The Salvation Army was recently awarded $4.8 million from the Lilly Endowment Inc. to support further implementation of Pathway of Hope in the Central Territory. The impact goal of Pathway of Hope is to help susceptible families break the cycle of repeated crisis and vulnerability and put them on the path to increased stability and sufficiency. This funding enables the territory to build capacity and momentum at a steady pace.

Working through a team approach that involves corps officers, case-workers, soldiers and volunteers, Pathway of Hope is already demonstrating success in working with highly vulnerable families with children who are faced with multiple, but addressable barriers to sufficiency. As of September 2013, 260 families have enrolled in Pathway of Hope throughout the territory. Initial data indicates that 88 percent of families that complete the assessment continue to remain engaged in Pathway of Hope services, which is a significant indicator. These families are demonstrating movement toward sufficiency and increased hope about their futures. There is now one cluster (5-6 corps/service centers) implementing Pathway of Hope in each division in the Central Territory with a total of 97 corps and social service centers participating.

Preparing the proposal for the Endowment replicated the team approach that is so necessary to the success of Pathway of Hope. In the spring, Commissioner Carol Seiler, Indiana Divisional Commander Major John Turner and Craig Campbell, executive director of Resource Development, National Headquarters, met in person with the Endowment to clearly communicate the program’s objectives and outcomes. Maribeth V. Swanson, territorial social services secretary, worked alongside consultants from National Headquarters to draft the proposal, provide up-to-date client results and develop a detailed budget.

Linda Brinker, territorial Pathway of Hope Project manager, secured funding for her bequest to The Salvation Army in her final days. He shared valuable and often humorous insights into Mrs. Kroc’s personality to help connect the delegates with the Army’s generous benefactor.

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**You’ve got the power**

by Lt. Colonel Vicki Amick
Territorial Retired Officers’ Bureau Director

Do you recall playing Superman or Wonder Woman as a child? I do. We had a red towel I claimed for my cape. I would run, jump and “fly” around saving many in distress. The feats accomplished in one afternoon were amazing—all due to the mighty powers I possessed! I was always the hero, and everyone was glad to see me fly into the room, red cape and all. Life as a child was filled with fun and adventure. Although that was a half century ago, I want you to know “I’ve still got the power!” One of my favorite verses of scripture says it this way, “For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.” (2 Timothy 1:7, NASB)

When the Bible says God has not given us the spirit of fear, it doesn’t mean we will never feel afraid but that we should not allow fear to hold us back. We need to acknowledge it and then, with God’s help, move beyond it. In fact, God says “Fear not” many times because it can be such a negative and powerful emotion.

As a two-time cancer survivor, I know about fear. Yet, these experiences have reaffirmed God has a plan and purpose for my life. I can trust Him today and in the future to work all things out for my good. (Romans 8:28)

Although my strength and endurance have diminished physically, my faith in God has grown. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, I am a spiritual warrior waging battle for the souls of mankind, seeking to bring them to an understanding of God’s love and grace. (Intercessory prayer also can be called spiritual battle.)

My faith is not dependent upon my strength, but rather Christ! Philippians 4:13 (NIV) says, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

God is with us! His Word says He will never leave or forsake us. We may not always feel His presence, but we can take Him at His word and trust Him. This is faith: believing without seeing. (Hebrews 11:1)

So, step out in faith and trust God to direct your future. Be a spiritual warrior who is not afraid to wield the Sword of Truth, directed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Let the world know, “You’ve got the power!”

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**Backpack Blessings**

During a back-to-school phone bank fundraising drive, WISN-TV and The Salvation Army in Milwaukee, Wis., raised more than $50,000 to buy school supplies for more than 1,300 Milwaukee Public School (MPS) students who can’t afford these basic necessities. The project was heartwarming and inspiring. The incredible generosity of WISN 12 viewers exceeded our expectations,” said Jan Wade, president and general manager of WISN-TV. The initial goal was $25,000.

In addition to appeals by news personalities, interviews with Green Bay Packers Hall of Famer LeRoy Butler and former Green Bay Packer Linebacker George Koonce helped energize viewers. “This generosity will help hundreds of Milwaukee Public School children begin the school year with confidence and have the supplies they need to do well in school,” said Major Roger Ross, then Milwaukee County commander.

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Lieutenants cultivate unity

When Lts. Tomas and Martha Valladares and their three children arrived fresh from the College for Officer Training at the Belvidere, Ill., Corps in the Chicago area they had no idea how God was going to use them. They soon discovered that although the corps was located in a predominantly Hispanic community, the congregation was mostly Caucasian.

“Everyone also began to notice corps had quite a bit in common with each other. This understanding freed the conversation in the brainstorming sessions, allowing each participant to share what had worked and what hadn’t in similar situations. Each corps encouraged the other in their effort to “do the most good” in their communities. We noticed several “common threads” every time a STEPs retreat concluded, which in turn has led to some exciting opportunities in the Heartland Division!

Working together to seek ways to make an impact for God’s Kingdom has produced: an interdivisional young adult leadership training seminar at the Champaign, Ill., Corps, a divisional ministry training day to develop local leadership in common concern areas, interest in a divisional young adult fellowship, establishment of a worship committee at the Pekin, Ill., Corps, and new efforts in visitor retention division-wide. The list goes on and on!

STEPs has helped the Heartland Division see through new lenses the possibilities God has for our ministry! We approach each STEPs review with an open heart and a willing spirit, wanting to hear God and find the ways He is leading us to make the greatest missional impact in our communities.

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Honeytree and Getz inspire Hoosiers

One of Indiana’s greatest singers and crafters of song made an appearance at Indiana Music Institute this past summer. Nancy Henigbaum Miller, more commonly known as Honeytree—a hippie who got saved and became a pioneer in the Jesus Movement of the early 1970s and contemporary Christian music—performed and taught at the 73rd Indiana Music Institute (IMI) which was attended by 140 campers and staff.

Decked out in bell-bottoms and a “One Way” t-shirt, IMI Director Glenn Welch recalled how as a 10-year-old he had been one of many sitting on the floor at her feet when she led choruses at the Adam’s Apple in Fort Wayne. Singing classics like “Rattle Me, Shake Me” and new tunes like “Great is the Harvest,” Honeytree interacted wonderfully with the audience and candidly shared about heartaches in life and joy in Christ. As a special treat, she taught guitar track students the next day. Borrowing her pet phrase, they exclaimed, “Hallelujah, Outasight!”

Bob Getz of Newaygo, Mich., was guest conductor for the institute. He has enjoyed a long and rewarding music career as a euphonium soloist, composer and conductor of some great Army bands. Surprisingly, he recalled having attended only one divisional music camp as a student, and none as a guest, but he filled the role wonderfully.

Passing out handcrafted cross necklaces and books about Eric Ball like they were candy, he was a man on a mission, determined to spend himself entirely on the kids. He sat at a different table at each meal, making sure he met every student before camp was over, and shared from his heart, using a mix of the colorful, articulate language you’d expect from an author—he wrote Emil Soderstrom’s biography—and the down-to-earth, straightforward lingo of a farmer, which he is. The camp premiered a march Bob wrote called “Indiana Youth” that he dedicated to the division.

Our joint venture with God

All my life I have enjoyed farming and the role of the farmer. He plows his fields, sows the seed, fertilizes and then cultivates. This is done all the while knowing the final product depends on a source greater than himself. He cannot produce rain and sunshine for growing and harvesting the crop. For there to be a successful harvest, the farmer is dependent on these things from God.

Of course, the farmer cannot expect a harvest at the end of the season if he does not pursue his responsibilities. I see this as a partnership with God, and the farmer will reap only when he has fulfilled his part. Farming is a joint venture between the farmer and God. The farmer cannot do what God must, and, praise God, He will not do what the farmer should.

I believe our pursuit of holiness is also a joint venture with God. We cannot come to the place of holiness without God working in our lives. He made it possible for us to walk in holiness, but He has given us the responsibility of doing the walking. He does not do that for us.

We often talk about how Christ defeated sin on the cross and gave us the Holy Spirit to empower us for victory over sin. But we don’t often speak about our own responsibility to walk in holiness.

Perhaps it’s because we are simply reluctant to face up to our responsibility. Maybe we want to leave it up to God, or perhaps we do not understand the provision of God and our own responsibility for holiness.

Hebrews 12:14 reminds us that we must pursue holiness, for without it no one will see the Lord.

Let’s continue in this joint venture with God.
good soil initiative

Steady growth in Racine

Considering the value of good soil on a crop’s outcome, what better name than Good Soil Initiative (GSI) for a territorial youth development program? GSI debuted last year to deploy 60 youth development coordinators in corps across the Midwest over five years.

One of the first locations where a youth development coordinator was placed is Racine. Wix Ryan Read, a former youth pastor, has been the coordinator there for a year, now working with Captains Joel and Ramona Arthur, corps officers.

“In our few months here, we’ve seen many good things from Ryan,” said Joel. “His work has motivated us to add new programs to help youth know Jesus and be discipled in the things of this world.”

Ryan walks neighborhood streets to chat and pray with residents and shop owners. He also consults with community organizations, parents, teachers, schools and the police for different perspectives on developing good citizenship in youth.

“We have a chance to concentrate on prevention with kids rather than having to perform intervention later on,” said Ryan. An initial program continues to flourish: a culinary arts course that prepares teens leaving juvenile detention for reentry into society.

The youth population Ryan works with fluctuates; weekly corps activities can bring as few as 40 or as many as 100 children and teens. Big draws are character-building programs, “Hip-hop Hope” dance instruction and basketball. New this fall were a praise band and teen open gym nights.

A spring hip-hop rap concert attracted more than 300 youth who heard the gospel and learned more about corps programs and worship. A summer block party brought in more than 500 community people who enjoyed refreshments, games, music and a gospel message.

This summer, an urban ministry team from the Metropolitan Division came to mow lawns, pick up trash and interact with residents within a 10-block area of the corps.

“It was a great witness to the community and exposure for the team to social injustices,” said Ryan, who became a soldier earlier this year with his wife, Jamie, a former pastor who now serves as the young people’s sergeant major.

“When we became soldiers, we took ownership of the Army’s mission,” concluded Ryan, who’s tickled to be associated with a program that resonates with his personal testimony. As a younger man, Ryan was saved in prison after hearing Christ’s parable of the good soil.

Winnebago County warriors

When the Winnebago County, Ill., Friday Night Patrol Mobil Feeding Program needed a coordinator, Steve Polaski quickly volunteered, and when the Winnebago County development office needed an assistant to help with donations and special events, his wife Sharon went to first to volunteer. Collectively, they’ve donated over 1,600 hours in the last four years.

This year Steve and Sharon were honored for their commitment and service by receiving the 2013 Territorial Family Volunteer of the Year award.

“I think it’s just part of what we do as Christians,” said Sharon, who is a third-generation Salvationist and has been attending the Rockford Temple, Ill., Corps with Steve for almost 40 years. “I saw there was a real need for people to help when I was a caseworker, and I knew I needed to continue after I retired.”

Sharon has worked for the Adult Rehabilitation Center and the social services of Winnebago County for a combined 26 years.

In addition to this regular volunteer work, the Polaskis have assisted in everything from picking up toys for the Giving Tree to delivering barrels to the Food for the Needy drive.

Advancing married women officers

by Lt. Colonel Renea Smith

Assistant Secretary for Personnel

We stand at a crossroad of culture in Salvation Army ministry. One of our strengths has been the use of married officer ministry teams. While building strong officer marriages and thriving family relationships remain core values, we must intentionally recognize officers as individuals and use each one’s distinctive gifts and skills, regardless of marital status, gender or ethnicity.

Earlier this year Lt. Colonel Susan Bukiewicz, chairperson of the Married Women Officers in Leadership Ad Hoc Committee, presented 17 recommendations to the Territorial Executive Council. Varied in scope, these recommendations were aimed at moving married women officers forward as a group while developing gifted women for key leadership roles.

Foundational is the belief that men and women are equally gifted by God for spiritual leadership. This is not based on feminist ideology but founded on an accurate interpretation of God’s Word. The Bible does not tell us spiritual authority is given only to men. Instead, we understand the Holy Spirit bestows gifts and sacred callings without regard to gender. Catherine Booth, one of the Army’s founders, powerfully proclaimed the biblical basis for the woman’s place in public ministry, including leadership.

According to research by Major Julie Aren, a 1994 report issued by the International Commission on the Ministry of Female Officers affirmed the equality of men and women, asserting there is no theological barrier preventing female officers from assuming any role and suggesting leadership and administrative roles be distributed more equitably. While we have taken some steps forward, our strides must be more intentional.

The recommendations developed by the Married Women Officers in Leadership Ad Hoc committee fall into the following general categories: methods for validating the married woman officer’s work; intentional recognition of the married woman officer’s gifts and skills in making appointments, and a commitment to making officer appointments based on leadership skills and not primarily on marriage relationships; the development of systems for sharing personal thoughts and ideas, and the provision of more opportunities for consultation with officer leadership for the purpose of skill development and empowerment.

While the recommendations specifically address opening doors of service for married women officers, the committee strongly felt these would provide developmental opportunities for all officers. The result is an attempt to see each officer as an individual who God has uniquely gifted for ministry.

We are a salvation Army comprised of men and women working together to build the Kingdom of God. Seeing officers as one of the Army’s essential assets for mission, we need to develop and use officers, particularly married women, in the most effective way to bring honor and glory to God.
Grand Rapids Kroc Center aims to keep kids fit
by Stephanie Denton
According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, over 23 million children are overweight in the United States. Childhood obesity can lead to many health problems including type-2 diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and even stroke.

The Grand Rapids, Mich., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center is doing its part to keep kids active and help promote a healthy lifestyle.

Along with the Kroc Center in Philadelphia, it's piloting a program called FitKids360 which combines learning about nutrition with physical activity. The Grand Rapids Kroc Center has held four, eight-week sessions of FitKids360 for 100 children, ages 5-16, and their families. Classes are running at capacity, and 100 percent of the families who've participated report they have made positive lifestyle changes that have improved their health. Families have pledged to eat dinner at the table together each night, watch less TV, try one new vegetable a week, start a journal, take family bike rides, eliminate drinking sugary beverages and cut down on junk food—healthy lifestyle habits that can lower the risk of becoming obese, boost children's moods, increase energy and ward off illness and developing related diseases!

In addition to FitKids360, the Grand Rapids Kroc Center offers many other programs and activities designed specifically to help keep kids active and healthy, including team sports, dance and tumbling, swim lessons and classes like Zumba for Kids.

"The goal of the Kroc Center is to provide programs and services that encourage positive, life-changing experiences for both children and adults," said Major Karen Johnson, officer for program development at the Kroc Center. "Because childhood obesity is such a growing problem in our country, we are focused on offering classes that allow children to get active and be fit in a positive environment."

While children are the primary focus of the program, adults also are benefitting. The Kroc Center offers many health and wellness activities for all ages, including cardiovascular machines, strength training machines, rowing machines, free weights, an indoor track, aerobics classes, water fitness and more.

Indoor recreation activities include basketball, judo, volleyball, badminton, special toddler tumbling, rock climbing and swimming. One 67-year-old woman lost 90 pounds just by walking and changing her diet! "I think we have a special niche because of the number of people whose lifestyle changes have big societal impact: better health leading to fewer medical issues, especially within ethnic groups which have higher rates of diabetes and heart disease," said Major Karen.

According to Lt. Colonel James Nauta, Kroc project specialist for the Central Territory, grants are being applied for so that FitKids360 can be introduced to other Kroc centers. It also is hoped that once a prototype is developed, it can be used in locations such as camps and other corps community centers.

Chicago Kroc raises up leaders

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The Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Chicago, Ill., has initiated a new leadership training program for teens called SWAT (Service, Worship and Teaching), in an effort to raise up student leaders and counselors.

The training session lasts five weeks and meets Monday through Friday. This year, teens, ages 14-17, participated. Under the leadership of Lt. Denesia Polusca, Chicago Kroc Center officer for youth development, and Dietrich Hunter, teen zone manager, the teens met every morning for devotions before assisting summer day camp counselors from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Then they met with Lt. Denesia for training in Safe from Harm, evangelism and peer leadership. They also studied scripture, prayed scripture out loud, shared testimonies, worshiped and began preparations for vacation Bible school (VBS), which the teens helped to lead during the final week of SWAT.

One student in particular, Willie Nolden, improved his leadership skills immensely. "When we started talking about getting ready for VBS, he said he wasn’t comfortable leading worship or classes," said Lt. Denesia, "but by the time VBS came around he was one of the strongest leaders, talking with the kids and getting them engaged. It was really cool to see the difference."

In the fall the students transitioned into junior church aides. They continued to participate in corps youth programs, other Kroc activities and attend Sunday worship.

"What’s been most rewarding about this program has been seeing the development of our future leaders," said Lt. Denesia. "Our training did two major things: first, it helped the teens recognize their potential as leaders by building their confidence. Second, it developed their understanding of responsibility and accountability.

Youth Club excels in Green Bay
by Aubrey Brennan
The Green Bay, Wis., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center is proud to provide children a safe and encouraging environment to strengthen and enrich their minds and bodies following the school day. Our afterschool program, Kroc Youth Club (KYC), is free to any child whose parent or guardian has a family memberhip. Scholarships also are available to families who qualify.

"The Green Bay Kroc Center gives all youth a chance to experience educational enrichment, life skills development and physical wellness," said Captain Ken Shields, senior Kroc officer. "Such experiences allow children to envision and pursue better futures for themselves and their families."

Currently, KYC serves 126 children, ages 7-12, daily from 10 diverse schools which encourages social acceptance of children from different walks of life. KYC implements PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports), a disciplinary approach practiced in our area school systems. In KYC, we don’t have rules for children; we have expectations for them to meet. Along with PBIS, we promote KYC START, which involves the core values that each child is Safe, Truthful, Accountable, Respectful and that they all participate Together.

Children in KYC enjoy a nutritious snack, receive help with homework and have access to the computer lab. They can release energy in the gymnasium and game room. To foster creativity they can participate in clubs like Gossiology, where they learn who invented the waffle iron and what scabs are; Recycling Club, where they learn how to make things like piggy banks and notebooks out of recycled materials; Beading Club, where they make jewelry and other projects; and various performing and creative arts programs. Programs like sunbeams, girl guards, rangers, singing company and junior band also are included in the curriculum. Families say they appreciate the value and unique programs KYC offers.
Quincy Kroc resonates with music

by Kent Embree

The Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Quincy, Ill., has opened the door to new opportunities in music for residents, particularly students. Complementing the corps’ brass band and praise team, the center offers beginning music classes for children and adults and in June hosts a city-wide music program called the Joe Bonansinga Music Institute for students in grades 4 through 9.

This year the institute not only had participation from the public and parochial schools but also drew children from surrounding rural communities.

A contingent of the students attended the Midland Music Institute at Camp Mihaska in Bourbon, Mo., in July and brought back an array of top awards, including the prestigious “Top Corps Award.” In conjunction with the Midland Music Conservatory, the Midland Music Institute is held every year and is available to all students participating in Kroc Center music programs.

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Earlier this year Omaha North Side, Neb., Corps Officer Lt. Judith Fetzer contacted her sessionmate and good friend, Lt. Judith Petzer, Omaha Kroc Center officer for youth development, about helping children in her corps’ after-school program thrive. As a member of Kroc Center leadership, Lt. Judith had been trained in the 40 Developmental Assets®, a national initiative in partnership with the renowned Search Institute that addresses the necessary building blocks for healthy development of young people. Lt. Fetzer happily offered to conduct this training for the North Side Corps.

“The intention for this asset initiative was to eventually to carry it through from Kroc to all corps in the territory,” said Lt. Judith. “It was a good opportunity to get a start in Omaha… It also enabled us to speak the same language when the Omaha North kids visit the Kroc.”

During the two-hour training session, Lt. Judith defined and described each of the external and internal assets, leaving time to affirm the ways the staff already was implementing the assets and generating new ways to include more of them. The outcome was a standardized system of positive behavior reinforcement and rules/consequences for all residents of the corps’ emergency shelter.

In addition to supporting the unique and new Omaha Kroc activities, Lt. Judith has found it’s been natural to infuse all of the traditional activities, from character-building to the singing company with the assets. “The training was a success, and has become a great starting point for our staff and volunteers in the way we interact with the children in all of our programs,” said Lt. Pam. “We want to give the kids consistency and the framework to know they’re loved and cared for.”

Community unites at Kroc Fest

by Major Collette Webster

Kroc Fest unites our community and provides much-needed service to families looking to ease the burden of getting their kids back to school. And everyone loves the family fun at this annual free festival.

This is the second Kroc Fest held at the South Bend, Ind., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center. Last year it was held inside our building with the expectation of up to 1,000 people attending; 2,700 showed up! With some quick adjusting on our part, the event was a hit, and we were able to meet lots of people from our community. They, in turn, experienced what we have to offer. The event had it all: bounce houses, face painting, a balloon artist, information about our programs, a Zumba party, powder puff football, carnival games—and so much more.

This year we expanded our reach and collaborated with the South Bend Community School Corporation which brought 1,900 backpacks to give away. Nearly 5,000 people attended! We added several community vendors and provided free haircuts by Sport Clips, sports physicalasts by local physicians, vision screenings, and information on immunizations and healthy living. The police and fire departments participated, and entertainment was provided by a praise and worship band.

Held outside to accommodate the crowd, everyone could see the fun that was taking place.

Kroc Fest was a great time of connecting with the community. We had the opportunity to share Jesus with those who attended through our words, actions and world-class customer service and were able to pray with a host of volunteers.

The impact our ministry is having on the community is transformational, and we are witnessing positive changes on the educational level as students and families take part in the traditional band and the contemporary praise team, both of which are integral to Sunday worship. A new songwriter brigade blends the voices of corps members and residents of the corps’ emergency shelter.

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Catching the joy

A wave of joy—and excitement—is sweeping through women’s ministries in the territory. It’s rolling across the plains of the Dakotas and motoring down the streets of Detroit.

Sporting a sophisticated look, this year’s national women’s ministries resources book, *Adventures in Faith*, contains content just as good. An abundance of complete and easy-to-incorporate programs from practical to inspirational have been developed in the areas of fellowship, service, worship and education by each U.S. territory. Programs and related material can serve as a catalyst or can be supplemented with the leaders’ own ideas.

The women’s ministries program guidelines have had a facelift as well. Adapted from the Southern Territory, the attractive eggplant-colored notebook puts the guidelines and additional resources at corps officers’ fingertips. Writings by Jill Briscoe and Julia Bettencourt are two of the gems to be unearthed, along with helpful websites on topics from faith building and health to interest groups and special events. A change to note in the guidelines is an increase in membership age from 14 to 16, although those who are younger and already a part of their local women’s ministries may remain members.

Women’s ministries also is stepping up its social media presence. Last month Sarah Micula joined the team at territorial headquarters to develop materials and curriculum for women, ages 18-30. Sarah will be conducting a survey to better ascertain their needs and introduce an online community that could take the form of Bible studies or discussion groups. She’ll also develop an up-to-date website and Facebook page. In addition, Sarah will handle logistics for the annual women’s ministries missions trip, which this month is headed to Grenada.

A conference for women leaders is under development for October 16-19, 2014, at Camp Wonderland. With the theme “Get Fit,” the weekend will be filled with inspiring meetings, interactive activities, workshops, an exhibit hall and, of course, plenty of time for fellowship. It will feature Commissioner Carol Seller, territorial president of women’s ministries; Mindy Caliguire, founder of the spiritual formation ministry Soul Care and director of transformation ministry for the Willow Creek Association; the territory’s own Bill Booth Theater Company; and Hālau Hula, a dance troupe straight from Oahu.

Imagine a women’s ministries focus group with an emphasis on weight loss, healthy living, prayer and support. Well, in Farmington Hills, Mich., they have it! “Weight loss is a struggle for so many women, including myself,” said Major Marlys Anderson, Farmington Hills, Mich., corps officer. “I started this program because there are a lot of women who need support in weight loss and a safe environment to get started.”

The group meets on Thursdays at Farmington Hills Corps for a 10-week session. Right now the women are in their third session. During each meeting the women discuss their accomplishments and struggles from the previous week, receive education about healthy living, and spend time in prayer and Bible study. Those who have time stay longer and exercise together.

“What’s unique about this group is the deep level in which the women get to know each other so quickly,” Marlys said.

They call, text and write each other throughout the week, sharing their challenges and successes,’ said Marlys.

The spiritual bond created also makes this group meaningful. One lady invited her neighbor to join the group. Though the neighbor was hesitant at first, because she’d never been to church or read the Bible, she tried it out. It wasn’t long before the two friends were reading the Bible together.

“What a praise,” said Marlys.
**Breaking with Community**

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meetings three times a year and is composed of notable individuals, including

**Programs with Purpose**

People who are hungry, abused, addicted and often forgotten are treated with respect and dignity by staff and volunteers. Our commitment to recovery and message of faith separates our programs from other agencies and, as a result, heals our clients and their families holistically.

During every board meeting we have the privilege to meet someone aided by a program. Clients boldly share their personal stories which remind us why we’re called to serve and how every donated resource impacts another human being. This practice drives home our mission and speaks to the possibility within us all, despite the most trying and discouraging circumstances.

**Talk of the Town**

Our local brand is incredibly strong because of strategic advertising placement, strong media partnerships and signature fundraisers that showcase our programs, tell our story and attract new supporters.

D. J.’s Heroes, a scholarship luncheon honoring students who have overcome adversity, features an inspirational celebrity speaker. This annual event has grown to be one of the state’s largest fundraisers, generating abundant press and community support.

Red Kettle Run, a 5K fall event that generates food pantry items, was originated by a teenage daughter of a board member and has attracted a whole new generation of supporters of our mission.

Our newest event, BaconFest, attracted new families and donors, providing a memorable festival experience at the Omaha Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center and generated impressive press coverage.

**Engaged Leadership**

The Army effectively matches the expertise of board members with the needs of the organization. This effort results in a highly engaged volunteer board that’s bringing true value to staff and clients. Additionally, we’re fortunate to have incredibly dedicated and seasoned staff, many with tenures spanning 25 years. The result is a solid foundation with long-standing community partnerships that continue to inspire, innovate and, thankfully, do the most good.

**NAB meeting in Grand Rapids**

This fall the National Advisory Board met for two days in Grand Rapids, Mich., and experienced first-hand wonderful Midwestern hospitality: The meetings focused on items of national Salvation Army policy and initiatives and also provided an opportunity for the Western Michigan and Northern Indiana Division to showcase vital programs and services, including the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center. A breakfast with community leaders also was held.

“We are honored that the National Advisory Board chose to hold their meeting in Grand Rapids,” said Major Thomas Bowers, Western Michigan and Northern Indiana divisional commander.

The National Advisory Board meets three times a year and is composed of notable individuals, including former First Lady Laura Bush, and Charlotte Anderson, Dallas Cowboys executive vice president and National Advisory Board chair.

**Advisors for now, future**

A s an adjunct to its Advisory Board, the city coordinator’s office in Des Moines, Iowa, has established a young professionals council to engage upwardly mobile, young professionals in the Army’s work.

‘After volunteering with the Army, it was clear this organization really does help those most in need. I want to provide as much value as I can in developing a group of passionate advisors, community relationship builders and volunteers,’ said Scott Walter, a 27-year-old IT project manager for EFCSO Corporation. ‘The formation of this council is exciting and filled with opportunities to meet unmet needs and develop untapped generosity in our community.’

Major David Corliss, city coordinator, said, ‘The inauguration of our young professionals council enables us to connect with people on the rise in the business world. Involving them now in the Army’s work as advisors and financial supporters will prepare them for future involvement on the board.’

Amara Hartley, special events and volunteer coordinator, assists the council in determining service projects and was instrumental in recruiting its members. Criteria included people under age 35 in professional or management positions with a desire to help the less fortunate.

Among the young professionals are an attorney, an IT project manager, a director of creative marketing and a social worker.

Christy Ortmann, director of creative marketing solutions for Des Moines Radio Group, said, ‘I was looking for an opportunity to give back... and make a difference with my marketing background and many connections with local businesses. Attorney Ashleigh O’Connell added, “One of the greatest gifts we can give to others and the organizations we support is our time and effort.”

Pictured (l-r) are Heather Binkley, Scott Walter, Ashleigh O’Connell, Erin Suchy, Amara Hartley, Christina Graham and Major David Corliss
In the land of the unexpected

by Major Curtiss Hartley

The people of Papua New Guinea (PNG) laugh about their reputation for being “the land of the unexpected,” but it lived up to that title for Colonels Merle and Dawn Heatwole. Their luggage, instead of arriving with them, ended up in Vanuatu—and Dawn was a little perturbed the three suitcases had gone on vacation without her!

The Heatwoles had come to PNG to lead Bible studies at the Territorial Leaders Conference and to view some of the officers’ quarters that had new metal roofs paid for by the USA Central Territory.

Their luggage finally arrived on their last full day in the country, but Dawn said it was only a tiny nuisance that couldn’t come close to overshadowing their extra-ordinary visit to PNG.

“We went to see some of the rural villages outside of Port Moresby,” she said. “We saw the humble surroundings that the officers are serving in, and yet they serve with great joy. I hope when we go back I will be reminded that when things are tough, I can remember in a good way what others are serving without.”

In Lepamagana, a tiny mountain village in the South Eastern Division, Captains Galana and Op Galata took the Heatwoles through their tiny two-room house on stilts. There was no furniture, and a solar LED light hung from the ceiling in the main room. Shiny metal sheets covered the home to keep out sun and rain. Beneath the house, Dawn was drawn to the scene of a baby sleeping soundly in a net bag serving as a hammock suspended from the eaves.

The captains prepared a tiny table for their guests and shared roasted corn, kau kau (potato) and paw paw (fruit) from their garden, and fresh coconuts milk from nearby trees. Lt. Duffy Botau welcomed the colones to the village of Sivitatana, where about a dozen children played in the yard of the Salvation Army hall. A tiny house stood on a hillside across from the hall, its shiny metal roof seeming out of place in the remote village. A water tank sat next to the house. Beneath gathering a white plastic bottle hung as a funnel with a piece of green garden hose suspended to the tank to catch rain water. The tank was empty since there had been no rain for several months.

Though their stay was short, the Heatwoles said they won’t be the same. “The officers singing was moving,” Merle said. “They just made that a part of their worship throughout. Whether it was just a regular business meeting or not, they were always singing their praise to God.”

He was moved, too, by the close-ness of the relationships he observed. “There was a real sense of family. It was obvious the officers felt a real connection with each other but also with their villages and families,” he said.

Dawn hopes the trip helps to raise awareness for giving to World Service/Self-Denial. “I think for me it’s just a reminder that even if I can only give a little bit, my money can go so much further overseas than we can ever begin to think or imagine, and it really does make a difference.”

Happy trails for Amicks

With new, meaningful lyrics set to the tune, “Happy Trails to You,” Majors James and Diana Amick saluted the “stars” in their lives—friends, family and supporters over the years—at their retirement celebration.

The service featured tributes by representatives of advisory boards, corps families, volunteers and clergy, plus presentations by the Amicks’ four children—Garrett, Chanin, Jaycie and Kristy—and entertainment from seven grand-children.

Major Evie Diaz, Heartland divisional commander, conducted the retirement ceremony as the Amick children held the flags. Major Larry Thorson made final remarks and pronounced the benediction.

James enlisted with the U.S. Air Force, where he served as a chaplain’s assistant. After James’ honorable discharge as a staff sergeant in 1973, the Amicks returned to complete their second year of training with the “Followers of Christ” session. After being ordained and commissioned in 1974, they served for the next 39 years in corps across seven divisions. The Amicks were the Keokuk, Iowa, corps officers when they retired.

Several of the youth and social service ministries they started endured for years, such as Jacob’s Ladder in Chicago, Ill., and The Tiger’s Den in Huron, S.D.
When God’s people pray

When I pray for another person, I am praying for God to open my eyes so that I can see that person as God does, and then enter into the stream of love that God already directs toward that person. —Phillip Yancey

This sentiment from Yancey’s book, What’s So Amazing About Grace? tugged at the heart of Lt. Colonel Dorothy Smith, territorial ambassador for prayer, while recently praying for a friend going through cancer.

“Even though she lived far away, it was a great experience to share prayers and encouragement with her through Facebook,” said Dorothy. The importance of prayer can’t be overstated. Since the June 2009 Power Point Summit, our territorial initiative on prayer has utilized point people in each division and command to organize and encourage prayer efforts and events. The current prayer point people are:

- Major Yaneth Fuqua, Eastern Michigan
- Major Miriam Gorton, Heartland
- Major Jeff Horn, Indiana
- Major Janet Rowland, Kansas/Western Missouri
- Major Joyce Gauthier, Metropolitan
- Major Gail Aho, Midland
- Sherrie Trucker, Northern
- Major Barbara Shields, Western
- Major Rebecca Gates, Western Michigan/Northern Indiana
- Major Morag Yoder, Wisconsin/Upper Michigan
- Major Judy McPherson, Adult Rehabilitation Centers
- Major Jesse Collins, College for Officer Training
- Major Gloria Stepke, Retired Officers
- Mark Bender, Territorial Headquarters

Major Jan Yancey

A miracle of prayer

“I woke up in the ICU (Intensive Care Unit), and I was disoriented. The last thing I remembered was being hauled away outside of the corps,” said Mary Hernandez, who got terribly ill during Bible study at the Oshkosh, Wis., Corps and was rushed by ambulance to the hospital. “I wondered, ‘Am I dying? Am I going to meet my Maker?’”

According to the doctors, she wasn’t expected to live. She’d had a severe reaction to her medication. Coupled with pneumonia, it was a dire situation, but after 10 days of being mostly unconscious, Mary miraculously woke up.

“The nurses were saying that it had to be a miracle of prayer,” Mary said.

During the days Mary had been unconscious, people from the corps visited often. Auxiliary Captains Den and Vicky Karl, Oshkosh corps officers, led prayers over Mary.

“We would talk to Mary and tell her how much we loved her; we would hold hands and pray over her,” Don recalled. “We asked for the Lord’s restoration, that He would bring her back to us.”

After Mary regained consciousness, she remained in the hospital another couple of weeks, and the corps people continued to visit and pray. “We prayed during our Sunday school, in our worship service and by the prayer chain,” said Don.

When Mary was released from the hospital, the neurologist told her she’d have to relearn a lot of things, which could take a year. “I think learning to walk again was one of the most difficult things, but I just kept praying and kept pushing,” said Mary. “With all my prayers and the prayers of my congregation, I was up in five weeks!”

The Sunday Mary got out of the hospital she was back at the corps grateful to be with those who had seen her through such a difficult time. “I know that those praying with me and talking to me gave me the encouragement and help I needed to get through it,” said Mary.

A Prayer Calendar

December Prayer Calendar

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Promoted to Glory

Lt. Colonel Bernard Lodge

Lt. Colonel Bernard Lodge was promoted to Glory on September 7, 2013. He was 100.

Bernie was born to Salvation Army officer parents, Samuel and Rosa Lodge, in Kokomo, Ind. Dedicated as an infant, he accepted Jesus as his Savior at age 6 and spent his youth active in the corps. During high school he became involved in orchestra and radio, then stage work and eventually left the Army.

A short time after he married Myrtle Compton in 1931, she was converted. A year later he re-consecrated his own life to God and promised from that day on the Lord would have all. Bernie and Myrtle were blessed with four children: Audrey, Herbert, Henry Cabot and Stephen. They served as envos in both the Southern and Central territories before entering training in Chicago and being commissioned in 1938.

As officers they held seven corps appointments before spending the next 12 years in divisional appointments. In 1959 Bernie attended the International College for Officers in London, England. In 1968 the Lodges were appointed as territorial evangelists, a ministry they loved. After retiring in 1977 as the territorial correctional services secretary, he and Myrtle moved to St. Petersburg, Fla. She was promoted to Glory in 1994.

Later Bernie married Mrs. Lt. Colonel Ruth Muter, and together they were active in the corps and community.

Bernie was a talented musician and outstanding volunteer, affectionately referred to as “Mr. Salvation Army” in St. Petersburg.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, and son, Herbert. He is survived by children Audrey Oechsle, Henry Cabot (Loretta), Steve (Cindy), daughter-in-law, Lt. Colonel Nita Lodge, and grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Pathway of Hope award

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high level of collaboration from locally based organizations and foundations, as well as the initial results of Pathway of Hope, support this highly valued recognition of support from the Endowment.

This generous gift from the Endowment will support the continued implementation of the Pathway of Hope, build capacity through ongoing training for officials, staff and volunteers, address our infrastructure needs through the development of a client database system, and assure that Pathway of Hope undergoes a rigorous program evaluation.

Over 125 years ago, William Booth wrote, “If he has lost all heart, and hope, and power to help himself…[he must] be inspired with hope and love created within him the ambition to rise; otherwise he will never get out of that horrible pit.” Through Pathway of Hope, we have an opportunity to bring best practices, in casework, pastoral care and community building that aligns with our mission and brings hope to families that are ready to climb out of that horrible pit,” said Maribeth Swanson.