

Joyce felt the call to officership at 13 when her corps cadet brigade had been talking about training college. She felt a tug at her heart and asked many questions. At first she feared it might only be emotion, but God proved it otherwise. She entered training later on and was commissioned in 1956 as part of the “Swordbearers” session. Her first appointment was at the Chicago Lawns, Ill., Corps, where she served as the assistant corps officer.

In 1958 Joyce resigned to marry Charles Baer, and their marriage was blessed with two children. A year later they were reaccepted into officership and ministered everywhere from corps to divisional headquarters to territorial headquarters, from which they retired in 1973.

Joyce is survived by her beloved husband of 53 years, children Rae Lynette and Gary (Pamela); one grandchild, Amarinda, and four siblings.