

## Fighting hunger in every way we can

**W**hen talking about hunger in our community, Major Tom Duperree often tells the heartbreaking story of young "Steven," a boy who struck a classmate at school one morning. The penalty? Steven was to be sent home.

The boy's eyes filled with tears as he pleaded with the principal to let him to stay. As he sobbed, the true fear behind Steven's cries became clear when he gasped, "If you send me home before lunch, then I won't get to eat, and there's no food at home."

### **Hunger is a reality in our community**

Even in Dayton, Ohio, people are hungry. Children are crying. They're hungry on the weekends, not just during the week. Many adults are not getting enough nourishment. And rising food prices will only make the problem worse.

Here at The Salvation Army Kroc Center, we have taken action against hunger:

- ▶ We feed children involved in our after-school programs and their families
- ▶ We provide meals to senior citizens through our Prime Time for Seniors program
- ▶ We served 4,200 families at Christmas last year with a turkey dinner

"We realize, though, that we simply aren't doing enough, because hunger persists," said Major Tom. "We are determined to do more."

### **Steven's story is the inspiration behind a new Kroc Center initiative**

Feeding the hungry has always been at the core of The Salvation Army's ministry. Now we are stepping up our efforts with a mobile canteen.

Mobile canteens have been used extensively to serve food at natural disasters. Equipped with generators to run cooking appliances inside, they allow the Army to drive into neighborhoods

devastated by fires, floods and tornados and serve meals to rescue and relief workers.

"My vision is to use our canteen to address a different kind of crisis: hunger in our neighborhood," said Major Tom.

### **Our plans are progressing**

To date, we have met with other providers in the community to discuss our plans and make sure we aren't duplicating another organization's efforts. We've also submitted the plans to the city of Dayton to ensure we comply with city codes. And our local Advisory Board has given its blessing for this significant expenditure of \$120,000.

Each mobile canteen is custom made, so the turnaround time for delivery is up to nine months.

Meanwhile program details are developing as we determine the best way to bring the food to those who need it. We have even piloted some ideas by borrowing a canteen from a neighboring Salvation Army in Piqua.

Our hope is to launch this service by late spring 2015. Stay tuned for details about this exciting new program of our Dayton Kroc Center.



## A Message From The Majors



*Barbara and Tom Duperree*

**A**s I begin to write this letter, I am sitting in the Westchester County Airport in White Plains, New York, waiting to catch my flight back home following a seminar at The Salvation Army's corporate office. The television monitors announce the imminent broadcast by our nation's Commander-in-Chief from the NATO Summit in Wales.

I do not stick around for the briefing; I go check my bag.

Airports are not our favorite places. It's not that we dislike flying – well, Barb does – but I do not. I do not mind the TSA check points or pat-downs. I am not bothered by the cries of tired, little children. I do not even mind being strapped into an airplane seat, though its dimensions are not compatible with my own body's dimensions. No, these things do not bother me at all. What bothers me is this: the waiting!

I check the monitors and note my flight status: on time. I look at my boarding pass and then at my watch and realize that the plane is not on time, but running 20 minutes behind. I worry that I might not make my connecting flight.

One definition of patience is the ability to accept or tolerate delay without getting upset or angry. Some situations are simply beyond our control. But we do hold the power to choose how we will respond in any situation. We simply need

to learn the art of waiting patiently. It's in the act of waiting that God teaches us the virtue of patience. Eugene Peterson paraphrased God's take on the matter in Romans 8:25:

"... waiting does not diminish us any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother."

There is a positive quality to waiting. The longer we wait, the more patience grows!

My plane finally arrives and I find my seat on board. The door is closed, and the pilot taxis the plane to queue up for takeoff. Then the flight attendant tells us we will have to wait 15 minutes... which becomes 30. People are getting restless. I choose to wait patiently and eventually, the plane takes off.

Waiting doesn't diminish us; it increases our reliance upon God. Wait upon the LORD. Truly wait upon Him without getting upset or angry or frustrated with the delay. Wait – and see what He does for you!

It's hard to believe that we are coming upon the completion of our fifth year of operation in the Kroc Center. Our reliance upon God has allowed us to experience His magnificent blessing! This report captures some of those moments.

Touchdown. I am home.



## Your donations help thousands in the Dayton community.

Your generous support allows The Salvation Army to serve the needs of thousands of people in our community:

- ▶ 130,307 individuals received meals last year.
- ▶ Santa Loves Seniors volunteers visited 42 nursing homes and distributed 4,182 gifts.
- ▶ 13,216 individuals received material assistance with clothing, rent, furniture, household items, transportation or utilities.
- ▶ 4,200 families received Christmas food assistance in 2013.

Please give generously and help us make this the best Christmas season yet!

**Please visit our web site at [dayton.salarmykroc.org](http://dayton.salarmykroc.org)**

## Celebrating those who have served and sacrificed

For more than 40 years, The Salvation Army has been making friendly visits to the Dayton VA Medical Center. We spend time talking to the veterans and also distribute personal comfort items such as lap blankets and socks.

Last spring, we decided to “kick it up a notch” and thank those who have served with a “Salute to Veterans” concert at the Kroc. Just before Memorial Day, the vets were treated to a wonderful performance of patriotic favorites by one of The Salvation Army’s premier concert bands. We also invited residents of area nursing homes and assisted living facilities to enjoy the evening with us.

While the rousing music had toes tapping and hands clapping, the appearance of our own “doughnut girls” – a Salvation Army tradition started during World War I – was a hit. The girls served doughnuts and refreshments to the delight of all concert-goers.

Everyone left with a keepsake keychain imprinted with the message, “Pray for our troops.”

“Honoring our veterans is a longstanding Salvation Army tradition,” said Major Barb Duperree. “The concert was one small way to say ‘thanks’ to the men and women who have served our country.”



## Stand Down for the homeless

During the Vietnam War, combat units were removed from battle and given a break from combat operations. During this time, which was known as Stand Down, troops could take care of personal hygiene, enjoy a warm meal and rest in a safe environment.

Today, Stand Down events based on this model are held for the homeless throughout the U.S. Sponsoring groups provide homeless veterans and others with the much-needed support, services and companionship to give them a break from life on the streets.

This activity aligns perfectly with The Salvation Army’s mission, and so we recently participated in two Stand Down events. In July, the Stand Down for homeless women was held at the Dayton VA Medical Center. We distributed 100 beautiful gift sets packed full of good-quality toiletries and personal items.

We also participated in a Stand Down for men and women, handing out warm blankets and 300 gift certificates for coats from The Salvation Army Thrift Store.

“Very few homeless people will walk through our doors, but we can connect with them at a Stand Down event,” said Major Barb Duperree.

Remember to designate **The Salvation Army** when you make your donation to the United Way Campaign.

*Thank you!*

# Dayton welcomes National Advisory Board

The Dayton Salvation Army Advisory Board hosted the National Advisory Board (NAB) during the third week of September. The National Board is comprised of board members from communities all across America, and they meet three times a year in different cities across the U.S.

In many instances, NAB members are able to support the Army's work on a national level because they are executives and corporate officers of major companies.

It is highly unusual that the NAB would meet in a community of Dayton's size. Typically they choose larger cities that house the Army's regional offices, such as Boston, L.A., Houston and Orlando. In Dayton's case, our regional office is in Cincinnati.

## So then, why Dayton?

Because we have a Kroc Center – and not just any Kroc Center. Here are some unique features about ours:

- Of the 26 Kroc Centers in existence, Dayton's is the only one built in a campus format, with four buildings across 18 acres. All others are housed under one roof.
- While many centers offer aquatics, Dayton has focused on education and technology.
- Our property features a 155-year-old historic mansion, The Duncarrick House



General Andre' Cox



## Meeting was historic for Dayton – and The Salvation Army

All Salvation Army leadership for America's four territories converged on this community to conduct a series of meetings in mid-September. On September 18, the Dayton board hosted a dinner, followed by a wonderful evening program.

The NAB has never conducted a meeting here before. And it was doubly historic, because the international leader of The Salvation Army, General Andre' Cox, participated in these meetings and spoke at the evening event. This was the first time a sitting general visited Dayton.

Also attending was Charlotte Jones Anderson, Executive Vice President of the Dallas Cowboys, who has chaired the NAB for the past four years. This was Charlotte's last meeting as NAB chair. The responsibility was passed on to William Burke of Nationwide in Columbus, Ohio.

"Our local board was excited for this opportunity to host colleagues from the national board," said local Advisory Board chairman, Tim Kenner. "It was our moment to shine and show them why we're so proud to call Dayton our home."

## Dayton Advisory Board: True to Army's mission

In every community where The Salvation Army exists, there is a dedicated group of women and men who selflessly offer their time, resources and acumen to help advance the purposes of our organization. Without recognition or compensation of any sort, they provide guidance to The Salvation Army in its business dealings. They also help the officers remain true to the Army's mission, and protect the organization's interests. They do not set policy or possess any authority within the organization. They serve in humility to make our community a better place to live.

They are the Advisory Board.

Look ahead to the next page for the list of current Dayton Advisory Board members. If you know any of them, be sure to say "thanks" at the next opportunity.

# Dayton Salvation Army Advisory Board

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Dayton Kroc Center Administrators  
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## Get To Know Our Advisory Board: *Vincent Russell*

Vince Russell has an enduring childhood memory of his father, a high school science teacher in an inner-city Pittsburgh school for 42 years. Every evening, his dad sat hunched over his desk preparing the next day's lesson. When Vince asked him why he worked so hard, the elder Russell said, "The kids need me. If I'm not prepared for every minute of every class, the kids won't learn."

With his dad as his role model, Vince comes naturally by his commitment to children, their health, wellbeing and nurturing. It explains his involvement as a volunteer in child-focused organizations and as a coach for his kids' soccer and basketball teams.

"Youth are a tremendous asset, and we have a responsibility to them," he said. "There has to be accountability around nurturing kids, and that's something The Salvation Army does really well."

It's precisely why Vince didn't hesitate for a moment when asked to join the Army Board in 2008, and why he immediately said, "Yes."

Vince grew up near Pittsburgh and graduated from Carnegie Mellon University, where he met his wife, Maria, a Dayton native, and where they both played college soccer. The couple moved to the Dayton area in 2001, and set down roots in Oakwood, where they live with their three children.

Vince manages the Dayton office of Johnson Investment Counsel in downtown Dayton, where he can see the Kroc Center from his office in the Kettering Tower.

"Vince brings not only financial management experience to the Board, but also great fundraising skills," said The Salvation Army's Senior Business Administrator Reggie Winters. "He is totally committed to the mission of The Salvation Army, especially when it comes to helping the young people we serve. We're grateful for all he brings to the Board. His energy is contagious."

At 41, Vince is the youngest Board member. It's a role he views strategically.

"I bring a different network of potential supporters and advocates for The Salvation Army in Dayton," he said. "I don't mind asking people for money, especially when I see the asset we have in the Kroc Center and the work that goes on there. I see it as my obligation."

Vince thoroughly enjoys helping to distribute food for Christmas meals, and makes it a family event, bringing his three children to get involved.

"It's a gem of a day for me," he said. "When I see the smiles on people's faces, I know it's going to make an impact. It's a really special, rewarding day."

# Summer camps find the spark in each child

Summer camp at the Kroc Center this year was like a trip to a 31-flavor ice cream shop: There were lots of choices – and all of them were good.

When planning the eight one-week camps, Director of Education Beth Zientko and Major Barb Duperree went all out to create activities covering a wide variety of areas to stimulate interest and curiosity. Each week was centered on a theme, such as “We are Family” and “The Amazing Race.”

All camp experiences were designed to reinforce the 40 developmental assets, which are positive qualities that influence children’s development and help them to become caring, responsible and successful adults. Each day, campers chose activities in the following areas:

- ▶ Recreation and Fitness
- ▶ Technology and Education
- ▶ Music, Theater and Fine Arts, and
- ▶ Life Skills

Guest speakers, field trips, one-day art projects, outings to Kings Island and swimming at the Kettering Recreation Center rounded out the weeks. Campers also attended daily devotions and had reading time twice weekly.

“I challenged the counselors to find the spark in each one of these kids,” said Beth.

With every session full to capacity, six hundred campers passed through the Kroc Center’s doors.

Both children and parents were thrilled with the Kroc Center summer camp experience.

“I really love the Kroc Center Summer Program. I love when I pick up my child and she is excited. She wants tell me all about her day and all the fun things did!” said one parent.

Another commented, “Per my son, it was awesome.”



## Nourishing mind, body and spirit, after school

The Kroc Center's new after-school program, Smart Kids/Strong Kids, or SK2 for short, is the perfect answer for busy parents who can't be at home after school but still want their children in a safe, wholesome and productive environment.

What are the program's features?

- It's now available to grades 1-10, allowing more involvement by high school students.
- The students have many class options such as cooking, theater, engineering or music for younger children, and yearbook, fitness, poetry and more for the older students, who can even earn high school credit.
- A nutritious dinner is served after class, and family members may eat for a nominal fee.
- Post SK2, available after 5:30 p.m., offers music lessons, sports, karate and games until 6:30 p.m., when programs conclude.

According to Director of Education Beth Zientko, "We've worked hard to make SK2 a program that kids look forward to after a day at school."

## Back to school with a bash

The Salvation Army's Back 2 School Bash was a fun-filled evening for Kiser students, parents and teachers. Army staff helped to entertain the students with games and activities while parents and teachers had the chance to meet in a relaxed atmosphere.

"It was a great way to bring the community into the school," said Major Barb Duperree. "We felt The Salvation Army's presence helped to get the parents interested and involved."

As part of its back-to-school activities, The Salvation Army provided every Kindergarten student in partner schools, Kiser and Our Lady of the Rosary, a brand new, full-sized backpack and school supplies.

### Teachers' luncheon

Kiser teachers were treated to a Kroc Center luncheon in August. Thanks to the generosity of

## Students making strides in reading

The numbers are in – and they are promising. On Ohio reading tests last spring, our partner school, Kiser, showed 17 percent more third graders reading at grade level than five years ago.

School officials believe the interventions provided four days a week by The Dayton Salvation Army's literacy specialist, Michelle Roll, have given struggling students a boost.

"Michelle has done a tremendous job in helping our young people improve their reading skills," said Kiser Site Coordinator Teresa Wendell. "The Salvation Army is another community resource that's helping our students succeed."

Why is this important? Studies show a child's reading level in third grade is the best predictor of future success in school – and in life.

At Kiser, Michelle works with three classes of second graders, while at Our Lady of the Rosary, she works with first through third graders, for a total of 35 students this school year.

"When they can actually read a story aloud fluently, you can just watch their excitement and self-confidence build," Michelle said.



corporate sponsors and individuals, The Salvation Army was able to provide the teachers with all the school supplies they would need for more than 600 students for the entire year, including 250 calculators for those students who would need them this school year.

### McDonald's sport packs

In addition, our longtime corporate partner, McDonald's, provided a smaller sport pack to each and every student at Rosary and Kiser as the new school year began.

## 'Salvation Army was my salvation'

The morning she woke up in a stranger's house with no idea of where she was, Kim Tufts realized she had hit rock bottom. She hurried home and faced her three grown children with the admission that she was an alcoholic – and she needed help.

Before asking for assistance, Kim had been drinking heavily for 17 years. She immediately entered rehab, where she began to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings daily. At one meeting, a Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center resident asked Kim to go to church with her. Kim agreed, and suddenly things began to fall into place for her.

"Everyone was so loving, and they invited me into their fold," she said. "I realized the feeling was coming from God."

Once she became a church member, Kim, a piano player since first grade, volunteered to play music at various Kroc Center events. In fact, she performed at the National Advisory Board meeting in September. Kim has been sober for nine and one-half years and fills her days with service to others, whether in children's Sunday School, the nursery or anywhere she's needed.

"The Salvation Army was my salvation," she said. "It's been great getting back to church and finding God again."



Kim Tufts (far right)

**DOING THE MOST GOOD** "... For service is our watchword, and there is no reward equal to that of doing the most good to the most people in the most need." –Evangeline Booth

## You Can Make A Difference!

**Please join us in our mission** to make certain that all of the wonderful opportunities at the Kroc Center will be enjoyed by everyone. The Salvation Army has established a Sponsorship Program with the express purpose of funding scholarships and programming for needy children and families. This Program will ensure that those in need will only have to pay a minimal amount per month to partake of all that the Kroc has to offer. **All will be welcome and no one will be turned away.**

To make your tax deductible donation, mail your check made out to The Kroc Center to: The Salvation Army, 1000 N. Keowee St., Dayton OH 45404.

If you have any questions, please contact Reggie Winters, Senior Business Administrator, at 937-528-5200. Thank you very much!

**Please help us make the Kroc Center a Beacon of Hope for the entire Miami Valley!**

### Yes, I would like to be a part of the Kroc Center's "Sponsors Row"

Yes, please include me in "Sponsors Row." My check for \$1,000 or more is enclosed.

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\$60 sponsors an adult for one year.

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