



TONY THOMPSON

“While there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I’ll fight – I’ll fight to the very end!” – William Booth

Dear Friends,

One hundred and fifty years ago, our founder, William Booth, pledged that The Salvation Army would fight for every last suffering soul on earth, regardless of the toll it might take. Today, I’m proud to say that we are still faithfully delivering on that mission in every single ZIP code of America.

This year, as we continued to fight for the most good across our communities, our country, and even our borders, we were as fierce as ever in our dedication to Doing The Most Good.

Powered by the strength of our Lord and fueled by the generosity of our donors, volunteers, and staff, we provided holiday assistance to more than 2.6 million people, distributed nearly 17 million tangible items to folks in need, and provided basic social services to over 14 million Americans. We also tenaciously worked to change public perception of human need by showcasing the unseen challenges faced by over 40 million Americans living on the poverty line.

As volcanoes, wildfires, mudslides, and hurricanes endangered hundreds, displaced thousands, and destroyed millions of dollars’ worth of property, we served nearly 800,000 people with emergency disaster assistance. And we’ve continued to pour resources into rebuilding areas devastated by the catastrophic 2017 hurricane season.

With your faithful support, we partnered with local governments to serve those impacted by our country’s border crisis. At the peak of the border crossings, we were able to provide over 30,000 hygiene kits, over 170,000 meals, and over 8,000 lodging accommodations to migrants.

Through an expansion of our Pathway of Hope program and sizable gifts from corporate donors, we came alongside those struggling with generational poverty, homelessness, hurt, and hopelessness – and offered them help and healing.

Though the successes of this year are great, countless challenges remain as we work to help the most vulnerable members of society continue to win their daily battles.

That’s why now, more than ever in our **fight for the most good**, I’m eternally grateful to our donors and supporters for your partnership on the front lines.

Humbly,

Tony Thompson
National Advisory Board Chairman



DAVID HUDSON

“...The one who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.”

– Proverbs 11:18b

Dear Friends,

When I begin to consider the “rewards” The Salvation Army reaped in 2018, I think about Jeffrey – a homeless veteran and single father suffering from severe PTSD. After struggling for years to gain stability for himself and his 6-year-old son, he’s finally found hope and a future through The Salvation Army, where he’s secured gainful employment and long-term housing.

Jeffrey’s success story is simply one of the thousands of humble rewards we’ve reaped this year. Yet every reward is richer knowing that it was exceptionally hard-fought by our donors, volunteers, and staff.

In fact, in an uncertain economy where an end-of-year government shutdown, tax code changes, and turbulent stocks threatened to derail our key giving season, we continued to fight for the most good – and through the grace of God, we experienced a decrease in year-over-year fundraising of less than 1%.

Amid the humanitarian crisis along our country’s border, we marched on in our fight for the most good – and managed to transcend political battle lines simply by offering unconditional shelter, food, and love to our neighbors in need.

Despite historically devastating disasters, chronic homelessness battles, vicious cycles of generational poverty, and a dearth of relief for the working poor, we persevered in our fight for the most good – and provided disaster relief to nearly 800,000 people, holiday assistance to over 2.6 million people, and social services to more than 14 million people.

Victories like these continue to illuminate the power of God at work through the mission of The Salvation Army. I am honored to serve alongside each and every one of you as we keep our gaze fixed upon the endless rewards yet to come in our tireless **fight for the most good.**

Yours in His Service,

David Hudson, Commissioner
National Commander