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Major Susan Ferreira, Divisional Finance Director and Prayer Liaison for Southern New England is in charge of our prayer ministry here in Connecticut and Rhode Island. “Whenever requests are received,” says Major Susan, “I try to match the requests with a local group. Frequently I distribute the requests to the local Corps officers. We also have a special group of retired officers, who are available to help with special requests and especially around the holidays when the requests increase dramatically. Sometimes I add them to our prayer list here. I also ask our retired officers to include a special request with their intentions. The most important thing for you to know, is that all requests are acted upon by one of us here in our prayer chain!”

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MEET OUR HOUSING STABILIZATION COORDINATOR

SANDY BARRY

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Sandy grew up in Maine. She attended Eastern College, in St. Davids, Pennsylvania where she majored in social work with minors in sociology and psychology. During her senior year, she discovered an opportunity to be a Childcare/Family Worker at The Salvation Army Emergency Shelter in Hartford, Connecticut. Sandy was hired and began her career in social work with The Salvation Army in September, 1981. Almost 33 years later, she is still thriving with The Salvation Army. Sandy began as a Childcare/Family Worker, was promoted to the Assistant Director/Social Worker position and then to the shelter’s Director in 1985, a position she held for 27 years. Currently, she works for the Marshall House Family Shelter writing grants, completing reports and developing programs.

Q: Why do you do this?

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