



TONY THOMPSON

Dear friends,

Over the past year, The Salvation Army has celebrated many victories in our fight for good. Through the generosity of our donors, the devotion of our staff, and the selfless efforts of our volunteers, we have successfully waged war on hunger, homelessness, and hopelessness across every ZIP code

in America.

But as Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 10:4, *“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.”*

Only because we are armed with God’s ever-present weapons of hope, kindness, joy, and compassion are we able to continually fight for those ravaged by storms, broken by addictions, battered by homelessness, and weakened by hunger. It is a true testament to His divine power that we have been able to help, heal, and impact so many lives over the past 365 days.

When the opioid crisis reached startling new heights – with 175 people a day dying from drug overdoses – we fought back with physical, emotional, and spiritual care.

When grocery shortages, unemployment, and resource deprivation threatened the survival of entire communities, we fought back with food pantries, job skills, and service units.

And when the United States was hit by the most catastrophic and costly hurricane season in history, we fought back with fresh water, warm meals, and selfless hearts.

As I reflect on these accomplishments, I am eternally grateful for the ample financial, spiritual, emotional, and physical contributions to the work of The Salvation Army. It is you, our faithful supporters, who make it possible for us to go to battle armed with God’s greatest weapons – all for God’s greatest glory.

Humbly,

Tony Thompson
National Advisory Board Chairman



DAVID HUDSON

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. – 1 Timothy 6:12

Dear friends,

At a time when conflict, disputes, and divisions seem all too prevalent throughout our culture, there is great comfort in the call to “fight the good fight” – to come together for causes bigger than ourselves as we work alongside the Lord to serve our most vulnerable neighbors, friends, and fellow citizens.

While The Salvation Army has existed to fulfill this simple command since our founding in 1865, the past year serves as proof that our mission remains as relevant today as it was over 150 years ago. And as we’ve battled natural disasters, poverty, joblessness, food insecurity, and America’s opioid crisis, we’ve been immeasurably blessed to see just how far a little good can go.

Through the tireless dedication of our staff, volunteers, and generous donors, we’ve helped millions of people overcome pain, fear, destruction, loss, and addiction.

We’ve sheltered and fed 5.8 million displaced hurricane survivors and invested \$76 million in long-term recovery efforts – giving them hope for the future.

We’ve provided low- and no-cost detox, rehabilitation, and care to those caught in the grip of opioid dependence – giving them a second chance at life.

We’ve created vocational training programs to serve the 36 million working-age adults who are currently underqualified for today’s job force – giving them a way up and out of chronic poverty.

And we’ve brought groceries, assistance, and vital emergency services to communities otherwise lacking access to food, shelter, and support – thus giving them tools to thrive despite their limitations.

With your continued hard work, prayers, and faithful financial contributions, I am confident that we will continue to fight – and win – the good fight, wherever the Lord may lead us.

Yours in His Service,

David Hudson, Commissioner
National Commander