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Commissioners Jolene K. and Kenneth G. Hodder

## Hodders appointed national leaders

### Rileys appointed to lead West.

Commissioners Kenneth G. and Jolene K. Hodder were appointed by General Brian Peddle as the USA National Commander and National President of Women's Ministries, respectively, effective July 1.

The Hodders currently serve as the West's territorial leaders, and will succeed Commissioners Dave and Sharron Hudson at National Headquarters upon the Hudsons' retirement in June.

Colonels Douglas and Colleen Riley, who currently serve as the West's Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, respectively, are appointed as Western Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries.

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# WESTERN TERRITORY RESPONDS TO PANDEMIC



The Salvation Army in the USA Western Territory is responding to COVID-19, following the motto: "Keep calm and do the mission."

Each morning during the week of March 16-20, members of the Territorial Executive Council (TEC) held a teleconference meeting with all command heads regarding The Salvation Army's response to COVID-19, with territorial leaders and command heads sharing updates.

"I remain convinced that there is no other organization that is capable of addressing the broad variety of human needs that have emerged as a result of this crisis," Territorial Commander Commissioner Kenneth G. Hodder said. "The Salvation Army has the personnel, we have the infrastructure, we have the credibility, and above all, we have the mission. Our calling to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and meet human needs in his name without discrimination positions us, and in fact requires us to play a unique part in addressing this situation."

Due to changing guidelines from the government and CDC, Sunday worship in most Western Territory Salvation Army facilities will largely be placed online. The territory released guided online worship materials for March 15, and individual corps are developing additional online resources, including Orange curriculum at home for youth and devotionals along with worship live streams.

Territorial Secretary of Spiritual Life Development and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries Colonel Colleen Riley and Continuing Education Officer Major Brian Bearchell will be holding daily

**Corps Sunday worship services available online**  
[salarmy.us/saworship1](http://salarmy.us/saworship1)



Captain Jared Arnold and cadets from the College for Officer Training ready supplies for distribution at Bell Shelter in Bell, California. See story and more photos on page 9. |Photo by John Docter

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—COMMISSIONER KENNETH G. HODDER

livestreams of prayer time accessed via the *New Frontier Chronicle* Facebook page during which people can write in with prayer requests via Facebook comment or through an email to [prayer.request@usw.salvation-army.org](mailto:prayer.request@usw.salvation-army.org).

"We just want to be available to you," Riley said in the inaugural livestream. "Just RESPONSE PAGE 3

## Salvation Army officer writes from lockdown in Italy

BY RYAN BEARCHELL, LT.

WE EMBARKED ON a journey of international service last summer full of anxiety, hope and faith—a family of five picking up from a wonderful appointment in Southern California to Torino, an unknown city in Northern Italy.

At this very moment, I am writing "stuck" in my apartment with my family. Because of the coronavirus we have now been indoors for two weeks...with many more weeks to come.

Ever since we became officers, Jennifer and I have desired to be open to follow God wherever he would lead us, regardless of our personal desires for comfort. So we left a large five-bedroom house and two vehicles and moved into a tiny two-bedroom apartment in the middle of a city without a car.

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## The Salvation Army adapts its food distribution practices amid coronavirus

BY CHRISTIN THIEME

Feeding people has always been part of The Salvation Army's service to those in need, yet as the coronavirus pandemic takes hold of communities across the Western Territory, the way food is distributed is changing.

Corps are working diligently to pack food boxes and bags for those facing food insecurity, including seniors isolated during the crisis and kids no longer receiving regular meals because of school closures. The method might look different, but

the message remains: The Salvation Army is feeding the hungry.

While many school districts are providing meals for children, it generally requires in-person, daily pick up. The Estrella Mountain Corps in Avondale, Arizona, is therefore focusing on meal delivery to families who cannot get to the schools for pick up.

"Our main focus is getting meals to kids who are home. Our first plan was to get those to the kids in our after-school program and their siblings because most of them come from

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# A promise of protection

BY SHERYL TOLLERUD, LT. COLONEL



My first appointment as a Salvation Army officer was in Salem, Oregon. Commissioned as a “Herald of Hope,” I was excited and prepared, as it states in 1 Peter 3:15, “to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.”

Sometime during that first week, one of the corps’ teenagers came to my door asking if she could stay after having a fight with her mother. Instead, I went with her to speak with her mom to sort through the difficulty. As time went on, I discovered the teen had been sexually abused by a person of high trust in her life. Horrible! I felt at a loss about how best to help her

and stumbled through ministering to her and her family with as much grace as the Lord directed; yet I felt so inadequate. It sealed in my heart the need to know more, to become better equipped and be ready to share true hope and practical help in life’s ugliness.

In every appointment there have been child abuse challenges—a pregnant 12-year old abused by her mother’s boyfriend, the rape of a teenager, depositions for legal proceedings, calls to CPS and other complex issues. I was thankful for The Salvation Army’s “Safe from Harm” program, which has evolved into a promise of “Protecting the Mission” (PTM). It is a promise to protect the people we serve, protect the Army’s ability to serve and protect the integrity of the message of hope in Christ.

Nationally, 2.9 million cases of child abuse are reported every year—and yet research indicates some 60 percent of abused children don’t tell anyone. Those statistics

are staggering. However, we, The Salvation Army, are making a difference and having an impact in the lives of the children in our programs.

The reports that we receive are usually those of abuse happening outside of our programs. The progress we have made with Safe From Harm, Child Safety and PTM have given those we serve a safe place to disclose abuse that they may have otherwise never shared. We have a strong foundation that we need to maintain and continue to build. We cannot become complacent. We cannot just focus on compliance. We have to be committed to the protection and safety of our most vulnerable.

In January, the inaugural meeting of the National Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult Safety Committee was held with representatives from the four U.S. territories and Canada and Bermuda Territory. We had robust discussions regarding National

Minimum Standards and continuity in the U.S. Committee members responded excitedly to this opportunity to review and restructure the Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult Safety policies and programs.

As we do, you can join in the effort to spread awareness of this important topic this month—marked nationally as Child Abuse Prevention month—by signing up for Five Days of Action. Led by the YMCA Guardians for Child Protection, Five Days of Action is a week designed to raise awareness and inspire adults to take action to protect children from sexual abuse (see more at [fivedaysofaction.org](http://fivedaysofaction.org)).

Take the opportunity to ensure all officers, staff and volunteers are up to date with the PTM Training Requirements, confirm the Supervision Plans for each program are current and follow the Working with Minors Policy. Together we are Protecting the Mission. **JNFC**

## Monterey Army supporter receives William Booth Award

Isabella Shake receives national award.

Isabella Shake received The Salvation Army William Booth Award Feb. 28 in Monterey, California, during an Advisory Board luncheon at the Monterey Peninsula Corps. Commissioner Jolene K. Hodder, Western Territorial President of Women’s Ministries, presented the honor, one of the highest national awards The Salvation Army confers upon individuals.

Shake is matriarch of the Shake Family, longtime supporters of The Salvation Army in Monterey County, along with more than 400 other local charities, through the Sabu Shake, Sr. Memorial Foundation, named in honor of Isabella Shake’s late husband, Sabu. Among the many fundraisers it sponsors to support the Monterey Peninsula Corps is Sabu’s Safari Gala, a highly-anticipated annual event.

“I cannot imagine the Army here in this community without the amazing support she gives to our mission,” Hodder said during the presentation.

After recalling Founder William Booth’s famous “While

women weep” speech, Hodder said: “Isabella Shake is a fighter, too... she may prefer to work behind the scenes with little fanfare, but she is a fighter, and she has raised a family of fighters—six sons!”

Four generations of the Shake family attended the luncheon to see Isabella Shake receive the award.

Shake expressed her gratitude for the recognition.

“I felt humbled and I wasn’t deserving of such an award from an organization such as The Salvation Army that has done so much for so many,” she said. “As I watered my garden and nourished it I thought about The Salvation Army and how they plant seeds and nourish the souls of men in the garden of life, and how they encompass all the virtues of Christ.”

Major Patti Bradley, Monterey Peninsula Corps Officer with her husband, Steve, nominated Shake for the award with a 13-page letter listing all her accomplishments. Hodder said she was reminded of Mother Teresa as she reviewed the letter.

“And then I read that it is Mother Teresa who has inspired you to fight for those who have no voice—to fight



Isabella Shake with the William Booth award

for freedom, for hope, for peace, for love, for God,” Hodder said.

Nominations for the William Booth Award are considered based on dedication to The Salvation Army’s goal of service to others, outstanding community service and humanitarian effort, and substantial contributions to the

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### Correction:

The number of individuals served in the Billings Community Table Route was misstated in the January/February issue of *New Frontier Chronicle*. The Salvation Army serves an average of 300 meals a day through the program. **JNFC**



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WITH CHRISTIN THIEME

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## CORONAVIRUS

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to be able to share some time together, some prayers together, some encouraging words together, answer questions if we can.”

Territorial Headquarters contacted retired officers March 18 to assist in remote pastoral care and calling to check on donors.

While many events and gatherings throughout the territory were canceled or postponed, the decision about Commissioning, Encore and Service Corps will be made early next month or when further information is received, Assistant Secretary for Program Martin Hunt said.

Throughout the West, The Salvation Army has opened its facilities to public authorities for use as quarantine centers, housing for medically fragile individuals, food distribution locations, coronavirus testing, and any other services as needed.

The Cascade Division has partnered with Multnomah (Oregon) County to offer the building that formerly housed the Portland Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) to house those who are medically fragile.

“We are excited about being able to engage,” said Cascade Divisional Commander Major Nancy Dihle. “We needed to really create a sense of safety in an environment that has become more and more fearful.”

Alaska Divisional Commander Major John Brackenbury noted that historically it takes situations longer to affect Alaska than the lower 48 states; however, one of the division’s biggest concerns is food insecurity in the villages. “We’re working with the state and military [to see] if there are any ways we can bring in food via helicopters,” he said in March 17’s teleconference.

In a Facebook video message March 17, California South Divisional Commander Lt. Colonel John Chamness said: “These are challenging times, but let me assure you all, The Salvation Army has been dealing with challenging times in Southern

These are challenging times, but let me assure you all, The Salvation Army has been dealing with challenging times in Southern California for more than 130 years and we are determined to be there for communities in need during this COVID-19 virus pandemic.

With prayer, and God’s grace, we will increase our capacity to help

—JOHN CHAMNESS, LT. COLONEL

California for more than 130 years and we are determined to be there for communities in need during this COVID-19 virus pandemic.” He went on to say that the Army is mobilizing its resources to get food and supplies to people in need. “With prayer, and God’s grace, we will increase our capacity to help,” he said.

The College for Officer Training (CFOT) at Crestmont ceased its normal schedule as of March 16 to allow cadets to assist with California South’s Emergency Disaster Services. Earlier, as a precaution, CFOT canceled the cadets’ annual Spring Blitz in the field. “We will do what is needed,” CFOT Principal Major Nigel Cross said.

Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Divisional Commander Major Jeff Martin said the Revolution Hawaii team—based at Camp Homelani—will provide outreach and assist nearby corps during the week. The camp is available to the government as needed and can be used as a quarantine center. On Guam, where resources are scarce, Family Service Center staff are making their own hand sanitizers from aloe vera and alcohol. The Republic of Marshall Islands has no reported cases of COVID-19. “[This] is a blessing as they are considered one of the

lowest on the scale of countries who can effectively deal with the virus,” Martin said.

Following CDC and government recommendations, the Intermountain Division has canceled large meetings and some other non-essential group meetings. “The Salvation Army cares deeply for our clients, staff, volunteers and community,” Divisional Commander Major Mike Dickinson said. “While we’re here all year long, we are stepping up our efforts during this time of uncertainty to be there for those who need us.”

In the midst of the coronavirus crisis, the Intermountain Division also dealt with an earthquake in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 18, and an EDS team was onsite to assist first responders at a wildfire outside of Conifer, Colorado, the previous night.

Since it includes one of the early epicenters of COVID-19, the Northwest Division, led by Lt. Colonel Bill Dickinson, quickly adjusted how it conducts social services and worship services. Early on, in King, Snohomish and Pierce Counties, senior activities were suspended through the end of March, in-person church services were suspended, and food bank clients will now register at the door before entering. **INFC**

## Majors Darren, LeAnn Trimmer: Choosing joy in quarantine

Reno Corps Officers Majors Darren and LeAnn Trimmer detained after a cruise.

As of March 11, Reno (Nevada) Corps Officers and Washoe County Coordinators Majors Darren and LeAnn Trimmer are quarantined on a military base in California for 14 days, after returning from a cruise.

BY LEANN TRIMMER, MAJOR

We were confined to our cabins on the cruise ship for one week beginning Wednesday, March 4. The day before, we’d been told the ship was altering course and heading for San Francisco because a passenger from the previous voyage had contracted Coronavirus. We saw the handwriting on the wall and made some preparations, like doing laundry. We remained on the ship until March 11.

During this time, the situation was changing by the minute. The Captain and crew were making adjustments to norms quickly. What was frustrating for the passengers were the lack of information and the frequent changes—decisions that were out of the Captain’s control. They worked to make life as good as possible under the conditions: they opened up internet access, made more movies available, started sending activity packs and provided a mental health service.

When we finally disembarked we thought we’d be returning to Nevada; this was the information the Governor’s



Majors LeAnn and Darren Trimmer

office had shared. However, we are currently at a military base in California that has hotels on site for military families. We are housed here, and our hosts are working to make us as comfortable as possible. They are friendly, helpful and as accommodating as they can be. The quarantine order we are under is for 14 days. We’ve developed a bit of a routine—and I will say it is a good thing my husband and I like each other!

We maintain contact with family and friends. They’ve been great, adding some variety and humor to our days. The first contact we had with other passengers since our cabin confinement was when we disembarked and were moved to our current location. Our fellow passengers expressed varying responses, most in good humor. One

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Lts. Ryan and Jennifer Bearchell and family

Instead of driving to the corps every day, we walk downstairs. Our ministry here has truly focused on relationships. The corps does not have programs every day—in fact most weeks we do not have more than a few. Instead, our time is largely spent visiting people in their homes, meeting for coffee (which lasts at least two hours) and growing relationships. It has been an adjustment to focus less on the busyness and more on growing deeper with people.

Italy is a wonderful country and we love where we are. We encounter struggles: simple communication can be hard, walking every day can get old...and now we’re on a country-wide lockdown. But we wouldn’t change any of it. We have seen God do so much for us in this short time already. Our family has grown closer, and our dependence on God has grown so much more.

With the mandatory closure, I’m using this time to clean the chapel and do repairs where I can. Our church body has a text group and we are always texting with them and sending Scripture verses of encouragement. We make sure to call those we can and send Facebook or email messages to some as well. Most people we talk to are fine, they are just very worried. We’re reminding everyone to remain patient and to use the time to rest. We’ve asked our corps people to work on future ministry ideas while they’re at home.

One of the things I love most about The Salvation Army is that each appointment is so unique. Being the hands and feet of God—even in this particularly unique time—is an honor and I am glad we have been given the opportunity to be here doing his will.

A Dio sia la gloria per sempre! **INFC**

## Silvercrests prepare seniors for coronavirus

BY HILLARY JACKSON

The CDC reports older adults are at a higher risk of contracting Coronavirus—they’re also the primary population of The Salvation Army’s Silvercrest facilities, apartment-style communities for low-income seniors.

Throughout the west, Silvercrest managers are monitoring their local health agencies for information to share with residents, Silvercrest Executive Director Susan Lawrence said.

“We are concerned because we know our residents are potentially in the high risk categories,” Lawrence said. “We are educating our residents about the virus and asking them to practice safe interactions including replacing handshakes and kisses with non contact greetings. We’ve increased our cleaning protocols for the common areas and touch points throughout the Silvercrests. We’ve eliminated open food, offering instead individually wrapped snacks and drinks.”

At the Santa Rosa (California) Silvercrest, managers are working hard to make sure residents feel calm and have posted the latest CDC information at eye level so information is available.

“If I encounter someone who asks me, ‘What do you think of this?’ and they are wide eyed, I deescalate them immediately,” said Service Coordinator Stephanie Hopkins, who then refers them to the CDC information of which she keeps updated.

While Silvercrest is an apartment community, not a care facility, residents are reminded their personal safety is their responsibility. Staff at the residence are working overtime to keep communal areas clean, and have ample supplies of tissue, cleaning products, hand sanitizer and soap for use in those areas.

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THE GENERAL'S EASTER MESSAGE

# HEALED AND MADE WHOLE



“WE HAVE PEACE  
WITH GOD BECAUSE  
OF ALL THAT WAS  
ACCOMPLISHED  
BY JESUS”

BY BRIAN PEDDLE, GENERAL

*Surely he took on our infirmities and carried our sorrows; yet we considered him stricken by God, struck down and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed.*

*We all like sheep have gone astray, each one has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

—Isaiah 53:4-6 (Berean Study Bible)

**THE** Easter Message is the most profound, true, life-changing, life-giving message we can ever hear, respond to and participate in. In short, the Easter story is the culmination of God's plan of salvation for the redemption and restoration of humanity. Such unconditional sacrificial love unleashes the mercy, grace and forgiveness of God. We should be experiencing boundless joy, caught up in awe and wonder, celebrating our new-found freedom and living in a new dynamic relationship with the Almighty.

We see in these verses from Isaiah just what God has done for us in Jesus. In going to the Cross, Jesus does something extremely positive, yet it involves him being subjected to pain, ridicule, brokenness and separation from the Father with whom he has shared a deep intimacy for all eternity. Jesus takes on everything that is negative, destructive and painful. This display of genuine, unconditional and sacrificial love is unparalleled in human history.

Even as we read and consider what Jesus takes on himself, we sense a release, an unburdening and a freedom. Jesus takes on our infirmities and carries our sorrows. Yes, there is a glimpse of the humanity of Jesus here as the Word that *became flesh* (John 1:14)—fully human while fully divine—understands the frailty, weakness and imperfection on a personal level. Having said that, we need to recognize that there is much more going on.

Jesus is doing more than identifying with us. He is taking on our weaknesses, infirmities and sorrows so that we don't have to carry them. Link that opening statement to Philippians 4:6-7 (*Do not be anxious about anything*) and 1 Peter 5:7 (*Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you*) to better understand what is offered to us in Jesus. Look again at what happens to Jesus—he is pierced, crushed, punished and wounded. Why would Jesus accept all of that? Why would God allow his only Son to endure all of that?

Another read of the verses from Isaiah illuminates what we receive through this sacrifice—peace and healing for ourselves. The punishment inflicted upon Jesus brings us peace. We experience healing because Jesus was wounded. It is almost beyond our understanding, but a horribly painful moment brings us healing and a horrifically violent act brings us everlasting peace.

There is something of an unfair transaction going on that demonstrates the extravagance of God and his unmerited favor that we call grace. There is also something profoundly theological, sacrificial and covenantal taking place.

The sacrificial code and practices we find in the Old Testament are there to atone for our sins and imperfections. Here on the Cross, the spotless Lamb of God pays the ultimate sacrifice once and for all, ushering us into a new dispensation of grace and deliverance.

We have peace with God because of all that was accomplished by Jesus, and this peace is experienced by having faith in Jesus (see Romans 5:1: *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*). Yes, it's that straightforward—we don't have to complicate it!

The Easter story doesn't end with Calvary. Easter Sunday is about resurrection and new life. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 we are reminded that *If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!* The old reality of being held captive by sin, of death being our final enemy, is gone! On Easter Sunday, we rise to new life in Christ—that new life is eternal life, it encapsulates victory over sin and death, it includes our healing and wholeness, it is a life of deep peace (Isaiah 26:3: *You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you*).

This Easter, you can experience healing and wholeness in Christ. It's why Jesus came to earth. It's what God desires most for you. [JNFC](#)

# Special needs conference builds confidences, gives practical tips

Concord Corps learns from Northern California Disability Ministry Conference

BY CARAMIE PETROWSKI

Last fall, Corps Officer Major Ann-Marguerite Jones took the time to learn how to better love all members of the Concord (California) Corps, including those with special needs.

Jones, along with Territorial Director of Special Needs Ministries Captain Christina Arnold and two leaders from the corps, traveled to Mountain View, California, to attend the Northern California Disability Ministry Conference at the Abundant Life Christian Fellowship.

Two children and one adult in the Concord Corps are on the autism spectrum, and Jones wanted to learn more about autism and how she can best serve those in the congregation who are on the spectrum.

Conferences such as these are “incredibly important,” Arnold said.

“Trainings help remove some of the misconceptions of disability ministry, build confidence in the leaders and give practical tips for common barriers,” Arnold said. “The Salvation Army has a long history of reaching the marginalized for Christ, and the special needs community is one of the most marginalized groups in the world.”

At the conference, Jones learned there are more than the five senses—taste, touch, smell, hearing and sight—including proprioception (body awareness or where you are in space), vestibular (sense of movement or sense of balance), nociception (sense of pain) and thermoception (sense of heat or cold).

“This explained why some of our kids and adults have more challenges listening because they are actually more aware



In September 2019, (left to right) Ellen Frank, Major Ann-Marguerite Jones, Major Willdonna Rich and Captain Christina Arnold attended the Northern California Disability Ministry Conference at the Abundant Life Christian Fellowship together. |Photo courtesy Ann-Marguerite Jones

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—CHRISTINA ARNOLD, CAPTAIN

or sensitive to the things around them and struggle to process within themselves and those exterior elements at the same time,” Jones said.

Prior to the conference, Jones thought she’d need to develop a new program to help accommodate those with special needs in the corps. The answer turned out to be much more simple.

“We don’t necessarily need another program, we just need to take extra care in loving them by providing individual care,” she said.

Arnold agreed. “Ministry to those affected by disabilities, like all ministry, starts with relationships,” she said.

It can be as simple as finding a volunteer to walk alongside them or to sit with them during church or in the classroom.

“When we do this, we’re also serving their family,” Jones said.

Many families with children with special needs don’t go to church because they don’t want to disturb others or feel embarrassed.

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# Kenai Corps welcomes ‘wigglers’

Corps finds a creative accommodation for an active child.

BY KAREN GLEASON

The Salvation Army welcomes everyone, including those with special needs. It’s a promise—and sometimes it’s a challenge.

The Kenai (Alaska) Corps faced that challenge some time ago when a new family came to the corps, where Envoys Craig and Jeannie Fanning are in charge. The family included a woman with a newborn baby girl and a young son.

“When this family came to our corps, their son was . . . very busy,” Jeannie Fanning said. “You can tell the difference between a child acting out, and a child who is extremely busy. I knew he could not sit still.”



|Photo courtesy Kenai Corps

Fanning said he just couldn’t stop his body from moving. During children’s church, while everyone was watching videos, his constant movement became distracting to the other children.

“I really loved this little guy and didn’t want to separate him from the other children, but I knew I had to figure out a way so he wasn’t causing a distraction,” she said. Fanning also learned the boy was homeschooled because the schools weren’t receptive to having him in a traditional classroom.

Fanning came up with an idea, the “wobble wall,” and she got the teen group involved. The plan was to paint one of the walls in the multi-purpose room.

“This would be a special wall,” she said. “The rules were: you could not make noise, but you could wiggle on that wall.”

The wobble wall was a success. It worked exactly as Fanning had envisioned.

“Some of the other kids wanted to be on that wall, too, but the rules stood—no noise,” she said. “I allowed the kids without wobble issues because I didn’t want our little man with wobble issues to feel separated or ‘different.’”

After a while, when the novelty wore off, the kids who didn’t need the wall didn’t bother with it anymore.

Later, while a video was playing during summer Vacation Bible School, the boy walked over to Fanning and whispered: “I really need that wall.”

Fanning said he went right over to the wall and all was well. With the wobble wall, Fanning had created a way to accommodate an individual with a special need,

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# ‘Love is Kind’ project raises \$4,000 for Salvation Army World Services

Cameron Helms shares a biblical truth with his World Services fundraiser.

BY KAREN GLEASON

“Love is kind.” That’s the simple, but powerful, message on the “Camegram,” a recent fundraiser for The Salvation Army’s World Services executed by Cameron Helms, 27, who attends the Torrance (California) Corps.

The Camegram has a wooden base with a plexiglass insert upon which Helms inscribed—on each one—that important, biblical truth. For about a month this winter, supporters could purchase one for a \$20 or more donation to World Services.

As an individual with special needs, Helms looks for ways to be included and to make a positive difference in the world, according to his mother, Major Nancy Helms, Director of Field Training at the College for Officer Training at Crestmont. She helped him develop the fundraising project, which he embraced wholeheartedly.

Nancy Helms promoted the project on Facebook, and it took off—orders for Camegrams exceeded expectations. As the project came to an end, the total amount received for World Services was just over \$4,000, and Facebook users continue to post



Cameron Helms with his “Camegrams” for World Services.

photos of their Camegrams with the hashtag, #loveiskind.

Nancy Helms said the project was “lots of work,” but definitely worth it.

“People value Cameron and want him to have a voice,” she said.

Even the local post office got on board. When Cameron and his mom came in to mail the Camegrams, the employees wanted updates on how many had been sold—his enthusiasm was contagious.

Many people responded with gratitude via Facebook.

“What a powerful ministry Cam has,” said Major Ronalee Fenrich. “God is using him in a precious way, to spread a beautiful and clear message about what it means to live for Jesus. I am so honored to have my own Camegram!”

Cameron Helms was born with multiple special needs; an illness caused deafness, as well as cognitive delays and cerebral palsy due to brain damage. He communicates with American Sign Language. His project will provide funding for Salvation Army projects dedicated to improving the health, educational, social, mental and spiritual conditions of people living in the world’s underdeveloped nations, where \$4,000 can go a long way toward implementing positive change.

“It’s meant a great deal to Cam to be included in the Church and have a voice,” Nancy Helms said. “[The project] will help touch so many lives around the world.”

She summed up the impact: the Camegram encourages those who purchased one and others who will see it; it empowers people; it helps World Services; it’s given Cameron a place and a voice. The two are already thinking about what Cameron can do for next year’s World Services campaign.

“Though the project has come to an end, the love and kindness that have been given through each donation will continue on and reach far beyond our little corner of the world,” Helms said. **JNFC**

# Western Youth Department releases disability training videos

“Learning to Love” series aims to equip youth leaders.

BY HILLARY JACKSON

The West’s Territorial Youth Department began the roll-out of “Learning to Love,” a three-part video series aimed to equip youth leaders to better understand and serve those with disabilities, March 2.

The videos are hosted on the SAY Network website and will be released every other week. As disability is both widespread and nuanced, the 10-minute videos will focus on physical disability, autism and ADHD. The videos include interviews with both parents of those with disabilities and experts and take the perspective of a youth worker.

The idea for the videos stemmed from the department’s past annual Boot Camp, which included a workshop on special needs ministry for youth leaders. After the department stopped holding the event, it didn’t stop the need for special needs ministry training. Eighty percent of families with special needs children don’t attend church, according to Journal of Religion article “Religion and Disability: The Experiences of Families of Children With Special Needs.”

“When we cut [Boot Camp], we recognized youth leaders still needed training,” said Youth Event and Project Manager Heather St-Aimé.

St-Aimé and Youth Media Producer Abraham Guevara set out to create a resource for special needs that would have a similar impact to the old workshop. Before she started the project, St-Aimé thought she’d devote one video to special needs ministries. As she became more informed, it became apparent the department needed to do more.

The pair spent 14 months researching and connecting with experts and parents of those with disabilities in an effort to help those in ministry better understand the special



needs population and their families, by bringing awareness and breaking down barriers.

“I hope that they start seeing the people with disabilities and seeing their actual needs and feeling more confident in meeting them,” St-Aimé said. “I want them to be aware the needs exist, the people exist, the people want to be included...I want them to feel called to action.”

In the first video centering around physical disabilities, Major Nancy Helms, College for Officer Training at Crestmont Director of Field Training, talks about her experience raising her son, Cameron Helms, in the church. Cameron was born with brain damage and is deaf and has cerebral palsy.

“I want them to take Cameron because they want him,” Helms said in the video. “I would say for most special needs parents in the church, they don’t want to have to be the burden. They want somebody else to realize their kid’s special without the parent having to tell them.”

In the same video, the team interviews Pastor Jennifer Felix, who has spent more than a decade at Crossroads Church in Corona, California, serving those with disabilities. Felix gives suggestions about how the church can be

more inclusive, like using person-first language. Instead of saying the “autistic boy,” say “the boy with autism” or simply use his name.

“Individuals with disabilities are hungry for friendships and for relationships in the same way that we are,” Felix said in the video. “The church needs to pave the way in that displaying that each person with a disability has intrinsic value.”

In addition to the “Learning to Love” videos, the youth department will have special needs ministry resources available on its website, including books, articles, and a youth profile that every corps can do. St-Aimé said they are working on an inclusive resource for the three most commonly requested troops emblems, too.

“I’ve been in church ministry my whole life, but none of us ever were proactive in taking steps to help,” said Guevara. A dad himself, he started seeing the situation from the special need parents’ perspective from behind the camera.

“The attitude was humility and a willingness to learn,” he said. “I think those things have affected me at church and my daughter’s school...My eyes have been opened.” **INFC**

## Cal South relaunches Orange Sunday school curriculum

BY VIVIAN LOPEZ

The California South Division recently relaunched the Orange Sunday school curriculum in an effort to get each of its corps to adopt it. The program debuted nationwide in 2017. However, the division found that many corps were still not using it in their programming.

“We see the value in the Orange curriculum...but not all corps were utilizing it as they should be,” said Sarah Stillson, California South Divisional Youth Program Specialist.

The idea for the relaunch came from the Cascade Division’s Orange Awareness Month. Last October—which also happened to be during the Cascade Officers’ Councils—“Orange Awareness kits” were distributed with printed curriculum for each age group, classroom decorations and a flash drive with all the downloaded Orange material for October through December 2019.

“The material is very good and relatable to the people of our division,” said Captain Silvia Simoes, Cascade Divisional Youth and Candidate’s Secretary. “We still have corps that we are trying to get to use the curriculum to realize this. However, the corps that do use Orange say how amazing it is.”

The Cascade Division also give out awards for different categories of Orange curriculum implementation. Cal South’s youth department reached out to them for more details after seeing a post about it on their Facebook page and decided to do the same.

The Cal South Division rolled out the program again in February. Except this time, Orange materials were compiled and provided to each corps to make it more accessible and easier to implement within their congregations. Corps officers received boxes with printed material for all age groups—including adults—and a flash drive with all the curriculum video downloads during Officer’s Councils in January.

There is a Spanish Orange curriculum available, but no videos in the language are available. So, additional guidance is being provided to the division’s Spanish-speaking corps.

Since then, Stillson said more officers are showing interest in using it again or for the first time at their corps.

“The goal is just to get them using a little bit of [the curriculum], and then just gradually they can use more and more of it,” Stillson said.

Anaheim (California) Red Shield Corps Officer Captain Allison Struck and Escondido (California) Corps Officer Lt. Denise Litreal have long implemented the program at their corps and are excited for the relaunch.

“It can be time-consuming to get the [Orange] material together to make it ready...for Sunday morning,” Struck said. “Making the materials a little more accessible removes one more barrier.”

“It’s really nice that they put everything in organized file folders labeled for each age group,” Litreal added. “It made it really easy.”

They both stressed how simple it was to implement at their corps.



Youth from the Anaheim Red Shield Corps participate in an activity from the Orange Curriculum.

“As corps officers, it is incredibly easy to use,” Litreal said. “I like that my teachers don’t have to spend a ton of time planning and the meat of the material is already there.”

“All of the hard work is already done. It’s just a matter of setting aside a little time each week or each month to get all of the material ready to go,” Struck added. “But it makes it easy for volunteers, fun for kids and meaningful for parents.”

David Witthoff, Salvation Army Western Territory Christian Education Director for Discipleship, is optimistic about the Orange relaunches occurring in divisions across the territory.

“When we launched it, there was a perception that it was just a curriculum with lessons and activities. But it’s really a

strategy for ministry that seeks to bring the influence of parents together with the influence of the church to lead children to follow Jesus,” Witthoff said. “The premise is that this combination of home and church has the greatest potential to influence children for Jesus. So that makes the relaunch especially helpful in that it can correct that misunderstanding from early on.”

He hopes it will have a positive impact on Sunday school curriculum in the West for years to come.

“We want to bring children into a life-long relationship with Jesus,” Witthoff said. “And if we can help corps officers and leaders understand the effectiveness of this strategy, I think we’ll see more buy-in and even growth from implementing the strategy in our corps.” **INFC**

# Street Level van outreach nets permanent housing results

Implementing 'The Way Out' in Washington's King County

BY KAREN GLEASON

When the Street Level van heads out into King County, Washington, people take notice—it's hard to miss the colorful Salvation Army vehicle. An outreach of The Salvation Army Seattle Social Services, Street Level ministers to people experiencing homelessness by building relationships and establishing trust between service team members and those coming to them for help. The ministry has produced significant results in placing people in permanent housing, doing its part for The Way Out initiative—thanks to these strong relationships.

In 2019, Street Level committed to permanently housing 21 people. Instead, of 210 individuals encountered, the team permanently housed 142 of them. The goal for 2020 was set at 32, and in January, 20 people were permanently housed—more than 50 percent of the annual goal in the first month of the year.

"I'm proud to be working here," said Jonathan Schultz, Outreach and Community Engagement Specialist for Seattle Social Services. "I was instructed to house two people each month—I'm happy to say I have succeeded in that goal."

Currently, Street Level has just one van, but the Northwest Division hopes to expand the program.

"We have a vision to expand to multiple vehicles that would spread out across the county, including in Downtown Seattle," said Northwest Divisional General Secretary Captain Jonathan Harvey.

The team typically goes out four days a week, sometimes more, to conduct outreach.

"We also take every opportunity presented to us," said Schultz. "I can think of at least three occasions where one of us went into a business and ended up serving someone we happened to meet there."

Recently, Seattle's King 5 News reported on the program's success in helping



The Salvation Army Street Level outreach team ministers despite inclement weather

people in the more underserved cities outside of Seattle, including Kent, Auburn and Renton. Per the terms of the program's HUD contract, Street Level's current focus is South King County, which has seen increases in people living in their vehicles or on the streets.

In 2019, the Federal Way Mirror reported an "astonishing increase in homelessness throughout South King County" after the annual One Night Count for the Homeless, citing a 68 percent increase, possibly due to the dismantling of homeless camps in Seattle.

Schultz emphasized the partnership between the team and clients is the key element in Street Level's success. Taking services to the front lines of need is also essential—these individuals often do not have the means to transport themselves to service providers. The Street Level van is equipped to provide client interviews and case management in the field.

Partnerships and networking have helped the program, with community leaders, housing entities, social service agencies and law enforcement all supporting the program. The team often works with Multi-Service Center, Catholic Community Services, Mary's Place and WYCA.

Team members can assist in documentation gathering, transportation needs and other challenges that may arise in the housing process. Housing stability plans are developed based on the needs of each individual or household.

A Street Level team offers warm beverages and basic necessities like socks and personal hygiene products. The program also hosts regular gatherings that provide food, worship music and a devotional message. Thanks to partnerships with Operation Nightwatch and Community Dinners, gatherings now occur every Tuesday, when about 100 meals are served. Ultimately, the goal—through relationship-building—is to guide people onto the path to permanent housing.

Street Level continues to keep in touch with people once they secure permanent housing. Should they face homelessness again, they can reach out to Street Level for further assistance.

"We try to provide opportunities for our people to build community," Schultz said. "We often invite them to local corps. What it comes down to is that we make sure we are available to them and that they know they can reach out to us if they need help." **INFC**

## Street Level comes full circle



OVER THE YEARS, the Street Level outreach ministry has had its ups and downs and has appeared in different cities. Lts. Chris and Erin Wikle started Street Level while

attending the Seattle Temple Corps as soldiers. They hoped to plant a viable downtown corps through the outreach. Despite their considerable efforts, the plan lacked sufficient financial backing and eventually failed.

"Chris and I took a leap—one we weren't really ready for, to be honest—and began this ministry almost 15 years ago...the birthing of something new and hard in downtown Seattle amongst the marginalized and disregarded [and] a result of vision casting alongside some amazing people whom we really admire," Erin Wikle said.

Meanwhile, Majors Phil and Lawry Smith—then Lieutenants—were stationed in San Francisco as Harbor Light Directors and Lighthouse Corps Officers. During the Western Territory's Aggressive Christianity conference, Phil Smith discovered a Street Level t-shirt and some postcards describing the ministry.

"I was completely taken by the mental image God gave me just from the words 'Street Level,'" Smith said. "There was just something special about it."

He said it was that moment he felt God calling him to homeless ministry.

In 2009, Smith started Street Level Santa Barbara (California), which grew into a corps ministry staple there. The Smiths were appointed to Seattle in 2015 as Social Services Directors, where they were able to revive Street Level after securing some government grants. During this time, a cadet brigade came to Seattle to serve in the field—and the brigade included Chris and Erin Wikle.

"We were all off and running with amazing opportunities to conduct some truly amazing outreach that week," Smith said.

And Street Level had come full circle.

"I'm amazed to see how God has grown it, changed it and continues to use it. It's incredibly humbling," Wikle said. **INFC**

# Pen Pal Project connects young Salvationists across the globe

BY MELISSA LANDON

Though The Salvation Army operates in more than 130 countries around the world, many young Salvationists have yet to visit a corps overseas. Western Territory Teen and Young Adult Mission and Communications Director Megan Villalpando and the Territorial Youth Department developed the Pen Pal Project to pave the way for youth in The Salvation Army in the United States to communicate with Salvationists who live abroad.

"Our goal is to connect our youth on a global level," Villalpando said. "We would like to bridge the gap between our corps here in the Western Territory and territories overseas."

The Pen Pal Project is new, but several students between the ages of 6 and 16 have signed up, and some are still waiting to be assigned a pen pal. "We have 17 youth signed up from overseas—from the Bedlington Corps in England—and 29 signed up from the Western Territory—the Santa Ana Temple Corps in California," Villalpando said.

Youth who sign up for the Pen Pal Project will be matched with an overseas pen pal of the same gender and similar age. After signing up and getting matched with a pen pal, youth can use a template to send the first letter and get the conversation started. Participants are encouraged to discuss their hobbies, church and city, but leave

“We would like to bridge the gap between our corps here in the Western Territory and territories overseas.”

—MEGAN VILLALPANDO

out personal details like home addresses. Letters may be exchanged through the corps. Social media accounts and photos should only be exchanged with parental permission. Participants are encouraged to write back within two weeks, but pen pals can write to each other as often as they like.

Lucero Camacho, Senior Administrative Corps Assistant at the Santa Ana Corps, is eager for the girls in her corps to learn about Salvation Army corps outside of the U.S.

"I'm excited for them to be able to communicate and develop a friendship with fellow Salvationists," Camacho said. "One of our girls who signed up for the Pen Pal Project wrote in her initial letter that she hoped to one day meet



her pen pal in person, perhaps at an event. So I'm really excited for them to create long-time friendships."

In England, several young Salvationists are preparing to send their first letters to their new pen pals in North America. Major Sheryl Clarke, Commanding Officer at Bedlington Corps, said, "One of my goals is to allow the youth here as well as in America to learn the differences they have not only in daily living but also in wor-

ship. I think it's a great opportunity for the youth to interact with each other from around the world."

Currently, the Pen Pal Project is only open to the U.S. Western Territory. "Someone from the USA Southern Territory signed up, and I encouraged her to go speak with her missions or youth department to see if they'd be open to coordinating something on their own," Villalpando said. "I think it would be really cool if the Pen Pal Project served as a model for other territories who want to connect their youth globally." **INFC**

## CORONAVIRUS

# COVID-19 poses major threat to homeless as two crises converge

The Salvation Army is one of many service providers working to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Some regions in the U.S. have enacted “shelter-in-place” policies, while others are heeding the Centers for Disease Control’s guidelines on social distancing. Officials say the outbreak has still yet to reach its peak and recommend residents stay home and avoid public spaces when possible and wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds to limit the spread.

But what about when your home doubles as a public space and there’s no place to wash your hands at all?

Most of the half a million-plus people living on the streets in the U.S. simply can’t take that advice. For many facing homelessness, who often convene in encampments and struggle with pre-existing health conditions, the best-case scenario in the short-term is securing a bed in an overnight shelter.

“For our clients, our shelters are home,” said Alexa Morris, Director of Communications and Marketing for The Salvation Army Cascade Division. “We have to make it feel that way right now.”

Across the territory, shelters are making every effort to prohibit all non-essential campus visits and promote effective hygiene and frequent hand washing and keep tabs on guests who have a “new, worse or different cough,” and require any guests with a cough to wear a face mask.

In Orange County, California, The Salvation Army began conducting weekly drills March 16 at its area shelters that model shelter-wide quarantine events of 14 and 21-day durations. They’re also thermal scanning everyone



[Photo by Jon Tyson]

who is requesting entrance to the shelter, including staff and residents.

“The homeless, on average, are less healthy, and may have weakened immune systems, which make them more vulnerable to contract SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes the COVID-19 disease), given the same exposure,” said Chunhuei Chi, Director for the Center of Global Health, at Oregon State University. “The sheltered population are often in a rather crowded space, which also increases the likelihood of exposure to this virus. Once infected, their symptoms and consequences may also be worse than that of the general population.”

According to the CDC, COVID-19 is most likely to be transmitted between people if someone is within six feet of an infected person so they recommend a six-foot buffer between the beds of people showing signs of COVID-19 and those who are not.

Yet, even with such precautions taken, according to the risk of someone facing homelessness contracting COVID-19 still far surpasses that of the general population.

The unsheltered population, he added, can not only transmit the disease to others more easily, but it’s also extremely difficult for health authorities to track down who might be exposed and at risk of contracting the disease. **JNFC**

## Two ways to address the emotional and spiritual care of response teams

BY PATRICK LYONS, CAPTAIN

Our emotional capacity to serve directly influences the level of service we give. Translated—we cannot serve well when we are spiritually and emotionally depleted. We must strengthen the emotional and spiritual care of our teams as they provide emergency disaster services to communities during this coronavirus pandemic.

First, take time to do something as a team each day—a meal, staff briefing or mandatory group coffee break. Whatever it is, this time helps each member feel “plugged in,” valued and connected with others. Share a Scripture verse or encouraging thought that lets them know you value them for who they are as individuals, not just the work they do for The Salvation Army. Remind the team that its members minister to one another just as much as we minister to those coming to us for services.

Second, it’s also important to look for the following warning signs in your team:

- Is anyone withdrawn during these group times? Are they responding to other people’s interest in them in a healthy way? Are they disconnecting from group participation or interpersonal interaction with others?
- Are people not eating or sleeping well because of stress or emotional distress?
- Emotional displays, such as tears, are normal. Be on the lookout for when emotional displays are uncontrollable or happen at inappropriate times.

As you move into this ministry time, here’s a prayer: *Father, I ask you to go before, beside and behind your servants. Keep them safe, healthy and strong. May the glory of the Lord be their rear guard. In Jesus’ name! Amen.* **JNFC**

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families with at least six kids in the home but it goes up to 12 kids in one family,” said Corps Officer Captain Stacy Antonovich. “The school is offering both breakfast and lunch, but each child has to be present at the school at two separate times a day to get those. With parents working that means those kids would be walking back and forth twice a day which doesn’t help minimize the points of contact and isn’t safe for the kids.”

On March 16, the first day kids in the area were out of school, The Salvation Army delivered just over 300 meals around the neighborhood to the kids from its program and others who needed lunch.

“When contacting those families, nine of them asked for an additional food box because they need the help,” Antonovich said.

Similarly, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, The Salvation Army has partnered with Santa Fe Public Schools, Communities in Schools and Hope Unlimited Church to provide extended breakfast and lunch distribution to kids in a curbside pickup format in at least seven area locations through early April. Corps Officer Lt. Immanuel Beeson said the Santa Fe Corps is also dropping off meals throughout the community for those in need.

“Today was a good day,” Beeson said March 17. “We were able to deliver approximately 393 meals to children in need. Tomorrow we do it again!”

In Roseville, California, The Salvation Army is calling on symptom-free volunteers to pack lunch and activity bags for kids that will be distributed each Thursday to their

homes, along with food bags for seniors in need. The bags for those ages 4–17 will have a different theme each week, from St. Patrick’s Day to welcoming spring, animal fun and Easter. Next week, a mini pot, soil and seeds will encourage the kids to plant.

“We originally wanted to do a mini-day camp for kids out of school but shifted to these deliveries to keep things light and fun for the kids and work within city recommendations for gatherings,” said Lt. Stephanie Pavlakis, Roseville Corps Officer, who is working with the local school district to ensure helpful materials are sent home to kids. “I have two little ones, so I know a whole day locked in the house can feel like a lot. So we thought of this with a goal to ease the burden for the parents a little bit.”

They’ve pulled out leftover items from school drives, vacation Bible schools and other donations to use. Five members of the corps and advisory board signed up to pack the bags this week and another five to make deliveries.

“Our drivers will wear Emergency Disaster Services vests and it might have to be a no contact drop off, but we’re hoping to greet at the door to say hi,” she said. As of March 17, 30 children from corps programs are currently on the list and Pavlakis said they’ve now opened sign ups to the community, advertising via Facebook and a press release. “We want to keep the kids connected to us and remind them we’re a safe place and safe people for them. Expanding beyond that, we hope to introduce other families to programs The Salvation Army has to offer and keep kids entertained with

simple, fun things.”

In other locations, client choice food pantries are shifting to pre-packed boxes to limit the handling of food or from congregate meals in the main dining area to room-to-room delivery at the Phoenix Emergency Family Shelter, where they are also doing case management by phone instead of face-to-face.

With a “shelter in place” directive in Santa Cruz County in California until April 7, The Salvation Army is continuing to shelter more than 120 people a night, providing a daily breakfast and dinner.

“We are encouraging our homeless friends to shower as often as available and wash hands regularly,” said Captain Angel Marquez, Corps Officer and County Coordinator, noting two hand washing stations recently received from the city for the building entrance.

Emergency food bags continue to be available to the general public and the weekly fresh produce was distributed March 17.

“Usually the produce is ‘farmer’s market’ style, but we pre-bagged and gave out the groceries at the door,” Marquez said. “We were also blessed to begin a new partnership a few months ago with the local Nazarene Church. They felt God calling them to give out diapers and contacted us to distribute them. Because of their diaper donations, we have been able to supply over 25 families with diapers when store shelves were empty. We have more diapers and will continue to give them out as long as we have them available.” **JNFC**





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## COVID-19: Cadets at Bell Shelter

Cadets from the College for Officer Training (CFOT) at Crestmont served at Bell Shelter in Bell, California, in its Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) warehouse March 17. Due to the coronavirus crisis, Territorial Commander Commissioner Kenneth G. Hodder announced that CFOT classes would be suspended as of March 16 and that the cadets would assist California South's EDS response.

The cadets assembled containers for the division's corps with essential supplies including 24 cases of water (for 280 people), 48 cases of soup (for 200-plus families), two boxes of to-go containers for food distribution (for 400 meals), three boxes of hygiene kits, four boxes of tissues (for 500-plus people and four clean-up kits. Corps will be able to load the supplies directly into their EDS vehicles.

"I know that there's going to be a lot of need," said Cadet Amber Herzog. "I think

being able to pre-stage out and get ahead of the demand for the corps is really important because then we are being proactive about it and when there's need we're able to just jump in our van and take it straight to them as opposed to having to scramble and see what we have and then we're making sure each corps has what they need."

Several cadets commented on the personal impact of serving during the current crisis.

"Today I actually get to give back and be a part of helping society through this tough time, [when] in the past I used to take from society," Cadet Paul Chisolm said.

Cadet Ezequiel Hernandez agreed: "To help the community in the times of need—that's what we're called to do, to serve others. It's an amazing experience to be able to do that." **JNFC**

—With reporting by John Docter

# Kona's pier ministry gets an 'upgrade'



Lt. Raghel Santiago and volunteers from the Kona Corps serve guests at Share A Meal.

|Photo courtesy Kona Corps

Corps' feeding outreach grows thanks to local partnerships.

BY KAREN GLEASON

Kona (Hawaii) Corps Officers Lts. Jose (Bob) and Raghel Santiago are committed to the Thursday night food ministry they began when they first arrived at the corps in 2017 and witnessed the number of people experiencing homelessness, often looking for food in trash cans.

They began feeding people at the local pier every Thursday at 6 p.m., offering a hot meal and what they call "church time." The pier ministry became a staple in the community.

Recently, the ministry moved to a new

location—Hope Services, a local agency that helps people experiencing homelessness, which often refers people to The Salvation Army for food, clothes and other needs.

"The Lord has given us an 'upgrade,' because with our new location, we no longer need to bring tables, lanterns for light and worry about parking," Raghel Santiago said. "Because it is at a facility that already helps out the homeless people, we are serving more people, which means more hot meals and more spiritual food to feed the souls, too."

The ministry is now called "Share A Meal." In addition to food, the Santiagos want to bring hope to people in need. They are seeing results.

"Hope is definitely something that we try to give, especially to our homeless friends," Santiago said. "From the time that we have been doing this ministry of ours, I can say with confidence that at least 10 homeless friends have gotten employment and are no longer living on the streets."

To this end, the Santiagos build relationships with the people they meet at the outreach and work with them to find employment. They approach different businesses, like fast food restaurants or any place displaying "help wanted" signs, and ask for details about available positions. They then share the information with people at the Thursday night feeding or with those that come to the corps' food pantry. They help individuals fill out applications and prepare resumes.

"When we know somebody is serious, we give them a clothing voucher for clothes and shoes [from the Family Store] to wear when they come in for the job inquiry and interview to boost their self-esteem," Santiago said. "We also provide hygiene products so they can clean up and feel fresh in confidence, too."

Their efforts are paying off. Santiago spoke of Vanessa, whom they helped find work. She got into transitional housing and now, to give back, she volunteers at the corps' food pantry. Another individual, a regular at Share A Meal, stopped coming; the Santiagos had not seen him for months. One day, Raghel Santiago ran into him at a gas station while purchasing bottled water. He paid for her items and acknowledged that he hadn't been at the feeding for a long time. She asked if he was OK.

"The reason you haven't seen me is because I have been working full time," he said. "Please tell Lt. Bob 'thank you' for encouraging me not to lose hope in finding a job."

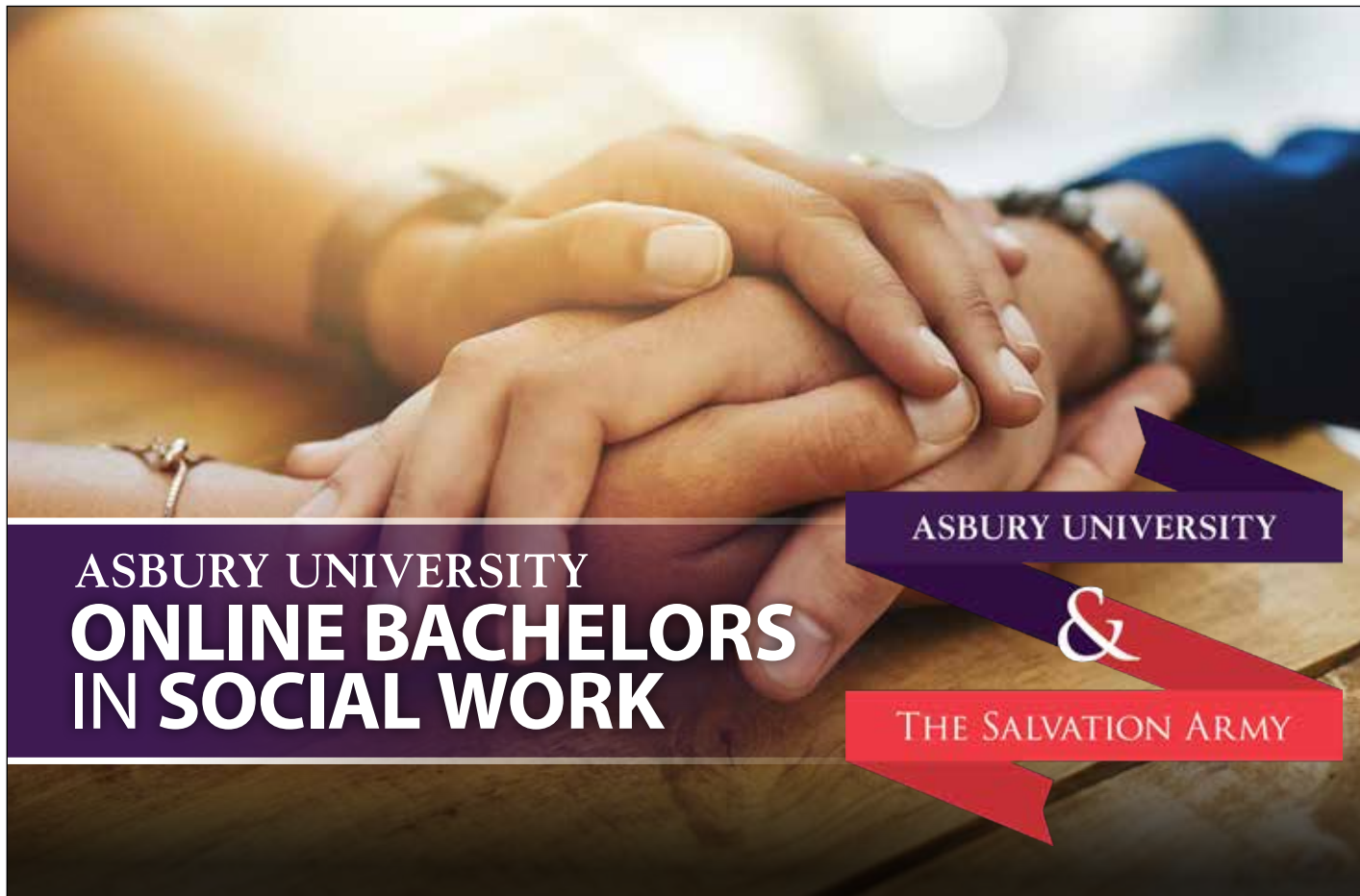
Santiago said she got teary-eyed as he hugged her goodbye. "That was such a wonderful day," she said.

Looking ahead, the Santiagos are developing more partnerships to grow their outreach in the community. Recently, they met with the Rotary Club of Kona, which asked them to partner in the "Meet and Eat" program on Wednesday evenings. The Rotary Club will purchase the food for the Santiagos to prepare and serve. In addition, the Rotary will give the corps money for its food pantry.

"God is good, because he is providing ways for us to be able to meet the needs here in Kona without worrying about how much the cost will hit the corps to keep these programs running," Santiago said.

For the Santiagos, it all comes down to trusting God to provide.

"When you do something in Jesus' name that somebody's soul and body can benefit from greatly, I know that the Lord will provide to make his glory shine," said Bob Santiago. "All we have to do is trust him and say, 'yes, Lord, I will and I can.'" **INFC**



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# A CENTURY OF COMPASSION: The Japanese Corps in the heart of Wyoming

Japanese Salvationists continue to worship in internment camps during World War II.

BY CLINTON TRIMMER, CAPTIAN

With the outbreak of war in December 1941, mistrust and fear swept through the United States. Americans of Japanese descent felt the hysteria particularly keenly as even lifelong neighbors began to question their loyalty. The anxiety following the Pearl Harbor attack led to Executive Order 9066, issued in February 1942, allowing the U.S. military to detain any person they deemed an enemy alien. This order applied to citizens, non-citizens, clergy and laity.

The Salvation Army Western Territory had every right to be concerned about how the exclusion of enemy aliens—which is how people of Japanese descent were classified—was going to affect its ministry. At that time, the Japanese Division was still coping with the loss of its beloved commander, Major Masasuke Kobayashi, who had been promoted to Glory the previous

year. He left behind the division that he helped form and had led for nearly three decades. With the outbreak of war, confusion and uncertainty added to the Japanese Salvationists' grief. Soon a new trial began, as the U.S. Army began relocating them to camps and centers further inland.

The Abe family from San Francisco were among the first to arrive at the camp in Wyoming—at Heart Mountain—which had opened Aug. 11, 1941. When the Abes arrived on Aug. 20, they found huts still constructed with tar paper; there hadn't been enough time to use proper siding. Although they were internees, the Abe father, Tozo, and the mother, Florence, saw an opportunity to continue God's call to serve suffering humanity.

Tozo and Florence Abe were Salvation Army officers, and they were about to begin the work of The Salvation Army inside the camp. Another set of Salvation Army officers, the Matsuchimas, arrived on Aug. 21, from Sacramento, California. These dedicated officers quickly got to work in their new appointment.

As the ranking officer, Tozo Abe was in command of the small force, which



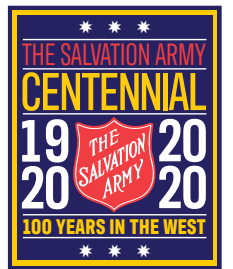
Japanese Salvationists during WWII at the Heart Mountain Camp in Wyoming.

quickly petitioned the camp administration to recognize The Salvation Army as one of the Christian denominations operating there. Although the majority of internees were not Christian, a significant minority were, and they wanted to practice their faith. The camp administration allowed The Salvation Army to use the shared church offices close to the Abes' hut. The corps programs, however, would not fit in that small space, so they began to

hold meetings a few blocks away in one of the community hall buildings.

While some of the other Christian denominations may have perceived the use of a nonreligious-looking building an impediment to worship, the Salvationists—accustomed to rented halls and makeshift worship spaces—probably felt right at home. Soon many standard Salvationist programs were taking place: Sunday worship services, youth programs and Home League programs. Youth councils were held in Billings, Montana, the closest corps outside the camp.

When the last internees left the camp in November 1945, Heart Mountain had been operating for four years and three months. The Abes were one of the last families to leave, just as they had been one of the first to arrive. Along with the Matsuchima family, they had been able to serve their fellow internees in the name of Christ through their calling as Salvation Army officers. **INFC**



# Salvation Army employee among selections for new Salesforce-led initiative

Theo Ellington, Director of Homeless Initiatives and Community Development for The Salvation Army

BY JARED MCKIERNAN

To move the needle on an issue as intractable as homelessness, sometimes it takes the right medley of leaders from the public, private and nonprofit sectors.

And a little bit of tech.

That's the idea behind a new initiative spearheaded by Salesforce called Impact Labs, wherein practitioners and subject matter experts from across the San Francisco Bay Area are being called upon to help co-design tech solutions to make lasting social change.

After crowdsourcing for ideas on pressing social issues to tackle, the cloud computing giant settled on housing and homelessness as the topic for the inaugural Salesforce Impact Lab.

Over the next six months, 19 Community Fellows from nonprofits, foundations, educational institutions, government, tech partners and other socially minded organizations from across the housing and homelessness sector will team up and brainstorm ways to leverage the Salesforce platform for good.

Among the 19 Community Fellows chosen is

Theo Ellington, Director of Homeless Initiatives and Community Development for The Salvation Army Golden State Division. Ellington was brought on by the division in August 2019 to help shape its vision for The Way Out and share the Army's message for impacting homelessness.

"Any time one is selected among esteemed folks in the industry, it's an honor," he said. "One thing that we're trying to do with the new Way Out initiative is really branch out and look at other community organizations in the space. So this will give me a real first-hand look at not only the individuals in the space but the thought leaders who help craft policy and know the best practices and have really been doing this work in the trenches for a long time."

The initiative will focus on the San Francisco Bay Area, but the hope is to create a scalable solution that can be accessed by leaders in other regions. According to Amy Guterman, Director of Salesforce Impact Lab, tech alone won't solve homelessness, but the hope is that it can help those who are already working in the space to amplify their impact and work more efficiently.

Impact Labs will kick off in April with a two-day design sprint for all of the Community Fellows to get acquainted and start talking about solutions. From there, Salesforce Pro Bono Fellows will test and validate solutions with users before developing them on the Salesforce platform.

"We don't really have technologists [in the Impact Lab].

And that was kind of intentional," Guterman said. "This program is designed to help mesh the subject matter expertise and the lived experiences of the community with the Salesforce platform and ecosystem."

Guterman said she knew Ellington would be a valuable addition to the initiative after their first meeting, but she also liked the idea of having a representative of The Salvation Army on hand, given its track record with homelessness and affordable housing.

"We also recognize all of the work The Salvation Army is doing more broadly around supporting people facing homelessness," she said. "They're such a leader in the space so it makes sense to have the perspective of The Salvation Army in the room."

Ellington said he expects the Impact Lab experience to inform The Salvation Army's work, especially as it relates to The Way Out initiative, which includes developing its own complete continuum of care for homelessness in the Bay Area. Yet, he also recognizes that the only way they'll make meaningful strides toward that is through collaborating with like-minded groups.

"I want to make sure that this fellowship gives me the opportunity to not only learn from the best in the business but also walk hand-in-hand, with them," he said. "Because no one organization can solve this crisis alone. I think this is the crisis of our generation. We have a moral crisis to not only address it, but to make sure that all hands are on deck." **INFC**

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## WIGGLE WALL FROM PAGE 5

without excluding or ostracizing him. The boy's mother, Sarah\*, found a church home where she could relax and be at peace.

"For us, finding a church that not only tolerated my active child but welcomed and accommodated his needs has been a blessing," she said. "Knowing he had an outlet for his energy made it easier for me to relax and focus as well. So often, my son has struggled with what to do with his

excess energy and many places do not offer constructive outlets, so he ends up excluded or we simply do not go."

But at the corps, Sarah began participating in the Home League and Bible study group. "Now we have a wonderful church family," she said.

And her son? He's now involved in judo and competes state-wide, as well as competing in various Native Alaskan sports.

"The wiggle wall helped me get my

wiggles out," he said. "Without it, I would still have a need to wiggle but would get in trouble. It was nice of [Envoy Jeannie Fanning] to do that for me. Church wouldn't be the church I picture now—a fun place where I can learn about God."

While he no longer needs the wiggle wall, it stands ready at the Kenai Corps for the next boy or girl who does. **INFC**

\*denotes name change

## SPECIAL NEEDS FROM PAGE 5

The Concord Corps is already good about letting people know that everyone is welcome, but providing one-on-one attention can make a big difference, Jones said.

A retired Salvation Army officer attends church with her teenage grandson, Scorpy, who has special needs. Often, Jones will sit next to him during the service, near the front where the other children sit together.

"He'll flap his hands gripping his toy snake, rock and sway to the music, and if someone says something from the pulpit, he'll respond," she said. "You know he's paying attention, and he's responding in context. To me, that brings me joy. I know he's there, and he feels a part of the family, which is what it's all about."

When Jones and her husband, Major Gwyn Jones, arrived at the corps in 2018, some of the volunteers were exasperated with 11-year-old Kieran, who is on the spectrum, and his older brother, both of whom struggled to listen and follow directions. Jones sat down with their father to find out what kind of plan was in place at school, which she then implemented at church.

"The consistent structure of the classes and communication with parents and guardians have helped us come to a

better understanding on how to work with each other," she said.

Following the training, Jones purchased assistive devices like fidget spinners, tactile rings, sand timers and bands for the chairs, which have also proved helpful. The boys participated in the Christmas musical and they've made encouraging progress recently.

"We started doing music theory classes and these two boys in particular sat there the whole time listening and participating," she said.

Pleased, Jones snapped a picture to show their dad, a gifted percussionist who helps with music lessons at the corps.

"That was a huge praise report," she said. "For him to know he could bring the boys and they would get musical instruction was important."

"We may not necessarily have specialized skills or training, but that doesn't stop us from just loving people where they are and giving their families hope that they and their children are welcome to be part of the fellowship and in a safe place," she said. "Despite one's challenges, they can still contribute to the fellowship. Everyone has unique gifts that can be used to build [God's] kingdom." **INFC**

## PROMOTED TO GLORY

**Major Jennie M. Torgerson**  
Oct. 6, 1931–  
Feb. 2, 2020



Major Jennie M. Torgerson was promoted to Glory Feb. 2 from Sun City, Arizona.

A fourth-generation Salvationist, Jennie Hall was born Oct. 6, 1931, in San Jose, California.

After graduating from Inglewood High School, in Inglewood, California, she attended beauty school and worked around the Los Angeles area as a beautician.

In 1952, responding to God's call, she left for San Francisco with her sister Dorothy Hall (Erickson) to become a cadet, training for Salvation Army officership in the Heralds Session. While there, a fellow cadet, Barbara Johnson (Hood), encouraged Jennie to write to her brother, who was fighting in Korea. Thereby, Dale Johnson entered her life.

When commissioned in 1953, Lt. Jennie Hall was stationed in Modesto, California, as assistant to Captain Lorraine Wilson.

In June 1954, Hall married Dale Johnson, who entered The Salvation Army Training School; he was commissioned in 1955.

Jennie Johnson served faithfully in corps and Adult Rehabilitation Center appointments in California, Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Hawaii, Washington, Colorado and Arizona.

After retirement, she married for a second time to Don Torgerson.

She is survived by children: Kathryn Arnold (Steve), Karen Fournier (Ken) and Bob Johnson (Tamara); grandsons: Jason Arnold (Kary), Matthew Bunch, Jared Arnold (Christina), Daniel Bunch, Nathaniel Bunch (Chelsee) and Jonathan Bunch; great-grandchildren: Kimberly Arnold, Raymond Arnold, Stephen "Jack" Arnold and Erik Arnold; and sister: Major Elizabeth Clitheroe (David).

A celebration of life service took place at the Glendale (Arizona) Corps Feb. 27 with Major Harry Lacey officiating. **INFC**

**Major William Hong Quon Lum**  
Jan. 26, 1955–  
Feb. 16, 2020



Major William (Bill) Lum was promoted to Glory Feb. 16, in Kalispell, Montana, with family by his side.

William Hong Quon Lum was born Jan. 16, 1955, in San Francisco.

Lum was commissioned in 1978 with the Disciples of Jesus Session, and was sent to assist at the Hoonah (Alaska) Corps. A year later, he married Joy Helton. The Lums served at corps in Sitka, Fairbanks and Wrangell, Alaska; Lahaina, Hawaii; Victor Valley, California; Tucson, Arizona; Olympia, Washington; and Kalispell, Montana. Lum also served as Divisional Finance Officer for the Southern California and Golden State divisions.

Lum faithfully served God as an officer in The Salvation Army for over 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, Joy; children, David Lum and Denise Harnage; and brother Major Phil (Debbie) Lum.

A celebration of life service took place at the Kalispell Corps Feb. 22, with Major Phil Lum officiating. **INFC**



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## HODDERS FROM PAGE 1

The Hodders were installed as Western Territorial leaders in January 2017 at the Tustin Ranch Corps in Southern California. The Hodders' tenure as the West's Territorial Leaders was guided by Kenneth G. Hodder's territorial vision: "Christ and Him Crucified," which emphasized covenant, engagement and stewardship.

2017 also began the three-year territory-wide "Project 180" effort, designed to reduce costs, increase income and develop ministry. Project 180 resulted in the July 2018 merger of the Western Territory's Southern California and Sierra del Mar divisions to form the California South Division, the largest division in the U.S.

Another hallmark of Kenneth G. Hodder's leadership as the West's Territorial Commander was the emphasis on advisory boards. Hodder launched the first territorial advisory board in the U.S. in 2017.

Two years later, in 2019, Hodder issued a call for every corps, unit and adult rehabilitation center in the Western Territory to have a functioning advisory board, council,

auxiliary or Echelon chapter by Jan. 1, 2020—a goal that was met.

"The more people involved in the process, the better our decisions will be and the more people will understand our decisions, thereby helping us all the way around," Hodder told *New Frontier* in 2017. "We can't afford to measure in silos anymore."

Involving others became a significant push for the West's annual Red Kettle Campaign as well. In 2017, Hodder challenged the West to increase its kettle volunteer hours by 25 percent—a challenge he built on for the next two years.

In 2018, the West's Territorial Headquarters relocated to the College for Officer Training at Crestmont campus, where it was formerly housed prior to its move to Long Beach in 2000. During this time, Hodder was nominated to be the 21st General of The Salvation Army, a post that went to now-General Brian Peddle.

Also in 2018, Jolene K. Hodder worked with women from throughout the territory to reboot Women's Ministries, which was

relaunched during the 2018 Commissioning events.

"God provided a miracle beyond our wildest imagination. The territory's prayers brought together just the right women with the combination of backgrounds and skills that were necessary to give everyone in the territory a voice," Jolene K. Hodder said. "Despite the huge task of rebooting women's ministries, the team provided territorial headquarters with more substance and resources than we ever thought possible."

In 2019, Kenneth G. Hodder announced his five-year vision to double The Salvation Army's efforts toward fighting homelessness in the West, The Way Out, first to Salvationists, and then publicly at an event held at Bell Shelter in Bell, California.

In April 2019, General Brian Peddle announced Jolene K. Hodder as Senior Commissioner: the Commissioner, other than the Chief of the Staff, who has held the rank of Commissioner longest or, if by that test there are Commissioners of equal seniority, that one of them

who has served longest as an officer.

"If a High Council is needed, and the Chief of the Staff is unable to fulfill his constitutional role for any reason, I must convene a High Council," Jolene K. Hodder said.

Also in 2019, the West debuted a new vertical structure for the management of its Adult Rehabilitation Centers.

"For decades, we have used a certain model in terms of production and retail," Kenneth G. Hodder said at a summit for ARC administrators. "In that time, we have not changed dramatically in terms of our analysis of the market, structure of systems or our technology to succeed. Our model no longer works as well as it once did."

He emphasized the territory must now commit itself to moving forward in a new and different way.

"This is not just about doing what we've done in the past more energetically," he said. "The only solution is to alter the nature of the system itself. We are going to take demonstrated results and roll them out to the command as a whole." **INFC**

## SILVERCREST FROM PAGE 3

"Right now we are just being vigilant about strangers in the building," said Property Manager Sharon King, noting that it is already part of Silvercrest's protocol. "We are delaying apartment inspections to minimize traffic in and out of the residences."

As of March 13, there are no new cases of coronavirus in Sonoma County, California, King said. Still, Silvercrest staff is urging residents to be aware and careful of what they touch and to act similarly to how they would during flu season.

"It could get very stressful coming up," King said. "Right now it's not, and we're not going to allow it to be more stressful than it is. We are going to deal with the situation rationally as it unfolds. I fully expect COVID-19 to hit our building. I fully expect to go into quarantine. It's just the nature of the...virus and the season. We're trying to slow down the risk and mitigate it when it occurs."

Some of the exercise groups that come in from outside have stopped their services, and the

Santa Rosa Silvercrest's booth at the local senior fair has been postponed until later in the year. Hopkins said many of the residents have offered to lead classes within the building that will mitigate loneliness during their current "mini-quarantine."

"We have quite a few educated people here over 62, who are very hands on, who

are willing to create these activities inside the building," Hopkins said. "They are already self-selecting and making plans. It's a very close community."

And the community is diverse. Many of the residents are Chinese, Korean and Philipino. King said staff are staying vigilant to make sure misinformation spread about COVID-19 doesn't impact relationships within the building.

"We cannot discriminate against anyone and we are actively looking out for discriminatory behavior so that no group is stigmatized," she said. "We have a very diverse group and many people in this building are from Asia...we are making sure our residents don't discriminate against each other." **INFC**

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

### NORTHWEST DIVISION

**Major Larry and Captain**

**Julie Feist**

Corps Officers—Kalispell (Montana) Corps

**Captain Susan Cassin**

Corps Officer—Anacortes (Washington) Corps Effective April 8

## RETIREMENTS

**Lt. Colonel Joan Doughty**—April 2020 Pastoral Care Officer and THQ Chaplain

**Lt. Colonel Victor Doughty**—April 2020 Assistant Chief Secretary

## QUARANTINE FROM PAGE 3

woman among us is 90; we sat with her at dinner one evening. If I live to be 90 I want to be like her—positive, a bit spunky and energetic.

We are grateful to have a really good team of ministry leaders who support life in all The Salvation Army does in Reno. They have picked up the slack of our unexpected absence without missing a beat. I am glad to say that life continues there without us, which tells me that our Corps is healthy and moving in the right direction! Local leaders are the heartbeat of any Corps, and the heart in Reno is beating strong in our absence.

Sometimes, circumstances in life just happen. We have no control—they aren't in themselves good or bad; they just are. In ARP [Adult Rehabilitation Program] ministry we often discuss the reality that the only thing we truly control is our reaction or attitude. God has provided an opportunity for us to practice what we preach. We've been given some days to spend in quietness, taking

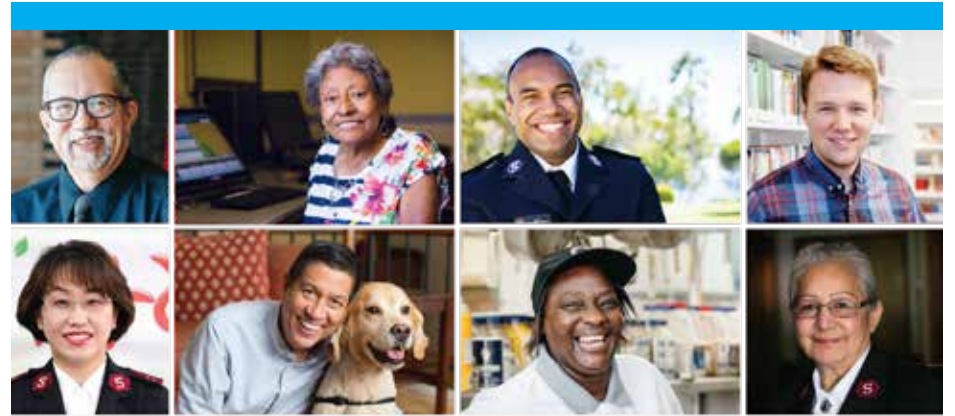
time in Scripture, taking time to consider the work in Reno, learning to wait and be patient as we are dependent on others, doing things that we enjoy and often have little time for, and appreciating the friends who continue to reach out, loving us from afar and praying for us. If the Apostle Paul could choose joy in a Roman prison, I can certainly choose joy in quarantine! **INFC**

## BOOTH AWARD FROM PAGE 2

work of The Salvation Army through offering time, talent and/or financial resources.

Golden State Divisional Commander Major Darren Norton provided closing thoughts and Divisional Director of Women's Ministries Major Mary Norton offered the closing prayer.

"Everyone in this room is better for having known you," Hodder said. "But most importantly, God is looking down at you today and smiling...keep fighting!" **INFC**



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## USA WEST NEWS BRIEFS

### ALASKA

#### Putting forth the challenge

Corps Officers Majors Cathy and John Quinn have watched two boys grow up at the Angoon Corps. As young boys, they became junior soldiers; now they are around age 13. The Quinns observed the boys' behavior and spiritual growth were not keeping pace with their physical growth.

"I challenged them both to begin acting as leaders and reminded them that we needed their leadership in the church and in Sunday school," John Quinn said. "They both promised to pray about it and let me know their answer not in words, but in actions."

In a recent update, the Quinns reported the boys' attendance and behavior have improved. They are taking the challenge seriously.

### CALIFORNIA SOUTH

#### Redondo Beach Corps receives thank-you note

The Redondo Beach Corps received a letter from a family expressing appreciation for The Salvation Army's impact on the life of their son who was homeless. The letter also included a donation to "help serve the Redondo Beach community and aid in the positive transformation of lives."

"God does amazing things," said Lt. Victoria Mercer, Redondo Beach Assistant Corps Officer. "It is always a huge blessing to hear these testimonies of how God is working in others' lives."

### CASCADE



#### Medford Corps thrift store gets facelift

The Salvation Army Family Store in Medford, Oregon, received new paint, floor polishing as well as a more customer friendly layout. The primary purpose of the thrift store is to provide funding for local services, which include the corps food pantry, HOPE House program, after-school programs and music lessons for kids in the community. "This is an opportunity to enhance our store to ensure we're serving our customers to the best of our ability in Jackson County," said Major Jason Koenig, The Salvation Army Jackson County Coordinator.

### DEL ORO



#### 21 graduate from Sacramento workforce development programs

Twenty-one Salvation Army Culinary Arts and Construction Training program students earned their diplomas in the first-ever joint graduation ceremony, held Feb. 27. Many of the students have already gone through Salvation Army programs to overcome addiction and homelessness. "I cannot stress how much I was blessed to get this opportunity for me and my family," said Gregorio, a Salvation Army Construction Training Program student. He and his family were recently reunited at the E. Claire Riley Transitional Living Center. Before that, Gregorio lived in a tent in Sacramento.

Sergio Cortez is the Sacramento Workforce Development Manager.

### GOLDEN STATE



#### Turlock Corps senior room renovated

The Salvation Army Turlock (California) Corps benefited from the combined efforts of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Turlock and Turlock High School's Key Club Feb. 21, when members of the organizations came together to paint the corps' senior room and install new cabinets.

Major Debi Shrum is the Turlock Corps Officer.

### HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDS



#### Volunteer honored for 50 years of service

Commissioner Jolene K. Hodder, Territorial President of Women's Ministries, presented an Auxiliary Award to volunteer Beverly Payne March 2 at the Wai'oli Kitchen and Bake Shop on The Salvation Army's Manoa campus in Honolulu.

"Mrs. Beverly Payne...has a very big heart for she has volunteered for The Salvation Army for 50 years," Hodder said.

Payne has worked to support the Adult Rehabilitation Center, single women at Family Treatment Services, children at Kaimuki and various Army programs and corps.

"She truly has a heart in making a difference in the lives of children, women and men who come to The Salvation Army," said Major Eloisa Martin, Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Divisional Director of Women's Ministries.

### INTERMOUNTAIN



#### Cheyenne Corps serves at National Guard deployment

The Cheyenne (Wyoming) Corps served at two Air National Guard deployments. The deployments, which take place at 3 a.m., are attended by not only the departing troops but also their families and various state dignitaries, including the Governor.

"It was such an amazing blessing to be a small part of this event," said Lt. Mistie Lamb, Cheyenne Corps Officer with her husband, Chad. "It is very emotional to witness these troops laying down their everyday lives, saying goodbye to their families and heading off to classified locations. Thank you does not seem like enough."

### NORTHWEST

#### God's mysterious and wonderful ways in Centralia

Recently, the Centralia (Washington) Corps had several inquiries about volunteer opportunities. The corps scheduled two women to come in at the same time to process donations.

"What a surprise, the women were neighbors—but feuding neighbors," said Lt. Steven Pack, Centralia Corps Officer with his wife, Ginifer. "They've had quite a bit of

drama between them, but they met on neutral ground and found a common interest."

Soon the women were not only on speaking terms but said they were no longer mad at each other.

God had engineered the perfect circumstances for reconciliation.

### SOUTHWEST



#### Phoenix Kroc Center hosts Black History celebration

Women from The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Center of Phoenix South Mountain organized a Black History Month celebration, held Feb. 25. Close to 50 people turned out for the event, which included history lessons about influential African American individuals as well as an authentic soul food meal.

Captains Caroline and Dustin Rowe are the Phoenix Kroc Center Corps Officers.

### ARCC



#### Oakland ARC Brew Crew shares God's light with coffee

Kingsmen from the Oakland Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC)—beneficiaries who have chosen to deepen their walk with Christ—have taken on an additional role as the "Brew Crew" and regularly put on the backpack full of coffee and go out into the streets of Oakland to spread the word about the ARC. The men offer prayers and hope to those they meet along the way. The Brew Crew members have been heard saying, "I can't believe that I get to do this." During the most recent outreach, one of the nine Brew Crew members distributed 50 flyers about the center on his own.

Majors Daniel and Doreen Freeman are the Oakland ARC administrators.

### CFOT



#### \*Women's Ministries Resource Night

Women cadets and staff at the College for Officer Training (CFOT) at Crestmont participated—with enthusiasm—in a Women's Ministries Resource Night, a biweekly event when women explore various activities they can later share in the field. Everyone received a canvas, a picture of a possible finished product and a palette of paints. Major Jonnette Mulch, Territorial Assistant Program Secretary for Corps Ministries, facilitated the project with Janniese Rios, Teen Coordinator and Programmer at CFOT's Family Care Center.

"The women certainly brought out their inner Picasso and had a great time expressing their creative side through a piece of art," Mulch said.

# GENDER EQUITY

IN 1895, WILLIAM BOOTH directed senior leaders in Orders and Regulations for Salvation Army Staff Officers:

“Women must be treated as equal with men in all the intellectual and social relationships in life.”

While acknowledging this directive has not always been achieved, The Salvation Army retains this commitment in the current Orders and Regulations for Officers.

The 2019 International Positional Statement on Sexism, states:

“An important principle in the government of the Army is the right of men and women to share equally in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. Both men and women Salvationists, married or single, can hold any rank, responsibility or position of authority in the Army from that of local officer to that of General. Additionally, The Salvation Army embodies a worldwide tradition of service to others without discrimination and will advocate on behalf of women and girls.”



## NEW INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MINISTRIES VISION STATEMENT

“We envision women who are: Transformed and empowered by the gospel to lead a Christlike life; Enriched mutually through local and global connections and support; Equipped to fulfill their potential through lifelong learning and development; Engaged in social justice and action to positively impact the world.”

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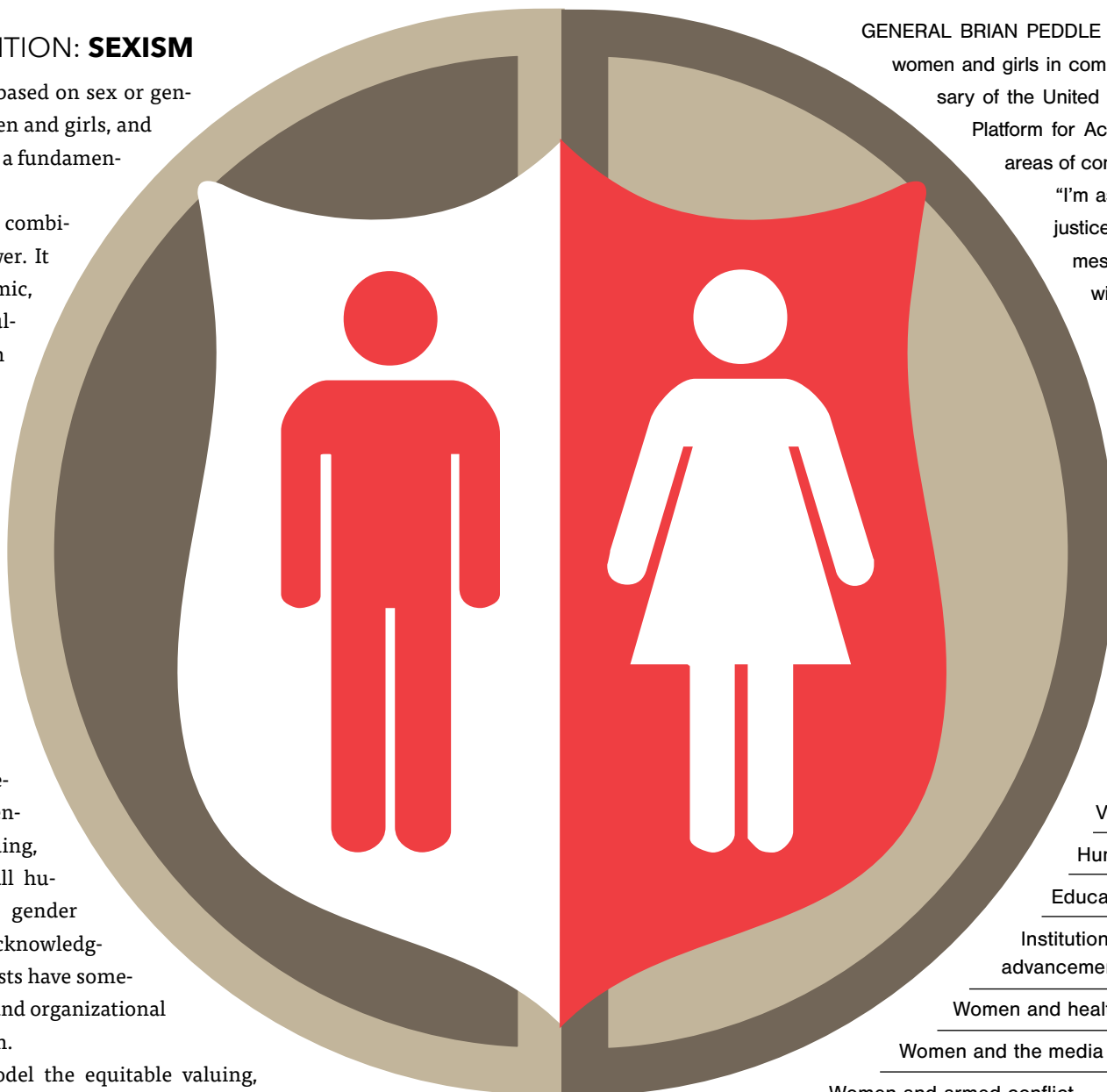
Sexism is discrimination based on sex or gender, most often against women and girls, and is increasingly understood as a fundamental human rights issue.

Sexism often includes a combination of prejudice plus power. It is expressed through systemic, structured prejudice and cultural discrimination and can be present in a family, communities of faith, and societal and national cultures.

The Salvation Army believes that both male and female are made in the image of God and are equal in value, and therefore is opposed to sexism. We reject any view that subordinates women to men, or men to women.

The Salvation Army believes that our world is enhanced by equitably valuing, equipping and mobilizing all human beings. While valuing gender equity, The Salvation Army acknowledges with regret that Salvationists have sometimes conformed to societal and organizational norms that perpetuate sexism.

We are committed to model the equitable valuing, equipping and mobilizing of men and women, and will speak into societies around the world where sexism exists.



GENERAL BRIAN PEDDLE issued a global call to pray for women and girls in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the United Nations Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which identified 12 critical areas of concern for women and girls.

“I’m asking you to join me in a cry for justice,” said Peddle in a special video message. “A heartfelt longing to deal with the wrongs of this world.”

#### UNITED NATIONS BEIJING DECLARATION AND PLATFORM FOR ACTION: 12 CRITICAL AREAS OF CONCERN FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

- Women and the environment
- Women in power and decision-making
- The girl child
- Women and the economy
- Women and poverty
- Violence against women
- Human rights of women
- Education and training of women
- Institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women
- Women and health
- Women and the media
- Women and armed conflict



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