



Peppermint Word

March 2021

A monthly newsletter for the Women's Auxiliary
of The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte

President's Message

Luke 14:23

And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

Greeting SAWA sisters,

My first introduction to SAWA was a tour of the Salvation Army ministries all over town. First to Marsh Road, then to Booth Garden, over to Belmont Club followed by a tour of COH and lunch at the ARC. I had no clue the number of lives the Salvation Army was touching. A month later we celebrated the FOT, where I learned about our scholarship, Pathway of Hope and SHIP programs. I was never the same..

FOT has served as a vessel for us to educate our friends and family about all that the Army does to bring Hope to our community, and people were moved to donate so they too, could be a part of changing lives.

We aren't filling tables with people this year, so it is incumbent on us to deliver that Hope in a new way. It's on us, as members of SAWA to spread and educate others about the good works of the Salvation Army in greater Charlotte.

We'll be challenged this season to meet our previous years' milestones, we are a generous group of women and I know we can meet our monetary commitments to support our scholarship students, our Pathways of Hope Commitment as well as our meals to COH. The bigger challenge we have ladies is to educate our community. To let them know that SA directly touches almost 1500 lives every single day in Charlotte. We all know that when people see the work SA does, their hearts will want to be a part of delivering that Hope.

We're going to do our best to deliver videos and packaged information for you to share, committees will be forming soon as we enter our fundraising season.

We'll be kicking it off with our celebration of the generosity of the Tyndall Furniture company & hearing from some of our scholarship students at our March 16th meeting, 11:30 at Area Command and on zoom. Please let me know if you can attend. We will be meeting safely and it would be a blessing for Diane Jones to be surrounded by her SAWA sisters.

Thank you ladies for your commitment, your passion & your service!

Jen Adkins
President, 2020-2022

Festival of Hope Update

We are all wondering in this strange time what comes next. The answer is Hope, the hope that we can give to others. Did you ever think about all the people that Hope they can get help from the Salvation Army? Well, this year we are working in a very serious time to give that hope. In fact, the Women's Auxiliary is all about Hope.

In a new multifaceted program, we will divide and conquer. Conquer the realization of dreams of young students striving to realize a degree for a better tomorrow. We are giving hope to those families literally walking the Pathway of Hope. Yes, once again, the dream of going from homeless to independence. Just think of that, talk about life changing, wow that is overwhelming.

Think about who you are as a member of the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary. You are one of a special group who helps make dreams come true. It's time to get going and we are about to see our new program to success. Stay tuned it's coming and we are getting going.

*Love to all
Brenda Rorie,
Fundraising chair*



But those who **hope** in the LORD will renew their strength,
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Meeting Reminder for Members & Guests

Our next meeting will be held virtually on **Tuesday, March 16th at 11:30 am**. An Email with meeting details will be provided next week.

The Auxiliary Board meeting will take place just prior to the General Meeting on **Tuesday, March 16th at 10:30 a.m.** All Auxiliary officers and committee chairs, please plan to join.

Scholarship Committee Update

March is the month for processing applications from Boys & Girls Club seniors who are seeking funding from the SAWA scholarship program. There are five students interested in financial support. The deadline for applying (March 12) is strictly enforced so we hope to be able to interview the four boys and one girl who have requested and received online applications. Interviews will be conducted virtually during April.

As you must realize, the college experience has been very challenging for the ten students receiving scholarships this year. Because of the CPCC cyber hack, Jessica Morales is just starting her coursework this week. Fellow Lewis, a student in Mississippi, has had to live in a hotel room these last few weeks because there is no water on the Jackson State campus. Two of our students were ill with COVID. According to Mecca Glover (UNCG) and Danielle Souare (NC A&T), virtual learning "is really hard" because "classroom interaction is key to being able to really focus." In Chapel Hill, Tatiana Aguilar is managing her coursework and her supervisory duties in the dorm though car trouble is proving to be a challenge. Three of our students are branching out into the business world as they attend college: Mehdi Moujahid (Keller Williams Ballantyne) and Jonathan and Kingsley Ifedi (T.E.A.M. TAXES in Atlanta and Greensboro). Our Bridge to the Future recipient, Shanekue Allison, hopes to finish her graduate program in May.

Please keep our students in your prayers and in your hearts as we focus on raising funds through our Festival of Hope campaign.

Diane Minsker

Updates from the Treasurer

Ladies, as we look for new ways to fund our projects we want to be certain that funds intended for our auxiliary get to us. If you, or anyone you know, writes a check it should be made payable to the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary or SAWA. You can also show SAWA on the memo line.

If it is just made payable to the Salvation Army then when the check is received the Army employee opening and recording the donation has no way of knowing it was intended for the auxiliary.

Also, please mail the check to the PO Box as we have found that when a company has a PO Box it takes much longer for the delivery if you put only the street address on the envelope. There have been instances when the check has never arrived. The mailing address for checks is :

Salvation Army
PO Box 31128
Charlotte NC 28231

Thanks for your help with this.

Diane Thomas, Treasurer

Boys and Girls Club Update

The Boys and Girls Clubs have been busy and are looking forward to Spring Days filled with lots of activity.

We have a new event that we will be participating in that will be showcased for our members in May just think "Hope" and what that might mean to our Clubs. We will be showing clips of our activities and all the fun we will have experimenting with many decorative ideas. You will see the Boys and Girls Club members in action and full creative force. Look for more information to follow.

Rosella Bergen

Center of Hope News

The Center of Hope is still using an outside catering company for their meals. We are providing breakfast items and individual snack items.

They are hoping to be back at the Center in a couple weeks. This has been a challenging time for our less fortunate population. Let's keep them and the staff at the Center in our daily prayers.

Melanie Mason

ARC News

We need your help! Jewelry needs sorting at the ARC. Covid has basically stopped this project. Tuesday, March 23 Jen and I are going to be in full swing, sorting. We will be there at 10:30 until 12 and enjoy lunch in the cafeteria with the residents. This seems like such a small job but the results will help so many. Please join us!

Please contact Becky to let her know what day you prefer this project on to attract more volunteers. We will enforce social distancing and mask wearing. Thanks for your help.

Becky Herring

Birthdays

Please wish the following members a very Happy Birthday and blessed day!

Kay Major	March 10
Pat White	March 18
Clement Gibson	March 23
Krysten Hoversen	March 25
Jen Adkins	March 28

