

SALVATION STORIES NOV/DEC 2010 NEWSLETTER

Captains' Corner:

Gift Giving

Well, it's upon us. Sometimes Christmas takes on a new, unfortunate meaning in the lives of people engaged in the mission of The Salvation Army. With the advent of the Christmas season, comes the largest fund raising initiative of the year for us. Those bell ringers you seemingly see on every street corner are hard at work to bring in the donations necessary to carry on our services throughout the year.

As busy as this time is, I never hear my husband complain about it! Maybe it is his competitive nature, but he always seems exhilarated by the pace and the purpose of the work. Every year is a new opportunity. Every season is a chance to use this gift. Yes, gift.

The ability to raise funds from the kindness and compassion of the general public is privilege we don't take for granted. Every coin, every dollar slipped into a red kettle is a statement. It is symbolic of the incredible trust placed in us every day. These gifts from those who pass by remind us that we do not stand alone. We do what we do with the support of every person who shares our purpose. What a gift, to realize that written on these dollars is the unspoken commitment to

stand firm, stay true to our mission and continue to love and serve those in need.

We consider the opportunity to hire bell ringers a gift. In these economic times, many who desire jobs cannot find them. Although the work is temporary, cold and doesn't pay really well, for many of our employees, it brings a sense of pride that they can work, and they can be a valuable asset to an organization that cares about them.

The volunteer bell ringers are a gift as well. Raising funds is becoming more expensive and more complicated every year. Without the support of many volunteers, we would not be able to conduct this effort. Bell ringing, is in itself quite a labor intensive source of fund raising. Volunteers greatly reduce the financial burden of spending money to make money.

As with all things, we can choose the way we approach them. We can dread this time of year, as perhaps some do. But that means we would miss out on some of the greatest gifts of this calling. Or we can choose, even in the busyness to look for the gifts.

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven

—Lisa Mueller, Captain

The Sweet Sound of Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for kettle bell ringing this fall—a great way to help fund critical programs with the gift of your time! Groups and individuals welcome; contact Denesia Polusca at 651, 224,4316.

Below: Members of the Corps family enjoying the winter season



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Women's Auxiliary Visit

On October 7, the children in our Child Development Center received a special surprise as The Salvation Army Twin Cities Women's Auxiliary visited, armed with books to read to and share with the kids. The ladies brought a generous supply of new books

for our center and spent time enjoying the little ones as well. Thank you Lt. Colonel Rebecca Sjögren for making this a special day!



Saturday, October 30

The St. Paul Citadel supported a Divisional Soldiers Rally at nearby Harvest Corps. This rally was open only to Soldiers (members) of The Salvation

Army church. If you are a regular attendee, this is another opportunity for you to think about some of benefits of Soldiership! Active Soldiers in good standing are the heartbeat of our church.

In fact, membership in any church is the true sign of commitment and investment by the



congregation. As committed members, this is where we find our place as Sunday School Teachers, Corps Council Members, and other leadership positions. If you are considering becoming a Soldier, or seeking more information, please see Captain Lisa Mueller.



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CORPS OFFICERS

Thank You!

Captain Bob Mueller and Captain Lisa Mueller

This newsletter, a publication of The Salvation Army Saint Paul Citadel Corps, is a bimonthly newsletter about our activities and programs. We are a Community Center for Worship and Service.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

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Hoedown Party

On Friday, October 8, the women of the church joined forces and threw a great Hoedown Party as an outreach ministry to meet and

invite new women to our programs. After a wonderful dinner together, Chrissie Coreano presented an invitation to church and an explanation of how we, as believers in Jesus Christ, desire to share His love with the families who attend our community programs. Michelle Brown gave a heartfelt and moving testimony about her own spiritual life and journey and this moment was an inspiration to all who listened. The evening wrapped up with stations to visit, fun games to play, pampering, face painting, and plenty of encouragement! We look forward to more events and to reaching these women for Christ through relationship opportunities and consistent support and attention. At least six new families attended this event and we look forward to getting to know them all better!



Coats for Kids

As we began to write this newsletter, our gymnasium was full of coats! Last year, we distributed coats to over 400 families through our annual Coats For Kids Program. This year, that number increased significantly as we distributed:

- 780 coats
- + 800 accessories
- + 250 food baskets

Special thanks to EKO CLUB-MINNESOTA, for donating coats for the second year in a row as part of their ongoing contribution to the community!



Symonds Farewell

October saw the good-bye to longtime St. Paul Citadel family, Otis and Sue Symonds. The Symonds moved to Fergus Falls. We wish you the very best and know that the Fergus Falls Corps will be the recipient of your faithfulness and support.

Scouting Awards and Eagle Projects

The Child Development Center was the recent recipient of a donation of clothes given to the children in our program. This wonderful gift was a result of the Eagle Scout Project created by Joe Greiner. Joe advertised through door hangings and flyers and the result was an overwhelming 600 pounds of clothes! Way to go, Joe. Congratulations on your project and thank you for making sure the little ones in our program are so well cared for. A big thank you to the West 7th community who supported Joe's clothing drive!

Scouting Awards

During a recent Scout leader meeting, Captain Bob Mueller and the St. Paul Citadel Scouting program were presented with three awards by Roger Willhaus, our Commissioner for Scouting:

First, Enrique Coreano and Captain Bob received 2010 Centennial Scouting Volunteer awards.

Second, our Scout program received the 2009 Centennial Quality Unit Award (equivalent to "most improved"). And third, The Salvation Army Saint Paul Citadel Corps will be presented will a "Charter Partner of the Year" award on Thursday, November 4, at the new Base Camp near Fort Snelling.

Scouting is an important part of our youth ministry. We are grateful to the volunteers that support this program. This year, The North Star District has also pledged to cover every Saint Paul kettle location on every Saturday this season.

Women's Camp

The weekend of September 24 - 26, several women from the Corps enjoyed a retreat at Northwoods Camp as they participated in our Northern Division's Women's Camp. The weather was beautiful, even including the ride to camp as we witnessed glorious fall colors! One highlight of the weekend was the International Bazaar on Saturday afternoon. Our women shared handmade Christmas cards and ornaments designed to remind us of the Holy Land. This bazaar served as a fundraiser toward our World Services goal.

Wedding Bells

"You may kiss the bride." Whew...we've heard that a lot lately! Captain had the privilege of conducting three weddings within three weeks' time.

Congratulations to our very own Rob and Lindsey Orenstein! Lindsey began attending church over a year ago and declared within months that God had been calling her to commit her relationship with Rob to Jesus Christ through marriage. We are grateful for their involvement in the church, and to their amazing growth as they learn

to walk with Christ and honor Him in their relationship and in their home.





New Women's

Ministry Fellowship

We are pleased to announce a new opportunity for women ages 18 and over. Let's spend some time together once a month to enjoy each other's company, work on projects and crafts together and bring new women into our fellowship. The first event took place Friday, November 12, with a "Make and Take" craft opportunity. For a small fee of \$10, attendees brought home many beautiful handmade goodies to use as Christmas gifts, or ways to spark ideas for gift giving! If you have any questions about upcoming Women's Fellowship Evenings, please see Kellie Elliott or Brenda Line.

Annual Corps Goals

October 8 completed our annual Corps Advancement Consultation process. CAC is a monitoring and evaluating tool used by our headquarters to gauge the health of our denominational



work. A committee met twice to strategize and develop goals for our congregational work for the upcoming year. Below is a synopsis of the five areas we are targeting. Each goal has action steps that will be shared in upcoming issues of this newsletter. You will see that this resource guides our programs and services as we strive to continue to be a healthy church that applies Biblical directive and principle to all that we do.

- 1 Soul Saving: We will increase our evangelistic efforts and outreach into the existing community programs, with the intention of leading people toward salvation and commitment to the body of Christ.
- 2 Saint Growing: We will begin a year that focuses on increased spiritual development and growth that is expressed through commitment, attendance, financial support (see goal #4) and membership.
- 3 Cross Cultural Creative Ministries: We will begin dance/music/ brass instruction in our out-of-school time and Sunday programs for the purpose of performance in the congregation, and in the denominational programs for the purpose of enhanced worship and cross-cultural enjoyment. We will introduce three new music programs in 2011.
 - 4 Stewardship: We will teach that commitment is expressed through financial support. Every member of the congregation will be encouraged to give out of the blessings they have received from God as an expression of commitment and support for their church home.
 - 5 Serving the World: We will increase the portion of the world services goal that is raised through individual giving, fundraising efforts and time by 20%. We will increase knowledge of and involvement in the Army's efforts in reducing the occurrence of human trafficking.

In our next Newsletter, we will revisit one of these goals and discuss the actions steps and program opportunities we have as a result.

3rd Sunday Potlucks

Beginning with our church family Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 21, we are happy to begin monthly potlucks! The third Sunday of every month gives us the chance to come together after worship services and share a meal together while we enjoy fellowship and friendship. Join us for these special times of celebration as a church family!

Candidate Sunday

This past October, we celebrated Candidate Sunday with participation by our Corps Interns, and a very special announcement. Take a moment to read the testimony shared by Enrique and Chrissie Coreano, and you will rejoice with us as we see God calling people to service to Him through The Salvation Army.

How We Decided to Come Join Our Army

During a recent Worship service, the Coreanos shared news with their church family

From the Personal Testimony of Enrique and Chrissie Coreano

Enrique: I wanted to take a few minutes to share something exciting that God has been doing in our



lives. But, first I think we need to give you a little background. When Chrissie and I got married we committed to serve God in full-time ministry together. At that time, God was leading us into missions in Guatemala. We prepared over the next three years and left for Guatemala in 2006.

Chrissie: When we moved to Guatemala, we had planned on living there for the rest of our lives, but God had a different plan. After just two short years, our ministry shut down and we found ourselves at a crossroads. We prayed and trusted God with our next steps. Despite a bad economy and not many available jobs, Enrique got hired here at the Salvation Army. I returned to full-time nursing in order to get us back on our feet.

Enrique: The first year back here in Minnesota was one of the hardest times in our lives. It was a huge adjustment for us and we were struggling spiritually with what God was doing. We were hurt from the loss of our previous ministry and, despite lots of prayer, God remained silent as to our future. As time went on, we felt God beginning to heal our broken hearts from leaving our ministry in Guatemala as we began to serve God within The Salvation Army.

Chrissie: Now, if you had asked me before Enrique got his job here, what I knew about The Salvation Army, I would have answered with that was where I bought my first car at one of their thrift stores. Since then, it has been exciting to learn about many of the ministries within The Salvation Army as well become more involved in our church here. Despite becoming more involved, we knew that something was missing. We were not following what we believed God had called us to: full-time ministry together.

Enrique: Over the past several months, Chrissie and I have been praying about our future. I do not believe it was an accident that God led us here to The Salvation Army. He knows our future and we are

trusting Him with it. At this time, we would like to share with you that we believe God is leading us to become Officers in The Salvation Army. We would ask that as we begin to move forward down this path, that you pray for us and come alongside of us throughout this process. Thank you!

Upcoming Worship

Yes, we do Church! All are welcome to join us for Worship Gathering, Sundays at 10:45 am. See the full Worship Schedule on the back cover.

- Nov 14: Signs of the End of the Age (Luke 21.5-19)
- Nov 21: Thank Christ (Colossians 1.11-20)

Advent Theme: Making Christmas Meaningful— Transform Trivial Pursuits into Memorable Celebrations

- Nov 28: Follow the True Star (Matthew 2.1-11a)
- + Dec 5: Honor the Stable-Born King (Isaiah 9.6-7)
- Dec 12: Celebrate Heaven's Gift (Luke 2.8-11)
- Dec 19: Quiet Your Heart (Luke 2.15-19)
- Dec 26: Embrace God's Christmas Salvation (Luke 2.25-32)
- Jan 2: Season Wrap-Up (John 1.1-14)

Bible Studies

Don't forget to join us every Wednesday evening for Bible Study at 6:30 pm. Ongoing programming includes two Bible study tracks, to ensure a place for everybody. And beginning Wednesday, December 1, all adults will come together for a special series of Advent Services celebrating this special time of year!

Thank You!

Our heartfelt thanks to the many caring individuals who provide time and funding in support of our many programs and services! This is the busiest time of the year for us here at the Citadel, with many hours invested in the bell ringing for the Red Kettles that provide critical funding, in addition to a flurry of seasonal programs to help bring the spirit of the Christmas season—as well as help in surviving the winter season—to our members and clients.

Special thanks to:

- May Nou Lee, Choa Xiong, and True Vang, for donating their culinary talents to provide a special home-cooked meal for family dinner night on November 10
- St. Andrew's Lutheran Church for providing dinner again this year, including providing the meals for two weeks out of four!
- EKO CLUB-MINNESOTA for donating coats to the Coats for Kids program for the second year in a row as part of their ongoing contribution to the community!

Thank you for everything you do to help serve the community here through the Citadel and Community Center—your gifts of time and funding, and your prayers in support of the work going on here—are truly appreciated.



Spiritual Services

Captains Bob & Lisa Mueller: Call 651.224.4316

The purpose of The Salvation Army has always been to lead men and women into a proper relationship with God. His love drives everything we do—that means *everything*. Captains Bob and Lisa Mueller are the ordained ministers who head the Saint Paul Citadel—a place of worship, spiritual growth, social service and community-building.

September 2010 Snapshot:

Sunday Attendance: 1,035 total attendees

- All-ages events: Holiness Meeting, Sunday School, Sunday Breakfast
- · Junior events: Junior Church

Youth Programs: 345 total attendees

 Cub and Boy Scouts, Sunbeams, Moonbeams, Family Supper Club

Adult Programs: 474 total attendees

 Bible Studies, Women's Ministries, Worship Band, Men's Club, Mid-Week Prayers, CCM

Social Services

Yvonne Dobler, Social Services Team Leader Call 651.224.6946, Mon – Fri (8:45 am – 4 pm)

The Salvation Army provides basic needs services to thousands of Twin Cities residents through feeding programs, food pantries, thrift store vouchers, housing, rent and utility assistance, transportation, medical aid, employment assistance and seasonal services.

Number of clients served (September 2010):

Food Shelf: 409 individuals Brown Bag: 167 households Senior Food for Health: 433 individuals Breakfast: 6,140 meals served Friday Food Share & Prayer: 680 individuals Emergency Services: 1,122 individuals Heatshare: 51 households

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Brenda Line, Child Development Center Director Call 651.602.3018, Mon – Fri (7:30 am – 5:30 pm)

The King Family CDC is a licensed, Christian day-care center providing quality supervision and enrichment for children ages 15 months to Kindergarten.

Snapshot (September 2010): 32 enrollees * 17 total days of operation * 1,451 meals served

HMONG OUTREACH PROGRAM

Pao Lee Vang, Hmong Outreach Supervisor Call 651.224.4316, Wed & Fri (5:30 – 8 pm)

The HOP has been growing here at the Saint

Paul Citadel since January 2009. Our goals are to provide Hmong children an opportunity to know Jesus Christ, as well as to offer fellowship and fun. Sports and games—including traditional Hmong dancing for girls—instill principles of teamwork and physical fitness.

Snapshot (September 2010): 35 enrollees * 5 total days of operation * 176 meals served

After-School Program

Enrique Coreano, Outreach Ministries Supervisor Call 651.224.4316, Mon – Fri (2:30 – 5:30 pm)

The ASP is a safe, structured program offering academic support, recreation and enrichment learning to children grades 1 to 6. We are open from 2:30 to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday, during the school year.

Snapshot (September 2010): 23 enrollees * 15 total days of operation * 197 meals served

Junior/Senior High Outreach Program

Pao Lee Vang, Hmong Outreach Supervisor Call 651.224.4316, Wed & Fri (5:30 – 8 pm)

Beginning September 2010, this new ministry includes sports, activities, and devotions for teenagers. We are blessed in now having children who have aged out of our younger programs and are ready to continue being part of the Citadel family as they begin their teen years.

NEW!

Snapshot (September 2010): 25 enrollees * 2 total days of operation * 32 meals served

OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES

Call 651.224.4316, Mon – Fri (7:30 am – 4 pm)

The Salvation Army provides a safe, nurturing, pleasant environment for older adults to network and grow. Programs are designed to enhance quality of life and encourage independent lifestyles for today's aging population, addressing education, health and spiritual needs.

Snapshot (Sept 2010): 57 members * 12 events * 4 total days of operation * 93 meals served

COMMUNITY CENTER

Tony Scheuerman, Community Center Coordinator Call 651.224.4316, Mon – Sat (7 am – 11 pm)

The Citadel Community Center includes a professional-size basketball court that is used by children at our ASP and CDC programs and by community groups.

Snapshot (Sept 2010): 83 members * 19 days of operation * 75 events * 964 total attendance

2010 Holiday Calendar of Events

Is it a secret how busy things get at The Salvation Army during the Holidays? It shouldn't be! This is the time of year when we are working overtime to meet the growing needs of our community. Some important dates and events to keep in mind as you plan your own celebrations.









































Saturday, November 20 (5:00 – 7:00 pm) Bellringing at Minnesota Wild Game Xcel Center

Sunday, November 21 (12:00 pm) Corps Family Thanksgiving Corps Dining Hall & Gymnasium

Monday, November 22 (10:00 am) Community Care Ministries Lynnhurst Health Care

Monday, November 22 (11:30 AM) Community Care Ministries St. Anthony Park Nursing Home

Wednesday, November 24 (7:00 am & 8:00 am) Thanksgiving Breakfast Program Corps Dining Hall & Chapel

Wednesday, November 24 (7:30 AM - 5:30 PM) POPP.com Phone Home Program Corps Family Lounge

Wednesday, November 24 (5:00 – 7:00 pm) Bellringing at Minnesota Wild Game Xcel Center

Thursday, November 25 (11:30 am – 1:00 pm) POPP.com Phone Home Program Corps Family Lounge

Thursday, November 25 (11:30 am – 12:30 pm) Thanksgiving Day Luncheon

Corps Dining Hall

Friday, November 26 (11:00 am - 1:00 pm)

Bellringing at Minnesota Wild Game Xcel Center

Tuesday, November 30 (10:30 am) Community Care Ministries Cerenity Care Nursing Home

Wednesday, December 01 (5:00 - 7:00 pm)

Bellringing at Minnesota Wild Game Xcel Center

Friday, December 03 (5:00 – 7:00 pm)

Bellringing at Minnesota Wild Game Xcel Center

Saturday, December 04 (10:00 am - 8:00 pm) Bellringing at Grand Meander Event Grand Avenue, Saint Paul

Monday, December 06 (6:30 pm) **Community Care Ministries** VA Hospital

Tuesday, December 07 (1:30 pm) Community Care Ministries Galtier Nursing Home

Wednesday, December 08 (10:00 am)

Community Care Ministries Hayes Residence Nursing Home

Thursday, December 09 (6:00 – 8:30 pm) North Star District Scout Fun Night Corps Gym & Basement

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 (EVENING)

Women's Ministry Cookie Exchange

Friday – Saturday, December 10 – 11

KS95 Stuff the Bus Event

Walmarts in Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Eagan

Tuesday, December 14 (9:00 am)

Community Care Ministries

Little Sisters of the Poor Nursing Home

Tuesday, December 14 (11:00 am)

Community Care Ministries Highland Chateau Nursing Home

Thursday, December 16 (5:00 - 7:00 PM)

Bellringing at Minnesota Wild Game Xcel Center

Thursday, December 16 (9:00 am - 7:00 pm) Dakota County Toy Shop

Friday, December 17 (10:30 am – 12:00 pm) Friday Food Fair & Prayer Christmas Party

Corps Chapel

December 17 - 22 (9:00 am - 7:00 pm) Minneapolis/Saint Paul Toy Shop Saint Paul Amory

Saturday, December 18 (2:00 – 4:00 pm)

Twin Cities AAF Meet & Greet Event Saint Paul Citadel Corps

Sunday, December 19 (5:00 – 7:00 pm)

CDC/ASP/Corps AAF Christmas Party

Corps Gym & Chapel

Mon – Thurs, Dec 20 – 23 (7:30 am – 5:30 pm) POPP.com Phone Home Program Corps Family Lounge

Monday, December 20 (5:00 – 7:00 pm)

Bellringing at Minnesota Wild Game Xcel Center

Tuesday, December 21 (11:00 am)

Older Adult Ministries Christmas Party

Corps Dining Hall

Wednesday, December 22 (12:00 – 4:00 pm)

Food Basket Distribution

Corps Dining Hall

Thursday, December 23 (7:00 am & 8:00 am)

Christmas Breakfast Program & Phone Home

Corps Dining Hall & Chapel

Wednesday, December 24 (9:00 am - 3:00 pm) Last Day of Kettle Campaign

Friday, December 24 (11:30 am – 1:00 pm)

POPP.com Phone Home Program Corps Family Lounge

Friday, December 24 (11:30 am – 12:30 pm)

Christmas Day Luncheon

Corps Dining Hall

Calendar as of November 6, 2010

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Weekly Worship Schedule (more information: 651.2.

	9:00 AM	Breakfast GatheringALL AGES
9	9:30 AM	Sunday School Opening &
		Adult Christian EducationALL AGES
	10:00 AM	Youth Sunday SchoolYOUTH
	10:45 AM	Worship GatheringALL AGES
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Wednesday	4:30 PM	Men's MinistriesADULT
	б:00 рм	Prayer MeetingALL AGES
	6:30 рм	Midweek Bible StudyADULT
	6:30 рм	Midweek Youth Bible StudyYOUTH

Weekly Programs Schedule (more information: 651.224.4316)

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Mon – Fri	7:30 - 8:30 AM 2:30 - 5:30 PM	$ \begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$		
Monday	5:30 — 8:00 PM	Hmong Outreach Program (HOP)YOUTH		
Tuesday	9:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Older Adult Ministries Friendship ClubSENIOR		
Wednesday	5:30 РМ 5:30 — 8:00 РМ	Family Dinner Club		
Friday	10:30 AM	FOOD SHARE & PRAYER		
Saturday	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH MINISTRYYOUTH		

Upcoming Events (more information: 651.224.4316)				
Nov 21 (Sun)	12:00 PM	Corps Family Thanksgiving DinnerALL AGES		
Dec 10 (Fri)		Women's Ministry Cookie Exchange		
Dec 12 (Sun)	12:30 PM	Sunday Leaders' Meeting		
	I:00 PM	Corps Council Meeting		
Dec 18 (Sat)	2:00 PM	Adopt-A-Family Meet & Greet		

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