



## BILL BURKE

*“The greatness of a man’s power is the measure of his surrender.”*

– William Booth

Dear Friends,

These words of wisdom from our faithful and fearless founder inspire me in good times and bad times. And they continue to inspire all of us who – with God’s help – continue to help those in need.

When we surrender to God’s power, all things are possible. We gain the strength to face any challenge. In fact, it is only through surrendering to the Lord that we gain the fortitude to “never surrender” in our plight to love the lost, the hurt, and the broken.

I’m pleased to say that our accomplishments this year reflect our total surrender to God.

We continue to stand strong with victims of natural disasters at home and abroad. We’re fighting to assist nearly 50 million Americans battling poverty. And we’re shining a light in the darkness to those struggling with substance abuse, financial problems, and broken family relationships.

By God’s grace, we help shelter tired heads, comfort weary hearts, and feed hungry bellies. And although we’ve set new fundraising records in fiscal year 2016, the relationships we’ve built along the way are what truly make us blessed.

I consider it a blessing to work alongside all of you. To share your endless passion. To help bring peace to all those who desperately need it. And, fueled by a complete surrender to the Lord, to never, ever surrender in our dedication.

There remains much work to do. And much joy in doing it.

Humbly,

Bill Burke

National Advisory Board Chairman



## COMMISSIONER DAVID HUDSON

Dear Friends,

In Galatians 6:9, the Apostle Paul encourages us to “not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

It is a humble reminder that “doing good” achieves its full impact only if we never surrender.

Over the past year, that spirit of conviction has remained fiercely strong in the thousands of volunteers, donors, and supporters who keep The Salvation Army fighting for those whom nobody else will. It’s a 152-year-old fight we are deeply honored to carry on. With the Lord’s help, we will not become weary.

The world has seen great challenges this year. Our Human Needs Index has revealed increased need here at home, exposing a different side of poverty than what meets the eye – or even what’s told via statistics. Our donors have met these challenges with record-setting donations, including \$149.6 million earned in The Red Kettle Campaign alone.

The persistent burdens of poverty, addiction, and natural disasters may strain our will, but so long as there is darkness in the world, we will not waiver. We will heed the Apostle Paul’s words.

Armed with love, The Salvation Army continues to stand as a global symbol of the resourcefulness, compassion, and bold problem-solving that today’s challenges demand. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we are shining a light on the potential found in all men and women on God’s Earth. Together, we truly are doing the most good.

With hope in our hearts, we will never grow weary. We will never grow overwhelmed. We will never surrender.

Yours in His Service,

David Hudson, Commissioner,  
National Commander