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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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Strength for today, hope for tomorrow

The Central Territory marked the Pathway of Hope (POH) Initiative's 10-year anniversary with a celebration and symposium themed "Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow."



Dr. Maribeth Swanson

The day-long hybrid event captivated the attention of the live and virtual audience of nearly 400 people with dynamic speakers who shared about the initiative's transformational impact for families experiencing inter-generational poverty. Each underscored the role of hope.

In a call to action, Territorial Commander Commissioner Brad Bailey encapsulated POH's impetus from a strategic challenge by the National Advisory Board for The Salvation Army to take on a big idea and double its impact to the most vulnerable with existing resources.



Dr. Philip Hong

He thanked Commissioners Paul and Carol Seiler, at that time Central territorial leaders, who envisioned the possibilities, created the new approach with the Bridgespan Group and had the confidence in officers and staff on the frontlines to implement it. He also thanked those currently engaged

in this hard but fulfilling work, reminding them of the profound truth that when we serve others and enter into their pain with Christ's love that we are embracing Jesus.

An engaging taped conversation between Commissioners Paul and Carol Seiler gave a more comprehensive and personal account of the genesis and early days of POH, in-

Lt. Colonel Margaret Davis

cluding challenges like changing the donor mindset to long-term investment in the future.

"We have welcomed over 10,000 families and 22,000 children and youth," said Dr. Maribeth Swanson, territorial social services secretary.

She affirmed the commitment to serving through POH so children who have been impacted by poverty don't need to experience poverty as adults and its detrimental effects on access to healthcare, quality education, positive socialization and family stability.

"Our overall data confirms that we have, for many outcomes, exceeded our own expectations," she said. She then shared what we've gained and learned as an organization from this work and those we have served over the last decade.

A clinical assessment of hope was given by Dr. Kaye Herth, who is the renowned author of a tool—the Herth Hope Index—that measures

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Not all superheroes wear capes

Defenders of Justice welcomed, 730 delegates challenged

by Major Jennifer Ortman

In presenting the "Defenders of Justice" session of cadets at their public welcome, Captain Kelly Hanton, territorial candidates' secretary, proclaimed the 14 cadets already know how to serve and lead, having collectively held 54 local officer positions in their corps.



Major John Pook presents the session flag to Cadet Maria Eugenia Medina

She talked about their variety of backgrounds and experiences, citing that while half are first-generation Salvationists, others bring a Salvationist heritage up to six generations!

"It's more than just a number," said College for Officer Training (CFOT) Principal Major John Pook. "It speaks of heritage and legacy that is being lived out and will continue to be lived out through them."

The training principal encouraged the session to remember the basis of their name as a "superhero" call to serve God—that they know their enemy and Commander and Chief and they're empowered by the Holy Spirit. After receiving the session flag from

Territorial Commander Commissioner Brad Bailey, he presented it with a charge to session flagbearer Cadet Maria Eugenia Medina. The cadets saluted their flag for the first time before a prayer of blessing by Territorial Leader for Leader Development Commissioner Heidi Bailey, who mentioned each one of them by name.



Cadet Chatara Mabry



recent participation on the Global Mission Team to Denia, Spain. He talked about the corps' ministries; the offering taken later that evening supported by World Services/Self-Denia.

Cadet Chatara Mabry's testimony revealed God was directing her plans and equipping her for officer-ship long before she knew about it.

"I saw how God was using my 13 years of service as a social worker defending the weak and fatherless, upholding the cause of the poor and

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Hope marches forward

by Colonel Janice A. Howard
Territorial Secretary for Leader Development

Hope. What is it? Miriam-Webster offers a few definitions including:

to want something to happen or be true;

to desire with expectation of obtainment or fulfillment.

Think about your hopes. Where are they placed? Do you have hopes for your children, your future or your career? What do you do in the meantime? Do you just hope or is there some action needed on your

part? Often, we must act for our hopes to come to fruition. I hoped to marry Steve; you can rest assured there was action on my part. I hope to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:23, KJV); there are actions which are needed on my part for that to happen.

This year we are celebrating 10 years of the birth of Pathway of Hope (POH). The initiative does not produce instant successes for families who enroll—families who are hoping for a better outcome for their lives than what they are experiencing at



that time. It takes action. It takes hard work. It takes intentional steps forward. It takes a team of people working together. It takes hope.

As Miriam-Webster states, hope takes someone "to want something to happen or be true;" it takes someone "to desire with expectation of obtainment or fulfillment." For 10 years, POH has walked a journey—a pathway of hope—to assist men, women and children to see their

hopes achieved. Those hopes have included getting out of debt, purchasing a home, receiving a high school diploma, being financially independent, etc. There were many action steps for the enrollees to take. The steps are not easy, but they can lead to a less stressful and more productive life.

What are your hopes? What do you desire to have fulfilled? Is there a person or a team who could come alongside you and encourage you to take the necessary steps? Your corps is available to talk to you about Pathway of Hope and to enroll you in this journey. Reach out today if you are ready to take action to make your hopes become your reality.

Bukiewicz headed to National Headquarters



Colonels Ralph and Susan Bukiewicz, Central Territory officers who currently are chief secretary and territorial secretary for women's ministries in the Southern Territory, have been appointed as national chief secretary and national secretary for personnel. They will take up their new roles at National Headquarters on January 1, 2023.

Prior to assuming their appoint-

ments in the Southern Territory in 2017, they spent their entire officership in the Central Territory, including serving as territorial secretary for personnel and officer resource and development secretary and as divisional leaders in the Metropolitan and the Western Michigan/Northern Indiana divisions.

Earlier in their ministry, they led several corps in Illinois and served as Genesee County commander and Flint Citadel, Mich., corps officer, youth and candidates' secretaries for the Midland and Eastern Michigan divisions and territorial youth secretaries. While they held the position of territorial community relations and development secretaries, they oversaw the selection, development and construction of six Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Centers in the Central Territory.

The Bukiewiczzes have traveled extensively, visiting 32 countries and ministering on five continents. They also have been assigned leadership roles for several national and international Salvation Army events.

Their family includes two adult children, Jillian and Jonathan, and grandchildren Chloe, Mylo, Roman and Simon.

A Thanksgiving tradition

by Michelle DeRusha

Volunteer Deb Grady will arrive at the Omaha, Neb., Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center by 5:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning—something she's been doing every Thanksgiving for more than two decades.

Deb coordinates 20 or so volunteers from Heartland Pioneers, many of whom worked for Western Electric, AT&T and CommScope and have been helping to prepare meals for TurkeyFest since its inception in 1991.

Originally called the Telephone Pioneers of America, the group focused on a variety of community service projects. In the early days of their partnership with The Salvation Army, these volunteers cooked the turkeys in their own home kitchens and then brought them to The Salvation Army on Thanksgiving morning to be delivered to older adults later that day.

In 1991, TurkeyFest volunteers delivered 40 meals. Last year the number of Thanksgiving dinners distributed to older adults in Omaha had skyrocketed to nearly 1,200! This year it's anticipated just as many meals, or even more, will be gobbled up.

"I love the camaraderie, everyone



doing their part and in tune with one another," said Deb, who prepares Thanksgiving dinner for her own family on Wednesday so she is free to help out at TurkeyFest on Thanksgiving morning. "And we have fun! We enjoy ourselves back there in the kitchen."

Deb retired in 2011 from Connectivity Solutions Manufacturing, a former division of CommScope, where she worked in the print shop. TurkeyFest has helped her stay in touch with many of her colleagues.

"It's a nice opportunity to see people that we don't ordinarily connect with except at this time of the year," she said.

Deb doesn't have plans to step down anytime soon. "I've made mashed potatoes for TurkeyFest for more years than I can count," she said. "It's just part of my Thanksgiving tradition."



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Gunshots lead family to a Pathway of Hope

by Craig Dirkes

Gunshots boomed outside of Katrina's home near Chicago, Ill. Three bullets zinged through her house. One of the bullets came within inches of hitting her teenaged son. "He could feel the wind from the bullet," Katrina said.

After that terrifying incident, Katrina knew she had to move her family. "Somebody was going to die if I didn't do something," said Katrina, a single mother. "I sold everything I could sell in my house and drove my kids to Minnesota."

They spent months living with friends and in hotel rooms. To afford the hotel rooms, two of her teenagers got part-time jobs at a pizza place to supplement her income working at a school and grocery store.

"Those were hard times," Katrina



recalled. "All of us were sleeping in one room, some of us sleeping on the floor."

That was 2018. Today, Katrina and her kids are in a much better place, thanks to her tireless work and the Pathway of Hope initiative.

Comeback

Several months after arriving in Minnesota, Katrina was able to move into a two-bedroom apartment. Finding permanent housing was a great first step, but they still needed more help to stabilize. She got connected with the Lakewood Corps in Maplewood, Minn., where she enrolled in Pathway of Hope. She began meeting regularly with a caseworker named Landis Dean, who helped her set goals and make plans to attain them.

"Katrina is a fighter," Landis said. "She is a determined mother who works hard and does what is right."

Landis also provided Katrina with practical resources such as household items for her new apartment, school supplies, winter coats, food, and Christmas presents provided by the Thielen Foundation.

It's a high-level position with many responsibilities, including hiring and managing staff members, ordering food, and educating and mentoring employees. She also moved her family into a three-bedroom townhouse in St. Paul. "It's bigger and has much more privacy," she said. "It's so peaceful."

Katrina is proud of how hard she has worked to overcome the adversity she has faced.

"You don't know how many times I wanted to give up," she said. "I always told God to direct my footsteps. What I went through did not break me, it built me."

She concluded, "I don't know what I would have done without Landis and The Salvation Army. I'm so thankful."

Editor's note: Landis died on September 16, 2022. She was a woman of God and touched thousands of lives. She is missed.

Mom finds network of support and hope



Brianna (center) with her children and Oshkosh caseworker Lisa Winkler (l) and Laura Selenka, kitchen coordinator (r)

When Brianna walked into the Oshkosh, Wis., Corps last year, she was seven months pregnant and in search of resources for her growing family.

Caseworkers attended first to her immediate needs, including providing food and hygiene items. Feeling welcomed by not only the caseworker and corps officers but the receptionist, kitchen staff and volunteer coordinator, Brianna recognized the corps as a place where she could find support and enrolled in Pathway of Hope (POH).

Brianna set goals to renew her driver's license and pay fines to have it reinstated, purchase and insure a vehicle, obtain reliable childcare once her twins were born, and complete credit counseling and budgeting to ensure housing security. She utilized community resources offered by her caseworker which helped her purchase car seats, clothing, diapers and other necessities for her babies in addition to providing assistance for rent, car maintenance and insurance as she worked toward stabilizing her life.

The corps' all-hands-on-deck approach encouraged Brianna to develop relationships with the staff and allowed her to engage them in problem solving to reach her goals.

For instance, she bounced parenting issues and ideas off parents on the staff, like which foods to try as her twins grew or what to do about a hectic sleeping schedule.

Although POH at the Oshkosh Corps is Brianna's most recent encounter, Brianna first came into contact with The Salvation Army in Milwaukee when she aged out of the foster care system with no possessions and nowhere to go. She had lost her mother to suicide at age 10 and was unable to live with her father due to his failure to complete court-ordered conditions to obtain placement. When she reached out to The Salvation Army in Milwaukee, they helped her acquire independent housing and food; they also taught her about God's love and the importance of community, which led her back to The Salvation Army when she found herself again in need.

Throughout her POH journey, Brianna paid it forward to other families when she was able, passing along gently used clothing and baby items. She completed Pathway of Hope in June. With a job lined up, she moved to another state to be closer to her father so her children can grow up having a close relationship with a grandparent.

Chasing a lifelong dream

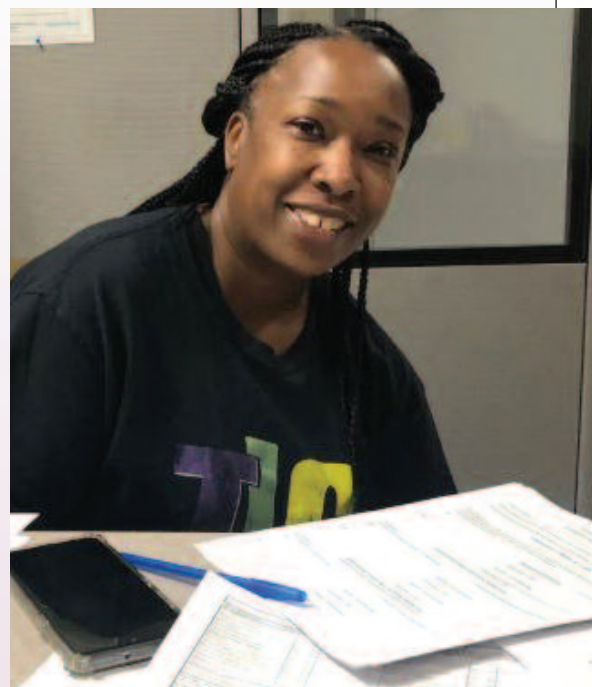
Telisa, a single mom in Champaign, Ill., felt like she was at the end of her rope. She was exhausted from working nights at FedEx and babysitting during the day to help make ends meet but was still behind on her rent and other bills. The stress was taking a toll on her health, and her diabetes was out of control.

In April 2021, she turned to The Salvation Army for help, first visiting the food pantry so she could feed herself and her children. She cried as she explained her situation to Bobbi Kennedy, the caseworker, and shared her dream of someday owning a daycare business.

With Bobbi's support, Telisa started taking steps toward making her dream a reality. She enrolled in Pathway of Hope (POH) and created goals to budget her resources, manage her diabetes, and complete the certifications needed to open her business.

Utilizing referrals to community partners for rent and energy assistance to catch up on her bills, Telisa learned to manage her finances as she continued to work fulltime. At the same time, she worked toward completing the licensing requirements for daycare providers including CPR/First Aid certification. With the help of The Salvation Army, Telisa even completed necessary steps to receive state funds so she would be able accept low-income families.

In less than a year, Telisa opened Little Luve's Daycare in her home in



Urbana, Ill., and quickly built a client base, thanks in large part to referrals from corps caseworkers. She now operates consistently at full capacity.

Corps members also have come alongside Telisa to support her business. For example, the corps women's ministries donated new toys to the daycare during the Christmas holiday. In the spring, caseworker Kenyatta Rule and corps officer Major Sue Summit delivered Easter baskets for each child enrolled.

"Since I've known her, Telisa has worked hard," said Kenyatta. "Telisa came in with goals and she achieved all of them. She had some bumps along the road, but she did it. She's a very good example."

730... AND BEYOND

5,618 days and counting

by Major Karen Pitter-Holness

As an officer my whole life is committed to serving others. Inherent in my calling is the hope of the gospel that is demonstrated by coming alongside people in their moments of need. That is what Jesus did. He was always at the margins—moved with compassion—ministering to both people’s spiritual and physical needs. Embracing a lifestyle of service has become more real to me as I have endeavored to live out my calling in fulltime ministry. My life scripture undergirds how I serve as a “Herald of the Good News”:

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. He has sent



me to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord’s favor has come, and with it, the day of God’s anger against their enemies. To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the LORD has planted for his own glory. Isaiah 61:1-3, NLT

As an officer, I have countless opportunities daily to use my position of influence to help those who have been beaten down by societal challenges that make them feel “less than” or unworthy. The intrinsic value in all persons, regardless of race, socio-economic status, ethnicity, gender or any other identifier, motivates me to help others who may not see value in themselves.

As an immigrant officer, I still grapple with the concept of “minority” in our society. I have had to learn the complexities involved in ministering to those who have been labeled this way. In fact, I am still learning. What I have come to understand is the importance of loving people not out of duty but because we value others enough to care about what affects them. I have learned the importance of really hearing what they have to say, validating their experiences and respecting how their past—and oftentimes their present—impacts their behavior.

One of the most poignant experi-

ences which left an indelible mark on my ministry was listening to 27 African-American women, ages 50 – 97, recount their life stories in an “I Remember When...” home league program at the St. Louis Euclid, Mo., Corps. Listening to their journeys through the Jim Crow era and the comparison with today gave me an opportunity to affirm their dignity and value, celebrating them as God’s image bearers.

I experience joy and fulfillment in preaching the gospel and serving others. Compassion and humility work in tandem. I can share these when kids come to the community center to find respite from hard home situations or when mothers strung out on drugs or fathers who’ve spent their last dollar medicating themselves with alcohol find their way to our corps trying once again to get clean. I hope serving them humbly and with compassion reminds them that they are not their circumstances and a heavenly Father loves them unconditionally, so much so He made a way for their redemption.

Cadets Welcome/730 weekend

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oppressed, my seven years of teaching in higher education, and how fighting for justice, equity and inclusion for the last three years were preparing me for the work I’d be doing as an officer,” she reflected.

Commissioner Brad Bailey delivered the evening’s message based on the session’s verse, Micah 6:8. Using portions from the Old and New Testaments, he reminded everyone of God’s presence and standard of righteousness and justice, then urged them to love God and love their neighbors.

“Being part of a Micah 6 generation means selling out to Jesus in all ways,” he said. “No longer content to pretend to follow Him, we must be all in with Him, with His purposes as we focus on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and serve others in His name.”

In response, the altar was flooded by the entire first-year cadet session and others from the congregation. To conclude the meeting, those who believe they are called to become offi-



Commissioner Brad Bailey talks about the attributes of the Micah 6 generation.

cers were asked to join the Defenders of Justice on stage to show their commitment to seek God’s will for their lives.

Held at the Chicago Mayfair Community Church (Corps), the meeting kicked off the Territorial 730 Weekend, an event designed to bring those who are exploring their calling to the CFOT campus to learn the next steps. With the theme “Detours,” the meetings looked at the many ways God directs our steps to just the right place at just the right time. This was emphasized in cadet testimonies and messages by corps officers Captain Alex Yanez, Captain AJ Zimmerman and Major Catherine Mount.

“I’m extraordinarily thankful for this year’s 730 theme,” said Matt McCarter, ministry intern at the Lincoln, Neb., Corps. “My whole journey to officership has taken many detours, and so it was relieving to know I wasn’t alone.”

Delegates stayed in cadet housing, were assigned cadets to host them, toured

the campus and participated in small groups. An informational session with Blake Lanier from The Lanier Group covered the Candidate Coaching Action Plan (CAP). During a panel discussion with select members of territorial leadership, CFOT officers and candidates’ secretaries, they could ask questions about CFOT life, academics, the candidate process, officership and leadership.

“The 730 experience was very beneficial,” said Charles Cloak, an intern at the Noble Worship Center (Corps) in Brooklyn Park, Minn. “I was very happy to get a more vivid



Delegates Kacie Cop and Cassondra Sandoval

tour of the college, also to know that my calling is to be an officer and to continue God’s will in my life by going to the college. The CAP experience was very eye-opening and being able to stay in the dorms was a blessing to see where I will be living when I am at CFOT.”

Territorial Corps Sergeant-Major Rochelle Holman shared with cadets what soldiers hope for from their corps officers.



Chief Secretary Colonel Steven Howard

Members of the Territorial Cabinet, divisional candidates’ secretaries and CFOT staff also supported the weekend.

On Sunday morning, Major Catherine challenged delegates to live “empowered by God, not enslaved by circumstances,” and Captain Kelly asked delegates who had decided to pursue officership to tell someone so it would become real, solid and accountable.

Cassie Sandoval, ministry assistant at the Garden City, Kan., Corps, summed up the weekend: “My experience with 730 was a time to remember, from everyone being welcoming to the amazing stories others shared. The joy that overflowed in the room with God’s presence was something I will never forget.”



Saturday evening featured a family fiesta table followed by an epic outdoor karaoke session.



Until our last breath

"When I became a born-again Christian, the first thing I wanted to do was to preach, to become a pastor, to serve God with my whole heart," said Major Bruce Keobounhom, who until that moment had been a Buddhist monk for 13 years. And that's exactly what he did, evangelizing fellow refugees daily as he pursued God's path for his life—one which would lead him to his wife, Major Betty, and eventually from a refugee camp in Thailand to the United States.

As the Keobounhoms built their new life after arriving in the U.S., following the Lord's call first to local ministries and then to officership, they did not forget those still residing in Southeast Asia who had not heard the Good News of Jesus Christ.

"Since we became Christians we always wanted to go back to bring the Gospel to Thailand or Laos," said Major Bruce, who along with his wife is a native of Laos. "We were born again over there, and we prayed to go back."

In 2019, the Keobounhoms were granted their hearts' desire and returned to Thailand as research and development officers in hopes of opening the Salvation Army's work there. Immediately upon their arrival the majors began reaching out to the community alongside a second set of officers appointed to the area and began the process of registering The Salvation Army to be officially recognized by the Thai government.

"There is joy and happiness having the oppor-

tunity to evangelize and bring people to the Kingdom," said Major Betty. "Even in Thailand, we need to tell people about Jesus."

Working with a local church, the Keobounhoms made connections in the community for service and God blessed their efforts. Despite not yet being officially registered with the government, as representatives of The Salvation Army they were allowed access to prisons and detention centers to minister and to schools to teach personal safety and share the Gospel. They made a concentrated effort to reach the remote communities in the nearby mountains, bringing food and other necessities along with the Word.

"We are thankful for God's work," said Major Bruce. "When we speak about the love of Christ, the Savior, forgiveness, people accept Him right away. They know He is real and their idols are not."

As they worked in the community, a congregation began to form which met in the officers' home and rapidly grew. Leaders emerged, and they were able to establish music ministry and daily activities in the community, despite not having an official corps location. In a few short years the ministry yielded new soldiers and adherents, and two couples were accepted to go to the officer training school in Singapore.

Looking forward, the Keobounhoms plan to split their golden years between the U.S. and Thailand. Though they have retired and will not be serving overseas as reinforcement personnel with The



Major Bruce Keobounhom is awarded an honorary doctorate degree from All Nations University in recognition of his dedication and passion for sharing the Gospel.

Salvation Army, their mission remains to help expand its work in Thailand, reaching as many people as possible with the life-changing Good News they heard and accepted long ago.

"We want the Army to be working everywhere in Thailand. They need the Army. In the Army we love people, we help people, we build people up," concluded Major Bruce. "We will serve until our last breath."



A race well run



In 1979, Christie Logan and Kevin Van Zee entered the College for Officer Training (CFOT), each anticipating what God had in store for their lives. It was there they met and while preparing for ministry as officers fell in love. Shortly after commissioning as members of the "God's Soldiers" session in 1981, they married and embarked on 41 years of service across the Midwest, including a stint at the CFOT and leading several corps.

"I can't imagine our lives doing anything else," said Major Kevin. "I love the Lord. I love The Salvation Army. I love ministry."

Each of the Van Zees' appointments was marked by vibrant ministries focused on reaching people, especially youth and young adults, with the gospel, teaching and training them to live in and follow God's will.

"I love seeing young people re-

spond to the voice of God," said Major Christie. "My goal has always been to be friendly, to know people and love them, to be hardworking, to be personally spiritual, and finally to be a soul winner."

This summer the Van Zees said farewell to the fast pace of fulltime ministry in a retirement ceremony surrounded by family, friends and those who have been touched by their service. Presided by longtime friends Majors Bob and Audrey McClintock, the service was full of memories and tributes and included participation by the majors' three sons and grandchildren. Lt. Colonels Paul and Renea Smith presented the retirement certificates.

When asked what wisdom they would share with young officers, Major Kevin advised, "Officership is a marathon, not a sprint. Take time to take care of yourself for the long distance."



Serving in Thailand during the COVID-19 pandemic

Long Service Awards

We salute the following officers on their service milestones.

25 Years

Major Jon Augenstein
Major Kris Augenstein
Major Troy Barker
Major Jose Gonzalez
Major Sandy Hunt
Major Dan Leisher
Major Laura Leisher
Major Lisa Mueller
Major Robert Mueller

35 Years

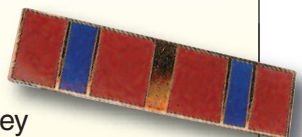
Major Brian Burkett
Major Lee Ann Burkett
Major Patricia Johnson

40 Years

Commissioner Brad Bailey
Major Vickie Cole
Major Rae Doliber
Major Toni Dorrell
Major Cherri Hobbins

30 Years

Lt. Colonel Lesa Davis
Major Beverly Best
Major Timothy Best
Major Jo Langham
Major Jerry O'Neil
Major Cornell Voeller





PATHWAY OF HOPE

Pathway of Hope celebration

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hope, and which is used in POH.

Dr. Philip Hong, dean of the School of Social Work at the University of Georgia, gave a presentation on the importance of hope and spirituality in the journey, sharing what he learned especially from focus groups of POH clients while at Loyola University.

"Pastoral care came up to be a very special and unique kind of support that they received, and also by the case managers that prayers and the pastoral care team was central in not giving up in times of crisis, even in times when they're losing energy and as a provider how much they could actually give," he said. "Pastoral care is central to keep us all level when we are facing these crises, whether as providers or those experiencing crises as families."

In a presentation on hope enhancement strategies, Dr. Michael Smith, assistant territorial social services secretary and POH director, drilled down on what frontline caseworkers can do to help clients increase hope.

"As families come and interact with us, they are going to have to draw on our hope for a while because they've lost their hope. So, it's important that we are hopeful people, optimistic and confident," he said.



Lt. Colonel Jonathan Rich

Recognizing excellence in Pathway of Hope delivery, the latest awards were presented by Territorial Pathway of Hope Manager Linda Brinker and Territorial Assistant Chief Secretary Lt. Colonel Paul Smith. This year the achievement award was given to Kent County, Mich., Social Services and the outstanding award was given to the Fergus Falls, Minn., Corps. Since April 2015, 35 sites have earned the achievement award, and 13 sites have earned the outstanding award.

Linda Brinker, territorial POH manager, moderated a panel discussion with Captains Anthony and Elyse Nordan, Fergus Falls, Minn.,



Members of the territorial social services department team

corps officers; Pamela Church-Pryor, caseworker at the Norridge Citadel, Ill., Corps; Rachelle May, caseworker at the Ottawa, Ill., Corps; and Tracie Smith, Kansas/Western Missouri assistant divisional social ministries director. The panelists each shared their experiences of successful approaches in meeting family and community needs.

A presentation on Sustainability and Building Community Networks was given by Karla Clark, territorial executive director of development, who spoke on proven community-based fundraising strategies to sustain POH in the coming years.

Lt. Colonel Margaret Davis, national social services secretary,

shared the national perspective of how POH has impacted the Army. She thanked the Central Territory for its vision and creativity, planning and hard work, and for being the inspiration in leading the charge across the nation, as well as around the world, in this important work.

"We continue to look to you, the pioneers of Pathway of Hope, as we strive to better serve and produce desired outcomes in the future," she said.

Not only has POH expanded throughout the United States, it is increasingly being implemented internationally like in Canada and Norway, and representatives from both attended the celebration virtually.



Terry Hildebrandt and Bryant Erickson



Pamela Church-Pryor



Tracie Smith

In the
past
year...

39% FAMILIES

Completed Pathway of Hope

86% FAMILIES

Developed Personal Action Plans

2,226 REFERRALS

Completed with Partner Organization

Pathway of Hope Staff have conducted

11,814 CASE MANAGEMENT SESSIONS

Over half of participating families received Pathway of Hope services for

1 YEAR OR MORE

SHELTER, INCOME & EMPLOYMENT

were among the top barriers reduced by our services

From the 2021-2022 POH annual report.

God's grace at work through Pathway of Hope

The initiative in award-winning Fergus Falls, Minn., and Kent County, Mich.

Be inspired by the latest two corps receiving awards for distinction in Pathway of Hope delivery through pastoral care, corps involvement and partnerships.

Fergus Falls, Minn.

Surrounding families enrolled in Pathway of Hope (POH) with encouragement and support, along with resources needed to meet their goals, has led to an increase in enrollment and contributed to the success of the initiative in Fergus Falls, Minn. Led by Captains Anthony and Elysia Nordan, the corps recently was recognized with the Outstanding Award.

goals," said the captain. "They also give families the ability to contribute to World Services in a round about way."

To aid with healthy parenting and child development, the corps offers curricula from Love and Logic, Working for Kids and Parents Forever at no cost, supporting parents of children from newborn to 17 years on a flexible schedule to enable participation. In addition, community organizations help keep families on track by offering wrap-around services such as legal assistance and mental health treatment.

Captain Elysia concluded, "Watching families rise and excel who have been down and out and



Lt. Colonel Paul Smith (r) with the Kent County, Mich., POH team: POH Case Manager Kacey Ramones, Director of Kent County Social Services Victoria Arnold and Captains Grace and Mika Roinila, then corps officers.

along with invitations to women's and men's ministries, youth activities such as afterschool and character-building programs and summer day camp, and Sunday worship. A mother's support group for single moms has become a gathering space for women to receive pastoral care, peer support and a brief respite from caregiving as the children are cared

for by corps volunteers.

Major Tim Meyer, Grand Valley area commander, concluded, "I am thrilled that the efforts of our Kent County Social Services staff have been recognized with this award, not only because of the hard work, dedication and often difficult follow through required, but because of the changed lives this represents."



Captains Elysia and Anthony Nordan (center) receive the Outstanding Corps Award on behalf of the Fergus Falls, Minn., POH team. Pictured with Linda Brinker and Lt. Colonel Paul Smith.

POH families are referred from several community organizations as well as corps services such as the food pantry, lunch program and emergency social services. With the endorsement of the advisory board, community support for POH has grown and led to new funding opportunities. In the past year 34 families, including 69 children, were served through POH.

"Through Pathway of Hope we are seeing more organizational collaboration in the community," said Captain Elysia. "It's wonderful to watch families learning to navigate the resources already available to them."

Part of the corps' strategy is to surround POH families with a sort of "village" made up of the corps officers, congregational members and community partners and resources in addition to their caseworker. The captains offer pastoral care while the congregation welcomes POH families to join worship and corps activities and becomes a network of support, lifting up their prayer requests and encouraging them by signing cards caseworker Breanna Grundmeier makes for special occasions like birthdays.

One corps program which has been attended by POH families is a free monthly gaming night with concessions available, the proceeds of which support World Services/Self-Denial. Because many POH families are unable to purchase concessions, they have the option to spend "Pathway Bucks" which they earn as they complete goals.

"The Pathway Bucks are a great incentive, especially if the children are working toward their own

didn't believe they could do it is amazing. We're witnessing God's redeeming grace at work."

Kent County, Mich.

Utilizing a team approach to harness community partnerships and help families achieve their goals, Kent County, Mich., social services has served 18 families through Pathway of Hope (POH) in the past year, earning the Achievement Award.

Captains Grace and Mika Roinila, then corps officers at the Grand Rapids Fulton Heights Citadel, Mich., Corps, and now Majors R.C. Duskin and Maureen Diffley, work with caseworkers, corps volunteers and community partners to provide essential support and resources to families seeking assistance. Internal cross-training ensures employees who support specific areas of assistance such as energy or housing are able to fully engage families with information on the opportunities available to them through POH.

"The Pathway of Hope team at Kent County works diligently to ensure families have both their physical and spiritual needs met at every turn," said Victoria Arnold, director of Kent County Social Services. "I could not be prouder to say that I work with these great individuals and for an organization that cares about the community, inside and out."

Partnerships with several local organizations help connect families with resources such as furniture, relationship coaching, financial support and career development.

Spiritual care is provided through one-on-one connection with officers

Family sees a bright future



by Austin Currera

My family and I moved from Louisiana to Indiana in 2018 with the intent of purchasing a family friend's home. Unfortunately, the purchase of the home fell through, and we suddenly found ourselves homeless.

A friend offered a heated garage with access to the house bathroom until we could secure housing. However, local Child Protective Services (CPS) learned of our situation, and since there was no running water in the garage they removed our son and daughter and placed them temporarily in foster care.

Once again homeless, my wife, Katherine, and I located The Salvation Army in Henry County and used its parking lot to sleep in our van. We were hopeless. We knew we needed immediate help to change our situation and nervously entered the building to see if the Army could help us.

Katherine and I were instantly and lovingly engaged by Envoy Beth Stamper and corps members. Beth prayerfully provided much needed emotional support throughout the CPS court hearings. Through the

guidance of the Holy Spirit, Pathway of Hope case management, referrals to community resources, the steadfast support of corps members and our hard work, our family began to see a light at the end of our many challenges. Our main goal was to secure proper housing, which we did, and in a short time the kids were happily reunited with us.

I am proud to say we are stably housed. Our children are home-schooled by my awesome wife, Katherine, and I am employed full-time as a chef at a local restaurant. More importantly, we have joined the fellowship at The Salvation Army where we participate in Bible studies, worship and children's activities, as well as volunteer. We have found a spiritual family there and are thriving.

Our family expresses deep gratitude for the guidance and the emotional and material support provided by Pathway of Hope and corps members. Katherine and I often wonder what our lives would be like without our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and The Salvation Army. Now, the future looks brighter than ever.

Greater Together

Great people committed to a great mission

"I think you will find that what was great as two separate divisions will be even greater together. You will discover that the Great Lakes Division has a breadth of corps and ministry and social service programs that, I believe, are second to none—anywhere!" declared Lt. Colonel John Turner, Great Lakes divisional commander.

Nearly 400 Salvationists gathered for the division's first event.

The division's flag was presented by flagbearer Captain Ronnie Amick with Assistant Chief Secretary Lt. Colonel Paul Smith, saying, "The flag reminds us that it is the blood and the fire in the lives of the people who make up the Great Lakes Division that enables us to be a holy, powerful, effective fighting force."



Lt. Colonel John Turner, divisional commander

Mich., corps officer, challenged the division with examples found in the history of the early church in Acts.

In Salvation Army fashion, music was prominent throughout the event. The praise team led opening worship, and the Great Lakes Divisional Band and Songsters provided preliminary music and selections during the program.

A highlight of the meeting was the farewell of the Great Lakes Division's first cadets headed to the College for Officer Training in Chicago, Ill. Aurelia Pettit with her daughter, BreAyna, Marcelo Maren and Solange Vera, with their sons Lucas and Mateo, and Naomi Jobson were challenged and prayed over by Captain Chrissy Cooper, divisional youth and candidates' secretary.



Soldiers Les and Jane Chase and Penny and Chuck Warfel of the Grand Rapids Fulton Heights, Mich., Corps

Majors Marion and Rhonda Moore with Dylan Brown, Ruth Cool, Diane DeLong, Wanda Moore and Sandra Rosenbrock from the Alma, Mich., Corps.

Salvationists of all ages were challenged to consider how they can grow and be greater together. Lexy Washington, intern at the Flint Citadel, Mich., Corps, challenged the youth with the Apostle Paul's proclamation in 1 Timothy 4:12, encouraging them not be intimidated by their age but to learn and look for opportunities to serve.

Roman Hank, Petoskey, Mich., corps sergeant-major, called on soldiers to follow God's call to service and unity.

"We cannot march forward by ourselves, but with unity of all the soldiers we can, and we will, be a force that the enemy will fear because of our unity!" he said.

Major Amy Voss, Big Rapids,



Lts. Haylee and Matthew Winters, with their daughters, Addison (l) and Amelia (r) head to the meeting with Major Carol and Lt. Jack Huffman.



(l to r) Captains Jonathan and Chrissy Cooper, Cadet Solange Vera, Cadet Marcelo Marin, sons Lucas and Mateo; Cadet Aurelia Pettit, daughter BreAyna; Cadet Naomi Jobson, Lt. Colonel Theresa Turner, Lt. Colonel John Turner; Flagbearers Captain Sarah Eddy and Auxiliary Captain Marcarius Coakley



Leading praise are (l to r): Becca Blann, Major Matt Grindle, Stephen Blann, Major RC Duskin, (not pictured are Captain James Beardsley on keyboard and Captain Mika Roinila on drums).



Detroit Harbor Light soldiers William and Kim Williams

The crowd cheered as a video highlighted each corps and ministry in the new division.

Colonel Turner reflected on the phases of the reorganization of the divisions and exhorted members of the newly formed Great Lakes Division, saying: "The roadmap for advancing the Gospel in the first

century is the same roadmap for advancement of the Gospel in 2022. Tell them the Good News. Help others encounter the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Make disciples and teach them to obey all His commands...I want to challenge you to be a disciple and make disciples. Individually, as a corps, and as a division."



Lexy Washington, intern, Flint Citadel, Mich., Corps challenges youth in the division.



From the Farmington Hills Corps: Captain Vathana Thammavongsa, Letecia Taguran, Ruth Horyn, Eriqueta Zacarias, Salome Whitaker, Majors Evelyn and Romeo Alip, Yvonne Mongeau, Esther Alvarado, Jose Zacarias

Faith, family and a new forum

You might say that Rochelle Holman has The Salvation Army in her DNA.

Corps sergeant-major for the Royal Oak Citadel, Mich., Corps, she had parents who were soldiers and leaders in a corps, and grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins who were officers.

Rochelle, who asked Jesus to be her Savior at age 9, became a soldier at 14, and says the Army has been part of her life for as long as she can remember.

As the Central's first territorial sergeant-major, she is also chairperson of the new Territorial Soldiers' Forum. Established this year, the forum is designed for soldiers to have their voices heard more directly by territorial leaders.

"The hope is for some positive changes to be made that are driven by soldiers," Rochelle explained.

Rochelle is humbled to be the chairperson. The duties fit into her family's life of Army service. She and her husband of 34 years, Doug, serve together at the Royal Oak Corps. Doug is a songster leader and plays in the band. Their daughter Hayley, a youth leader, sings in the praise band and sits on the worship-planning committee. Son Collin and daughter-in-law Kelly (parents of Rochelle and Doug's four grandchildren) serve at the nearby Dearborn Heights Citadel, Mich., Corps.

Faith in God has always guided the family in matters both large and small.

"When my husband and I make decisions, we always pray and look to God for guidance. God has led us in house moves, in job changes and in leadership roles in our church," she said.

At one point, Rochelle and Doug took their children out of public school to homeschool them because of where they felt God was guiding them.

"Our son was being bullied, and we looked for alternate options. God led us into homeschooling, and we



loved it. We homeschooled for nine years and brought our faith into our teaching daily," Rochelle said.

"Church first," was the family's standard. When the kids were involved in sports, Rochelle and Doug told coaches that if a game or practice session took place on a Sunday morning, the Holman family would not be there.

"Every one of them respected us, and our kids were never 'benched' because we were at church," Rochelle recalled.

There was a brief time when Rochelle questioned her faith. As a young adult, going through a "rebellious" phase, she wondered if she was following God simply because her parents had told her to.

"I either needed to follow God or walk away from God. I needed to trust in Him with my life or not," she said.

At that time, Rochelle had fallen in love with Doug, who was committed to Jesus and their corps.

"I knew if I was going to be a soldier, I was going to have to give everything to Jesus," she explained. "That was where my future husband was. His commitment encouraged me."

Rochelle chose to trust in God, and she and Doug moved forward in life together.



Rochelle pictured with her family (l to r) son Collin and his wife Kelly, daughter Hayley and husband Doug

"Now we know people from all over the world, 'brothers and sisters' in The Salvation Army. Our common denominator is our faith and our ministry," she concluded.

To learn more about the Territorial Soldiers' Forum or find your forum representative, visit salarmycentral.org

Open your heart to gratitude

by Major Cherri Hobbins
Territorial Secretary for
Spiritual Life Development

"Gratitude is a loving and thankful response toward God for his presence with us and within this world. Though 'blessings' can move us into gratitude, it is not at the root of a thankful heart. Delight in God and his good will is the heartbeat of thankfulness." —Adele Ahlberg Calhoun, *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*, 2015.

In November we turn our hearts toward gratitude with the Thanksgiving holiday approaching. Some, when gathering around the heavily laden Thanksgiving table, ask each person to name a person or event for which they are thankful. Young or old, gratitude can be shared. All seated around the table can join in celebration for the individual expression.

The Apostle Paul indicates thanksgiving or gratitude is a part of the life of all disciples of Jesus—not just one day or one month of the year, but continuously:

"Let joy be your continual feast. Make your life a prayer. And in the midst of everything be always giving thanks, for this is God's perfect plan for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (*The Passion Translation*)

The nuance of *The Passion Translation* is very helpful in unpacking Paul's original instruction to us: "in the midst of everything be always giving thanks."

There is a delicate balance to maintain the fulfillment of this biblical command. Some believe it requires us to thank God for everything. That can be difficult if not almost impossible as we at times face tremendous hardships. Thank God for cancer? I don't think so! Thank God for broken relationships? Hardly.

Instead, out of our relationship



with the living Lord, we can genuinely find our way to express gratitude *in the midst of everything*. Does God go with us to chemotherapy, helping us to endure and fight with bravery? Yes, I believe so. In the midst of a breaking heart, we can thank God that He remains closer to us than any earthly relationship. He has promised to

never leave or forsake us, and He keeps his promises.

In practicing the spiritual discipline of gratitude this year, begin to focus

on thanking the Lord right in the middle of the messiness of life. He is with us. He is at work on our behalf. He is making a way through the situation even when all we perceive are closed doors and blocked paths. He is surrounding us with others who will support us and act as His physical hands and feet. We open ourselves to receive the assistance the Lord brings.

This year, begin to deepen your gratitude so that every part of you—heart, mind, soul and body—are involved. *Selah*. (Pause in His presence and think about these things.)

Do you want to explore more on this topic? Join us on the *Spiritual Life USA Central Territory* Facebook page: facebook.com/spirituallifecentral. Throughout November, new material will be released each week for personal reflection, application and group discussion.



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Contact Major Cherri Hobbins, territorial spiritual life development secretary, for more information and an application at: Cherri.hobbins@usc.salvationarmy.org

Spiritual Life

Global girls using their voices

Central Territory soldiers Princess Pyle and Magnolia Clayton are two of just 25 girls from around the globe

who are part of the International Social Justice Girls (ISJG).

Launched in the fall of 2021, the ISJG, designed for girls ages 14 to 25, was created by the International Social Justice Commission (ISJC) to encourage girls and young women in The Salvation Army to be advocates for women's issues.

Seventeen-year-old Princess is a senior in high school and a soldier at the Mayfair



Princess Pyle

Community Church (Corps) in Chicago. She is one of the newest members of ISJG. Magnolia, 21, serves as the group's secretary. She is a soldier at the Indianapolis Eagle Creek, Ind., Corps and a student at Haverford College in Pennsylvania. She is studying abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark this fall.

They both would like to make this world a better place.

"I am really honored to be part of the group," Princess said. "I am so glad to get a chance to speak for women. I want to use

my voice for good."

She has been active in school clubs and committees, including the Student Voice Committee at her high school.

Princess is also one of three students on the Chicago Public Schools Council.

"I saw a need for young women to have a place in The Salvation Army that is just for us," Magnolia said. "Not a place where we're asked to volunteer; not a place where we're invited to listen in while the older adults have their group; but a place where our thoughts, passions, and questions regarding God's call on our lives to social justice are center stage."

In her second year with the ISJG, Magnolia says she has seen positive outcomes from the meetings with colleagues.

"I have seen the amazing ideas young women share in this group, and the incredible good we have done when ideas leave our meetings to inspire change elsewhere. My prayer is that our group will inspire more young women Salvationists to question, reflect, and pursue God's unique call for social justice in their own lives," Magnolia said.

Major Katherine Clausell, Central



At the United Nations earlier this year are: Magnolia Clayton, Elyse Dobney, Allison Rodriguez and Major Katherine Clausell

territorial social justice and city mission secretary, serves as one of the ISJG group's advisors.

Members are put through a rigorous vetting process before being selected, Major Katherine explained, adding that both Princess and Magnolia have actively engaged for justice within their communities.

Princess and Magnolia will now work with small groups where they can use their background to speak about certain topics, share ideas and create goals.

In March 2023, the ISJG will take part in the 67th annual session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York. Salvationists from around the world will participate in these meetings as well as plan and host parallel events at the ISJC.

"Being part of this group helps them center their passion for justice around God's ideal for justice," Major Katherine said. "It's giving them a way of connecting their hearts with God's heart."

Character-building makes a comeback

"I like coming to The Salvation Army because I know that they love me, and God does too!" said Lyle, who at 8 had a history of being bullied and a hard time making friends until he came to explorers at the corps and found a place where he belongs.

When Lts. Brian and Amanda Hoscheit first arrived at the Kirksville, Mo., Corps, the character-building programs were a distant memory. At one time Kirksville had the largest sunbeam troop in the division, but the sashes and uniforms had long been put away.

The idea to restart programs came during the adult Bible study. Families were coming for dinner, and seven boys were in the mix. Lt. Amanda saw an explorer book on the shelf and decided to fill the boys' time while their parents attended the Bible study.



From these initial seven children, more and more came until the kids' group outnumbered the adults, and a decision was made to officially re-launch character-building programs on its own night.

Leaders were trained, and that first year (2019) there were 15 enrolled. In 2020 the number grew to 30, and in 2021 that number jumped to 53!



"We have seen children of various economic backgrounds, family structures, cognitive abilities and specialized needs and skills come together in a troop to learn more about God while growing in confidence," said Lt. Amanda.

She shared the corps' excitement in the fall of 2021 to provide a camping experience at a nearby national park. While the park is only 20 minutes away, most of the children had never slept in a tent or made s'mores over a campfire. Many of those who attended said it was the highlight of their year.

The character-building programs also have served as a bridge to Sunday. Many youth now look forward to attending Sunday worship and call to be picked up so they can attend. In the past two years, the Kirksville Corps has enrolled 10 junior soldiers and has adopted a new style of Sunday service that incorporates a multigenerational structure where all ages worship together.

This year the corps is partnering with a local university's student group of future pediatricians who will serve as meal preppers and classroom helpers, assisting children with badge work as well as bringing energy to the recreation time.

Lt. Amanda concluded, "While for some, character-building programs may seem antiquated, God is doing a good work in and through them in our little niche of the Kingdom."



Sisters provide "lemon-aid"



Lots of children love to set up a lemonade stand in their front yards to make a little extra money, but Grace and June Hendrian wanted their stand to raise money for a local charity. In 2019, their mom encouraged the sisters to support The Salvation Army in Quincy, Ill., and set a goal of \$100. The girls raised almost \$1,100! A fundraiser was born.

Following the COVID-19 shutdown, the girls resumed their lemonade stand in 2021. This time, they raised \$2,320, almost doubling their new goal!

"Parents have approached my husband, Adam, and me and said, 'How did you teach your daughters these really great selfless and loving skills,'" said Kellea Hendrian. "After thinking about that question, we decided to invite the community to join

us by hosting other lemonade stands throughout The Salvation Army of Quincy's service area, so other children can experience what it's like to give back to those in need."

When all was said and done, there were a total of 21 "Grace & June Lemon-Aid" stands set up around Quincy and Adams County. In just two hours on the Saturday morning of Labor Day weekend, the children combined to raise \$8,281.60 to help provide food and other services to people in need.

"It's inspiring to see young people, like Grace and June, get involved in helping others by using things they love, like lemonade stands, to raise money," said Quincy Area Command Development Director Matt Schmidt. "They're learning at a young age the power of giving back."

Presidential praise

Two dedicated volunteers for Emergency Disaster Services recently received the President's Volunteer Service Award. The award, established by the President's Council on Service and Civil Participation, recognizes the importance of volunteer work within our nation's fiber.

Roseann Rustia, who served as an emergency response chaplain and volunteered with the emotional and spiritual care hotline, received the award for 738 hours of work in 2021.

Robert Langsfeld, Central Territory SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network) coordinator, received the award for 726 hours of work last year.



Kevin Ellers and Karla Clark with Rosann Rustia

Bob received the President's Volunteer Service Award at an outdoor celebration for Army volunteers.

He is proud and humble to be a recipient and feels his award is shared with all EDS volunteers.

"This award is not only for me. We have so many dedicated volunteers. So many good people," he said.

Bob became SATERN coordinator in 2019. He now oversees the work of an estimated 250 trained SATERN volunteers. Bob communicates with divisional coordinators, reviewing strategic plans and territorial objectives.

He also is on the frontlines in disaster situations and offers spiritual comfort as an emergency response chaplain. Most recently, Bob found himself bringing solace to survivors of the mass shooting on July 4 in Highland Park, Ill.

"When I took this on, I never saw myself becoming a chaplain. But other people did," Bob said.

Technology has changed dramatically since SATERN began in 1988. Initially, ham-radios were the main form of communication when phone lines were unusable. Now, SATERN also utilizes digital voice communications, interfacing computer systems, more business-based equipment and more tactical communications, Bob said.

A self-proclaimed night owl, Bob says he is always up late and planning—preparing to have emergency services in place in the early morning hours, if necessary.

"I love the people I work with. My SATERN guys and gals are amazing. They have so many skills," Bob said. "I am very proud to be a part of it. When there are people in need, we are there to help."



Bob Langsfeld

Both Roseann and Bob received the gold award, including a medalion, an official certificate and a letter of recognition from President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

Roseann learned she was getting the award during a Zoom meeting with other volunteer chaplains. Kevin Ellers, territorial EDS coordinator, who nominated Roseann for the award, made the announcement.

"It was a real surprise. It was humbling," Roseann said, as she recalled that moment.

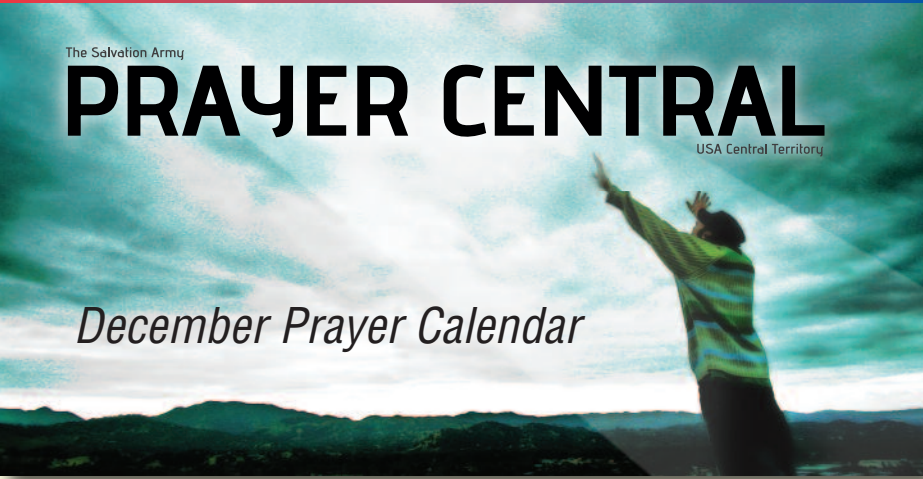
Roseann began her partnership with the Army in 2016, after her husband died. Looking for a way to work through grief, she found helping others was a spiritual salve. As an emergency response chaplain, Roseann consoled those who often were facing the worst moments of their lives.

"People are grateful. You don't even have to say anything. You can be a ministry of presence and just put your hand on a shoulder. Just be there," she said.

The hotline, which was born during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, allowed people to discuss everything from a personal crisis to their pet cat, Roseann explained. "Sometimes, they just needed to talk," she said.

Roseann recently relocated to Tennessee and plans to continue her volunteer work with The Salvation Army.

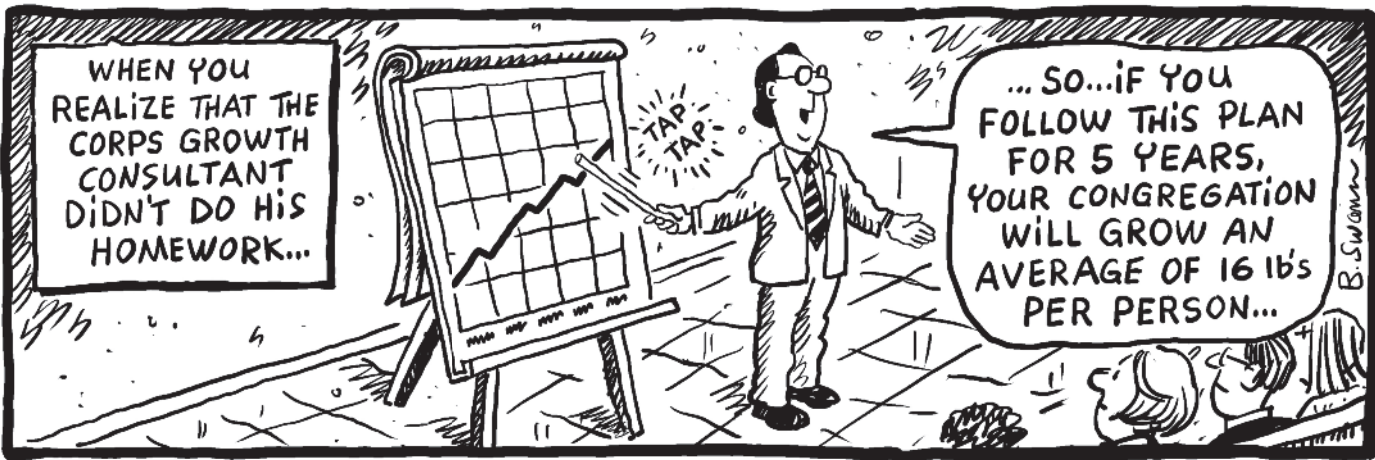
"The Salvation Army brings hope," she said.



My Prayer List	Day	Bible Reading	Pray for The Salvation Army
	1 Thursday	Acts 19-20	Youth Outreach
	2 Friday	1 John 3-4	Middle East Region
	3 Saturday	Deuteronomy 13-15	Chicago Lawn, Ill., Corps
	4 Sunday	Nehemiah 5-9	Detroit Grandale, Mich., Corps
	5 Monday	Psalms 140-142	Grand Rapids, Mich., ARC
	6 Tuesday	Song of Songs 1-2	Watertown, S.D., Corps
	7 Wednesday	Revelation 1-6	Jefferson City, Mo., Corps
	8 Thursday	Acts 21-22	The Philippines Territory
	9 Friday	1 John 5	Kenosha, Wis., Corps
	10 Saturday	Deuteronomy 16-18	Marquette County, Mich., Corps
	11 Sunday	Nehemiah 10-13	Minneapolis Temple, Minn., Corps
	12 Monday	Psalms 143-145	Christmas Distribution
	13 Tuesday	Song of Songs 3-4	Omaha Citadel, Neb., Corps
	14 Wednesday	Revelation 7-11	Port Huron, Mich., Corps
	15 Thursday	Acts 23-24	Royal Oak, Mich., Corps
	16 Friday	2 John	St. Louis Temple, Mo., Corps
	17 Saturday	Deuteronomy 19-21	Washtenaw County, Mich., Corps
	18 Sunday	Esther 1-5	Downriver, Mich., Corps
	19 Monday	Psalms 146-148	Minot, N.D., Corps
	20 Tuesday	Song of Songs 5-6	Niles, Mich., Corps
	21 Wednesday	Revelation 12-17	Missionaries Overseas
	22 Thursday	Acts 25-26	College for Officer Training
	23 Friday	3 John	Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Corps
	24 Saturday	Deuteronomy 22-24	Salvation Army Staff and Volunteers
	25 Sunday	Esther 6-10	Celebrate Immanuel - God with us!
	26 Monday	Psalms 149-150	USA Western Territory
	27 Tuesday	Song of Songs 7-8	Retired Officers
	28 Wednesday	Revelation 18-20	Pray for every family served
	29 Thursday	Acts 27-28	Salina, Kan., Corps
	30 Friday	Jude	Brooklyn Park Noble Worship Center, Minn., Corps
	31 Saturday	Revelation 21-22	Be thankful for all that God has done!

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

--Mustard Seeds--



Grand Haven celebrates 100th anniversary

by Major Ralph Hansen

In its July 14, 1922, issue, the Grand Haven Daily Tribune ran an article with the headline, "Great Organization establishes permanent headquarters in city." That date marked the start of 100 years of continuous service by The Salvation Army in Grand Haven.

Current and past soldiers, officers and community members joined with territorial leaders Commissioners Brad and Heidi Bailey and the Chicago Staff Band (CSB) in September to commemorate this milestone.

Festivities began with a corps open house that gave people the opportunity to see the newest addition to the building, and spend time reminiscing and perusing picture albums and historical displays. One of the evening's highlights was Major Fred Bailey receiving a \$4,000 donation from the Grand Haven Community

Foundation. He was the corps officer in 1971 when the foundation awarded its first grant to The Salvation Army in Grand Haven.

On Saturday the owner of the former corps building located at 16 Washington St. hosted attendees for lunch and a tour of the renovated building. From 1922 to 1976, a thrift store occupied the basement, the corps chapel was located on the first floor and a gym was on the third. The second floor served as the officers' quarters until the early 1960s when a home was purchased allowing the vacated space to be used for classrooms and offices.

Longtime soldier Joanne Hodges recalled living on the second floor with her officer parents, Major and Mrs. Stanley Hook, from 1959 to 1961. Commissioner Brad Bailey and Lt. Colonel James Nauta recollected time spent in the gym as young men,



while Majors Mary Hoskin and Mary Corliss reminisced about corps cadets and other activities. Everyone was amazed at how the owner has preserved Army heritage while adding modern conveniences. For instance, a bedroom on the third floor has the original gym flooring complete with basketball markings.

On Saturday afternoon the CSB gave a concert at Lynne Sherwood Memorial Stadium on the scenic waterfront, and many passersby both on land and the river stopped to listen. The community of Grand Haven often has enjoyed the ministry of the corps band and timbrel brigades during the Annual Coast Guard Festival Parade and waterfront stadium events and were pleased the CSB joined this tradition.

Following the concert, the CSB joined the advisory board, corps council, former corps officers and officers who grew up in Grand Haven for dinner. Majors William and Heather Holman, current corps officers, thanked the advisory board, corps council and anniversary committee and recognized Rebecca Lippard, corps social services coordinator, for her service.

Saturday concluded with a CSB concert at the Grand Haven High School auditorium. As usual, their per-

formance was exceptional, and the devotional provided by Commissioner Heidi Bailey was thought-provoking and moving.

The celebration concluded Sunday with a worship service held in the corps' recently constructed gym as to accommodate the large crowd which included representatives from the newly formed Great Lakes divisional leadership team. Highlights included beautiful brass and choral numbers by the CSB like "I'd rather have Jesus" and "Christ is All," recognition of soldier Donna Kanouse and volunteers Richard Durkee and Joanne Hodges for their dedication, and a challenge from the territorial commander.

Concluding with the rousing song, "I'll go in the strength,"—with an impromptu waving of the Army flag by Commissioner Brad Bailey—there was no doubt the corps looks forward to continued service to God as it moves into its next century.



Grand Haven Advisory Board Chairman Craig Bessinger, Shelly Bessinger, Commissioners Brad and Heidi Bailey, Grand Haven Community Foundation President Halley Streng and Vice President of Grants and Programs Holly Cole, Majors Fred and Bodil Bailey, and Majors William and Heather Holman.



Commissioner Brad Bailey commends Joanne Hodges, Richard Durkee and Donna Kanouse for their service. Major Heather Holman, Grand Haven corps officer, also pictured.

Jordan Smith

the Voice
Season 9 Winner

Jordan Smith is an American singer, songwriter, and musician from Harlan, Kentucky. He began singing in his church choir and continued his passion throughout his college education at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee. Smith shot to fame after appearing on season nine of *The Voice* in 2015. As of 2022, he has released three albums titled "Something Beautiful", "Tis the Season", and "Only Love" under the Republic label.

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Globally, many children have never experienced the JOY that Christmas can bring. The Share Your Christmas Joy campaign gives children that unique feeling of excitement, love, and joy that only happens during Christmas time.

This program aims to send designated funds to 100 Salvation Army children's facilities worldwide for a special Christmas celebration.

Not only will children feel more connected to our Savior as we celebrate the JOY of his birth, but you will too when you Share Your Christmas Joy!

Will you help us reach our goal? Ask your family, friends, and coworkers to join!

Send a check to:

The Salvation Army, ATTN: Share Your Christmas Joy
5550 Prairie Stone Pkwy, Hoffman Estates, IL 60192

Or visit centralmissions.org/christmas_joy