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Letter from the Chair

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment to improve the world – Anne Frank

Dear Friends,

We hope that you had a wonderful holiday season and we wish you the very best for the coming year. The last few months of 2016 have been particularly gripping but many wonderful things have happened as well.

For instance, there is finally peace in Columbia, non-violent protests helped impeach a president in South

Korea, the military no longer rules Myanmar and Lebanon finally picked a leader after 45 tries! That big ozone hole over the Antarctic is starting to heal and India planted 50 million trees in one day! In the U.S. the high school graduation rate is at its highest, teen birth rates kept falling, the unemployment rate is the lowest in 10 years and the Chicago Cubs finally won the World Series!!

These are exciting days for our Region and we look forward to accom-

plishing much over the next 12 months. Over the past several months, the ICSW North American and Caribbean Region Steering Committee has worked diligently at setting priorities and goals in keeping with the mission set forth by the ICSW. Our first goal was the implementation of a quarterly newsletter of which this is the FIRST! We look forward to all that this new year has to offer!

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 21 World Social Work Day
- April 17 Social Work Day at the UN
- May 18-19 ICSW 2017 19th International Conference on Social Work Paris, France
- June 26-28 National Energy and Utility Affordability Conference Fort Lauderdale, FL
- August 18-22 American Congress of Corrections St. Louis, MO
- December 10 International Human Rights Day
- July 4-7, 2018 Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development Dublin, Ireland

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DAVID JOY HERRELL

David Joy Herrell, Member of the US Committee for ICSW, died at 80 years of age on October 1st, 2016. David commuted by train from Richmond, Virginia, to Washington, DC for many years in order to faithfully attend Committee meetings and ICSW events. He also served as Treasurer for the North American and Jamaican Region of ICSW. David was actively engaged in the planning for the First Regional Meeting of NAJR in 2014 and represented the US Committee for ICSW at Social Work Day at the United Nations in 2016. He was serving as US Committee Member and Regional Treasurer at the time of his death.

Born and raised in Washington, DC, he loved the place and the politics. He bettered the lives of millions worldwide through his work in international child welfare. Along with his beloved wife Kay, (d. 4.13.14), he brought the world into his own family through multicultural adoptions. A social worker, singer, collector of music, photographer, painter, poet, and lover of style and artifact, David loved the woods and taught his children to appreciate nature and culture.





PATHWAY OF HOPE

The Salvation Army's Pathway of Hope initiative provides individualized services to families with children who desire to take action to break the cycle of crisis and vulnerability.

Sixteen million children, representing 22% of children in the United States, are poor. The longer a child is poor, the greater the risk of poverty in adulthood. Experiencing poverty as a child also increases the likelihood of lifelong health problems and involvement in the criminal justice system. Pathway of Hope is seeking to address the root causes of poverty in addition to The Army's history of compassionate serving. By helping families overcome challenges like unemployment, unstable housing, and lack of education, we can lead families down a path toward increased stability and, ultimately, self-sufficiency. These families come to us through emergency assistance and other Salvation Army social service programs or are referred by outside organizations.

The Pathway of Hope approach includes:

- Working together with other community organizations to better help clients.
- Using all of The Army's services to help clients reach their identified goals.
- Moving families from crisis and vulnerability to stability and eventually self-sufficiency, tracking and encouraging family progress along the way.
- Connecting clients with spiritual leaders and advisors to develop a hopeful outlook, if they so choose.
- Encouraging clients to build on their strengths through individualized case management.

While many Salvation Army programs include aspects of this initiative only Pathway trains Army officers, employees, volunteers, and Corps leadership in this holistic approach that is consistent across the United States. Best practices include a team approach which increases the time that caseworkers can spend with families and encouraging support by all staff members for families seeking services. This team walks alongside families as part of a partnership effort to facilitate changes, celebrating small victories as well as larger achievements throughout their journey.

Pathway calls for increased interaction between social services and Salvation Army congregation (corps) members. We've seen this happen through invitations to worship services, offering opportunities to engage in the Army's various children's programs, and pooling together financial and in-kind resources to help families become stable. Pathway also looks to expand The Salvation Army's network of community resources and increase collaboration with other organizations and businesses to help families achieve their goals. The objective is for local corps to build relationships with other non-profits, public agencies, and for-profit companies to better serve their communities together.

Dr. Sergei Zelenev, ICSW Executive Director

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Kenneth and Margery Carpenter, longtime NASW members and NASW Social Work Pioneers® have each been elected Distinguished Fellows of the International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW).

By ICSW definition, Distinguished Fellows are “eminent experts in social welfare or social development who have made internationally or regionally outstanding and widely recognized contributions to social welfare and social development,”. Ken and Margery have attended 18 ICSW international conferences starting in 1952 – considered to be a record.

Global ICSW President Eva Holmberg-Herrström of Sweden honored Ken and Margery at a dinner in Washington, DC on February 6.

Ken is a past Chair of the ICSW-US Committee and Margery is Honorary Chair and served as U.S. Coordinator for several decades.

ICSW, founded in 1928, is a non-governmental organization focused on advocacy, knowledge-building and technical assistance projects in various areas of social development carried out at the country level and internationally. It is a sister global organization to the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) and the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW).

The photo below is of Ken and Eva with the Distinguished Fellow Citation.



Kenneth and Margery Carpenter at the 1980 ICSW conference in Hong Kong.



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Our Mission

In keeping with the mission set forth by the International Council of Social Welfare, the U.S. Council is committed to the advancement of social development, social welfare and social justice. Our priorities include subjects such as food insecurity and improving the nutrition of children and the elderly, reducing poverty, improving education and promoting affordable house. The U.S. Council is also involved in issues relating to economic development, both in the U.S. and around the world, social justice and encouraging community participation.



Coming Spring 2017 Special ICSW Event in Washington, DC - look for your invitation coming soon!

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NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

This is the time of year when many people begin retrospection and reevaluating some of their life choices. New Year's resolutions are the perfect opportunity for all those who desire to start making the changes they desire to begin anew. Here are some key points to remember when setting resolutions for 2017:

Goal setting: establish clear and definable goals for changes in your behavior and/or adopting new actions.

Define clear steps: achieving wishes or goals occurs when you break down your goal into specific steps of action and set deadlines to meet those specific steps.

Be realistic: goal setting and identifying specific achievable steps must be realistic to reach success.

Continue despite setbacks: working to achieve a new goal and change in behavior is not easy and takes focused energy, action, and thought. When a setback

occurs do not give up on your goal, rather reassess your next steps and establish new realistic deadlines.

Celebrate successes: achieving specific steps towards your goals deserve appropriate recognition. Celebrate your actions toward a goal and then especially when your goal is achieved.

