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To our Army of Volunteers -

We are writing to express our gratitude to each one of you for the time, talent, skill and commitment you contribute through volunteering with The Salvation Army.

As we reflect on the enduring impact of our volunteer involvement we are inspired! You are one of 30,000 ongoing volunteers and 70,000 short term volunteers working with the Salvos each year. The collective wage value of hours contributed by Salvos volunteers is over \$150 million per year, and the actual value and impact of your work is far greater than this monetary figure.

As you know, The Salvation Army is in the midst of creating our new National Australia Territory. This journey involves significant change, as we strive to become the most missionally effective movement we can be.

A key milestone has been the formulation of our new National vision statement;

'Wherever there is hardship or injustice,
Salvos will live, love and fight alongside others
to transform Australia one life at a time
with the love of Jesus.'

Salvo Volunteers are inherently reflected within this vision statement. The Salvation Army was founded on volunteer service, and Salvo Volunteers continue to be vital to our mission force as we live, love and fight together to transform Australia one life at a time.

Whether you are working in a frontline role, a back office function, in fundraising or as part of a corporate group, we want you to be encouraged in the knowledge that people's lives are being transformed through the enduring effort of our Army of Volunteers.

From our hearts we thank you - and pray God's blessing upon each of you as you continue to bring about positive change in the wider Australian community through your sacrifice and service.

Blessings

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