

# Together

Making a Difference



Giving Hope Today

Spring/Summer 2020

## Message from Captains Ian & Ruth Gillingham

The songwriter, Elisha Hoffman, wrote,  
What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
When you couple the above verse with the words of Isaiah 41:10,  
"So do not fear, for I am with you  
Do not be dismayed for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."  
Add in your God given faith and you have a good recipe for peace in these uncertain days.



Peace does not need to be fleeting,  
so let the Lord grow your trust in him.

We are actively remaining in prayer for you in these unprecedented times...

Captains Ian & Ruth Gillingham

## Message from Rob Studiman

Greetings, my name is Rob Studiman and I am new to the role of Community Ministries Director for The Salvation Army's Centre of Hope.



My family and I have a long history with The Salvation Army. My wife Nicole, son Cole, daughter Ava and I have been attending The Salvation Army - Cascade Community Church in Abbotsford for over eighteen years, and myself over thirty eight years in different locations. My parents are retired Salvation Army Officers and my sister is a newly appointed Salvation Army Officer in Summerford, Newfoundland.

I have actively volunteered with The Salvation Army since I was about sixteen years old, from Jr. Band Leader to Youth Leader.

Outside of my volunteering, I have had a career that has spanned over three decades in the furniture industry. This has included fourteen years in retail management and sixteen plus years of purchasing across North America and throughout Asia.

I am very excited about this new venture in my life and the amazing team I have been so lucky to be able to work with.

## Congratulations Ian!

Ian has served as Executive Director of the Centre of Hope for the past three years. He is now transitioned over to his new role as Divisional Emergency Disaster Services Director for the Province of BC. Ian oversees The Salvation Army's provincial response to emergencies. In addition he helps support local ministries emergency preparedness and response. The Salvation Army has 56 ministry units and 20 mobile kitchens that can respond during a crisis. Ian will miss the wonderful team of staff and volunteers in Abbotsford. They work tirelessly to help those in need in our local community.



## Welcome Chaplain Ross Hailes to the Pastoral Care Team

Ross served as a Salvation Army Officer for thirty-nine years prior to his retirement in 2013. An Australian by birth, Ross, along with his wife, Agnes, had appointments with The Salvation Army in four countries during his career, Australia, Scotland, USA and Canada.

Ross has also been working as a part time Chaplain to several companies in the BC Lower Mainland for the last seven years.

Ross has been married to Agnes for forty four years and have three children and six grandchildren.

Ross enjoys spending time with his family, walking, reading and watching Australian Rules Football live streamed from his home country.

In taking up his new position as a Chaplain at the Centre of Hope, Ross is looking forward to engaging with both clients and employees, offering both spiritual and practical support. He hopes to share the love of God and give hope to those who live on the fringes and feel like they are forgotten.



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# The Salvation Army Centre of Hope Abbotsford

As an organization that has people at the core of our mission, the safety and health of our employees, clients, volunteers and partners is paramount. As one of the largest providers of social services in the province and the country, it is our responsibility to work with government and health authorities to ensure we do our part in containing the virus. Since March 2020 the staff at the Centre of Hope in Abbotsford have responded to the directives set out by The Salvation Army, local and provincial health authorities and the City. **We want to share with you a snapshot of how we are continuing to serve the most vulnerable in our community.**



For the latest updates on the programs and services please contact the departments below or visit [www.centreofhope.net](http://www.centreofhope.net)

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We **ARE** accepting donations of **fresh/ frozen** and **non-perishable** items for the Meal Centre and Emergency Food Bank. If you would like to donate: please call the Centre of Hope ahead of time to make drop-off arrangements. Please call **604.852.9305 Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm Ext. #0 or #104.**