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Organization Name: Salvation Army Corp Community Center/ Spartanburg

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Advisory Board Signature

Advisory Board Name

Advisory Council Signature

Advisory Council Name

Please carefully read each question below and answer as thoroughly as possible in narrative format. If you need additional space please use additional paper.

1. Team-effort:

- What steps have been put in place to ensure good communication and a united effort between Corps Officer and Club/Community Center Director?
- What are some creative ways that the Corps Officer and Club/Community Center Director have worked together to development unity at other levels?

As the Community Center Program Director I take great pride and effort to keep a great open and consistent line of communication with my Corps Officers Lt. Howard and Lt. Katie Tate. We formed an immediate and a very great united team from the start by sharing ideas, listening to each other ideas, creating new ideas, problem solving, and uplifting one another. The spiritual level and connection for the love of our Lord and Jesus Christ has been the constant goal to make sure we share message of the Lord through all that we do and have done here at the Corp and Community Center.

We have developed many ways through collaboration with the Corp and Community Center that we can connect on many levels. Just recently we worked together and done a family and friends Fall Festival, where we had many fun activities in place. We also had a chance to include some of board members to be able to also come out and do their Do Diligence. It was an awesome and fun festive day for all. Our Corp Officer Lt. Katie worked very gracefully and put together many fun inexpensive games and prizes that we all played and really enjoyed such as Ping-Pong toss, Cake Walk, Throwing the Hola-Hoop over the pumpkins, Football toss through the ladder, Snow-cone station, Cotton-candy station, Grilled Hotdogs cooked by the Corp Members and Board, Candy-Apples, cupcakes, and popcorn just to name a few. The staff dressed up in their fall festival costumes and they also dressed every child into cheerleader and football uniforms that was donated by the local college Spartanburg Methodist. We wanted each child to feel festive and special and the children were so happy they were able to dress up. They all went home with tons of goodies.

We at the community center also have our after school program where we do tons of programming and activities with the children. Among working with the after school children with their homework we also have our extended program called "The Force." "The Force" program is a Performing Arts Program where we teach the children dancing, singing, and drama. Also with "The Force" we have our Reading Club, Garden, Club, Culinary Class, and Fitness Club. We also collaborate with Corp in implementing the 3:16 and Girl Guard program every Friday. The afterschool children really enjoy doing this great program and earning their badges each and every week. Our dance program is very active at this time where we will doing a performance in the local mall for the annual Kettle Kick-off. Our Dance Ministry Team which is called "The Heirs of Grace" consists of both boys and girls are very excited about this year's

performance and will be also performing at several nursing homes during the Christmas season. We also have a Cheer-Pom-Pom team that will be competing for the first at the 2018 Hoops Counsel. They are so excited. Thanks to the SMC Cheer Squad for their generous donation of cheer uniforms and pom-poms we are all set on uniforms for the entire team. We are working to add more girls the team that attend the Corp on Sunday's as well.

We also have one our faithful staff that also works during the week with our afterschool children and on Sunday with our Corp Officers and Corp Children. She is such a great addition to our Salvation Army Team.

2. Increased interaction between The Salvation Army Corps and The Boys & Girls Club / Community Center.

A. Which activities are offered to help Increase interaction between The Salvation Army Corps & The Boys and Girls Club / Chartered Community? The activities that we to offer to both programs are the Community Activities, Employee Participation, 3:16, Girl- Guard, Sunbeams, Dance, and Field trips.

B. State how often the specific program is offered and how many individuals attend on a regular basis.

These programs are offered by allowing the afterschool children to participate in Sunday activities by showing what they learn through-out each and every week such as dance and activities in 3:16. Offering the employees the opportunity to participate in Sunday Activities with the afterschool and Corp Children and Members. We recently had our family and friends on Sunday where the employees were recognize for their hard work and dedication.

C. Through providing these activities, how has this increased interaction between The Salvation Army Corps & The Boys and Girls Club / Chartered Community Center? With implementing and introducing these activities has increase membership tremendously over the past year and half. Introducing the new extended arts program really allow more doors to open to many children that may not have ever had the chance to do any of the activities that we serve. With the Corp and Community Center working together really shows the outstanding bond and commitment with the two. Both the Corp and Community center really makes us come together as one body increasing growth and unity throughout the program and which is pouring out into the community.

3. Advisory Board and Advisory Council must work in harmony.

- A. How do the Advisory Board and Advisory Council set program goals that increase interaction between The Salvation Army Corps and The Boys Girls Club / Chartered Community Center?

The Advisory Board and Council are well active when it comes to the interaction with the Corp and Community Center. The advisory board helps with creating the community event such as Fall Festivals, Employee appreciations, Christmas Kettles and Kick-offs, and, making important decisions about funding and fundraising.

- B. Who evaluates the progress of these goals and how are they measured and reported?
These goals are evaluated as a group effort through frequent meetings with the Advisory Board and Corp officers with scheduled meetings. Reports are turned in from each department showing the statically information that is turned in to the board. Each goal is discussed and evaluated to see the progress and where the goals are headed and setting new goals.

4. Involve Corps Youth in Boys & Girls Club / Chartered Community Center Programs

- A. What Boys & Girls Club / Chartered Community Center Programs are offered to Corps Youth and how many individuals from the Corps participate?

Dance, 3:16, Girl Guard, and Sunbeam are offered to both. We have a total of 26 children that are enrolled in our after school participation and about 12 Corp Kids.

- B. What projects have been developed to bring Corps Youth and Boys & Girls Club / Chartered Community Center Members together and what were the results?

"The Force" Arts program is our program that we have developed in the past year that has really taken off. It consists of Dancing, Singing, Drama, Creative Art, and 360 Art of Food. The 360 Art of Food is a New Arts programs that basis all its art around food, but also around all the arts. You have The Garden Club where we grow and learn about the growing food. You have the Culinary Club where we teach the kids how to cook no baked items and types of dishes from countries. We have the Art of Food where we draw and paint pictures pertaining to food. We also have done skits, dances, and dramas that are about food, where the children may dress up as fruits and veggies and perform them out. This is a healthy way to introduce a healthy balance and lifestyle of eating.

- C. How do you get Corps Youth involved in planning activities that they would be interested in participating in at the Boys & Girls Club / Chartered Community Center?
- Some of the corps boys and girls may also participate in are afterschool and get heavily involved in our community activities and may at some point get involved in our afterschool activities such as visiting the nursing homes, participation in parades, going on Christmas Outings. Also we have our afterschool boys and girls as well as their families to participate in Sunday activities inviting them to the Corp on Sunday's.**

- D. What has been your greatest challenge in getting Corps Youth to participate in Boys & Girls Club / Chartered Community Center programs?

The greatest challenge I have seen thus far is just rebuilding relationships that may have been lost over the past between former members and having them return back to both the Corp and Community Center.

5. Devotions, Bible Classes, Prayer Cells, and other spiritual activities

- A. What kind of Spiritual Programs are offered in your Boys & Girls Club / Chartered Community Center Programs, how often are they offered, and who leads these activities?

Our spiritual programs that are offered to the Community center is the 3:16 program which we have every Friday. The Children really enjoy it. We also have our Christian Dance 'The Heirs of Grace', VBS during the summer, our Afterschool Singers where they perform at several nursing homes throughout the year, and Morning Prayer and devotion where we do every day during summer camp before it starts. All of our staff from the Director to the Program Aides takes continuous turns teaching all of these.

- B. Describe how the staff of the Boys & Girls Club / Chartered Community Center Programs is being Spiritually Fed through Salvation Army Program? (I.e. Staff Bible Study, Prayer Groups, etc.)

The community center is being fed on a weekly basis through the 3:16 on Fridays. We really take great lengths teaching them the ways of the lord and about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We also have set times during the week outside Friday that we have reading time and teachings on scripture reading and the importance of reading your bible daily. During summer camp we have a Program called Devotion Journey Walk in the Park. The program consists of learning scripture reading praying for our community and families. We take the children to Altar and pray as well during summer camp or whenever we need to have prayer to uplift someone in need. We also teach only Christian Base music to our dance department teaching them the importance of giving God Ultimate praise through waving our hands singing Hallelujah which we all know is the highest Praise. We also have An Evangelist group that comes and spiritual fed our children during Summer Camp teaching bible stories and scripture reading.

6. **"Build the Kingdom by Building the Corps."**

- A. What is the Corps Officer doing to Build the Kingdom by Building the Corps in the Boys & Girls Club / Chartered Community Center Programs?

The Corp Officers work very closely with the Director and the staff collaborating new and exciting ideas. They are true believers of team building and uniting the Corp and the Community Center in many areas that will make each program grow. The Corp Officers pray much with and for both programs constant, as well as for our members and their families. The Corp Officers are very strong on prayer and praying for the enhancement of the Lords Kingdom on saving souls and delivering people to Christ. One awesome thing that they have done is put a prayer tree up for prayer request from anyone who desires or needs prayer. It allows us to come together and pray together as one.

- B. What is the Boys & Girls Club Executive Director / Chartered Community Center Director doing to provide Corps Members the opportunity to share Christ with Club / Community Center Members?

As the Director I work very hard to share the importance of knowing the Mission and the goal of what we represent throughout the Salvation Army family. As Christ is in my heart I research and gather the much needed information through scripture reading and study. In order to share knowledge you must gain knowledge, therefore gathering material, creating lessons, and making weekly lesson plans to share with the members of the community program for kingdom building. Implementing the Salvation Army Courses and programs has been a great way to share our Christ. The 3:16 program has really been one of the most exciting programs that we have done with the members here at the community center. It's a creative fun way to learn and grow to know more and more about the Lords work and his greatness all around us.

- C. What has been the greatest accomplishment to happen this year to "Build the Kingdom by Building the Corps?"

The greatest accomplishment that has happen so far with center is growth, kingdom building through the word, and the means to be able to spread the message and love our lord to all of the families and members that we encounter. The Lord has continued to enhance the Corps by blessing us with a God fearing, spirit filled, compassionate and humbly command that has the greatest mindset to reach as many souls as possible. By Building the Kingdom and Building the Corps we are building a uniting a strong community and getting the message out about Christ. The corps has continued to pave the way and open the doors to all that seek the glory of the Lord. The chapel doors stay open at all times and it is refreshing to be able to freely go and pray to Lord and worship and have a one on one with God when needed.