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Women's Auxiliary of
The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte

July 2025

President's Message

It's an honor to be writing my first article as the Women's Auxiliary President. Dana Vaden is going to be a tough act to follow. She provided her guidance and insight as we started the transition. Dana has a wonderful heart and a giving spirit that is always present when you're in her presence. I'm so thankful for her support and encouragement as my predecessor. Her commitment to grow our membership was extremely successful. Under her leadership our membership increased by 21 new members in one year. This is a huge achievement for the Women's Auxiliary!

As I embark on this new journey as the Women's Auxiliary President, I'm excited and filled with gratitude about this upcoming year. I joined SAWA in 2021 after researching organizations that serve the community with a positive impact. I'm an affordable housing advocate and looking to uplift the community through financial and housing education to help elevate their lives. I'm blessed and grateful to be working with an amazing group of women that are dedicated to helping serve our community.

This summer, I'm working with the different committees on ways to expand our volunteer opportunities. Dana was successful with increasing our membership and it will be my mission to have more opportunities for our members to serve. Our September meeting is approaching fast. I'm looking forward to the committees sharing the volunteer opportunities for the upcoming year. You will learn about the different committees and have an opportunity to sign up to participate.

You will see that Beth has included the membership application and renewal form with this letter. Please carefully read the membership requirements. If you feel that you are not able to attend as many meetings as you would like, please consider becoming a sustaining or lifetime member. We can find multiple ways that you can give service hours from home if traveling to volunteer opportunities is a challenge. Please reach out to let us know if you need specific accommodations. Have a great summer and stay cool in this intense heat! I'm looking forward to seeing you in September!

With Appreciation,

Annetria Lattimore,
President 2025-2026



Membership Reminder

This is your friendly reminder that membership fees for 2025 - 2026 are due by **September 30th**. A membership form is enclosed for those who owe dues (those who joined in late Spring are paid for the upcoming year). Please read ALL information on the form to make sure you select the correct membership level and **NOTE the expected level of involvement for that membership**. If you are not able to participate in meetings or activities and have served in the Auxiliary for at least 10 years, your best option for membership is to become a Lifetime member. Completing the application is important so that we have your correct membership status, and updated address and contact info. There is a place for you to indicate that none of your information has changed so you don't have to fill out the whole form. You can mail the form back, drop it off at Area Command, or bring it to our meeting on September 16th.

If you want to participate but are not able to come to meetings or serve on a committee, there are many options for supporting your auxiliary (including some you can do from home). If you choose **not** to rejoin, please let Beth or Jennifer Moore know so you can be removed from the list and from all communications. Hope to see you all in September!

Recruitment - Echelon members

As a member of The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary, we know that you are dedicated to the work and mission of the organization. We also know that passion is likely shared by your family and friends.

The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte is in the process of launching a new chapter of Echelon, The Salvation Army's young professionals network. We are in the process of planning for an official launch of the chapter later this year. An Echelon chapter is very similar to the Women's Auxiliary in how it will function and raise support, however its members are those just embarking on their professional careers. Do you have family members or neighbors – young men or women – who fit this category? If so, please share this information with them: <https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/greater-charlotte/echelon>. We would love to have them be a part of history – the launching of a group that will impact Charlotte for years to come.

Additional COH support - Reminder

As you all know, food costs have sky-rocketed this past year or two and we are feeling the pinch in our food budget for the shelter. Because of this, we are trying to find more partnerships to sponsor meals for the up to 300 residents that we feed daily at the Center of Hope. SAWA already provides two lunches a month and we are so grateful for your support!

If you belong to a civic group or church who may also want to support our families this way, please provide the name of your group and a contact person we can reach out to with a sponsorship request. You can email that info to Beth Butchino or Hannah Newcombe. An email was sent a couple of months ago with a flyer that you can use to talk with members of your group about the Adopt a Meal program. Contact Beth if you need another copy.

We appreciate any leads you can provide so that Hannah can connect with potential donors willing to help alleviate some of the meal costs for our women, children, and veterans.

Welcome the Wileys

Majors Andrew & Hazel Wiley have been appointed as the new Area Commanders for The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte in June 2025. The leadership role includes overseeing all programs, services and operations for the organization: homelessness services and housing programs (Center of Hope, Booth Commons and SHIP); youth programs (Red Shield Youth Centers); Christmas assistance; emergency disaster response; and more.

The Wileys come to Charlotte Area Command having previously served the same role as Area Commanders in Winston-Salem, N.C. Major Andrew is a native of North Carolina, while Major Hazel is a native of Maryland. Major Andrew has been a Salvation Army Officer for more than 40 years, and Major Hazel for more than 37 years.



The Wileys have served The Salvation Army together in various appointments in the North and South Carolina Division over a period of more than 25 years before being appointed to the National Capital and Virginia Divisional Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Following their 6-year service in Washington, D.C., the Wileys were appointed to Territorial Headquarters in Atlanta, where Major Andrew was responsible for oversight for all social services programs across the southeastern United States, and Major Hazel was the Territorial Director of Older Adult Ministries.

The Wileys have two adult children who both serve in The Salvation Army - one serving as the Assistant Divisional Music Director for the Georgia Division and the other serving in the Music and Arts Department of The Salvation Army in Clearwater, Fla. When asked about their appointment as Area Commanders for The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte, the Wileys state that they are very excited and honored to have been selected to lead the Army's ministry in the area.

Scholarship Committee

With 15 scholarship recipients for the coming school year, the scholarship committee members are scheduling in-person time with their mentees, usually centered around food! Most of our students are working summer jobs in Charlotte; a couple of them are working two jobs. Two of our students, Jasmine Higgins and Kennedy Chambers, are enrolled in summer school as they work. We are proud of the overall grade point average of these young people for the spring 2025 semester which was 3.11.

In September our committee will begin focusing on workforce development, providing guidance, activities and field trips to expose the Red Shield Club members in middle school and high school to career opportunities that don't require a four-year college degree. Hopefully, new members who joined the SAWA this past year will volunteer to work on this new initiative.



**Charlotte Dunn with mentee
Jade Jones and her mom Shonda**

Diane Minsker

Social Services Update

The Auxiliary continues to bring monthly birthday cakes to the Center of Hope for the summer celebrations. We support the Center of Hope by providing two lunches per month as well. The Army sent a request for any Sunday School classes or organizations to consider providing a meal to the COH over the summer. The kids are out of school and there are more mouths to feed.

We will be requesting donations for back to school next month, more to come on this.

Thank you for your financial support as well as your willingness to put on a hat and apron.

Suzanne Duncan and Sandra Wilson



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Jewelry sorting will continue through the summer on the second and fourth Tuesdays monthly. We have tons of containers to sort. Join us to see all of the unique jewelry pieces that are found! I am happy to announce that Cindy Polshak will now co-chair this committee with Linda Franklin. Thanks for stepping up Cindy!

Annetria Lattimore



Member Birthdays

Please join me in wishing the following ladies a Happy Birthday and blessed day!

Carolyn Ginyard	July 4	Lynn Allen	Aug. 9
Suzanne Duncan	July 12	Becky Herring	Aug. 13
Laura Slesinger	July 17	Diane Miller	Aug. 16
Jill Adams	July 22	Kim Franceschi	Aug. 17
Susan Jones	July 23	Linda Smith	Aug. 20
Anita Mobley	Aug. 4	Rosella Bergen	Aug. 22
Jean Prince	Aug. 6	Terry Pope	Aug. 27
Georgia Ann Cain	Aug. 6		

