

## THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

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Lieutenant Colonel Eddie Vincent The Salvation Army Newfoundland and Labrador Division P.O. Box 91, 430 Topsail Road St. John's, NL, A1E 4N1

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Vincent,

I write to express my sincere appreciation to the Newfoundland and Labrador Division of The Salvation Army as you continue to serve the people of our province during this coronavirus pandemic. I write especially to ask that you convey my heartfelt thanks to those who continue to serve on the front lines doing what comes naturally for The Salvation Army, putting the welfare of others first. Their concern for others, while always obvious, is especially evident now during COVID-19. The outpouring of support that included a hot meal in Port aux Basques for truckers who continue to work during this difficult time, was heartwarming and appreciated.

Thank you for continuing to provide support to those who need the comfort of knowing that, despite what is happening in our world, and in particular close to home, the normalcy that comes with a continued presence of The Salvation Army has not changed. Your presence is reassuring and provides peace of mind.

We are reminded daily by health officials of the necessity of practicing good hygiene, including washing our hands well and often, practicing physical distancing and staying at home, measures intended to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. It is imperative we recognize the mental toll, as well as the physical toll, this pandemic can take on all of us, especially on those who are required on the front lines doing what comes naturally, protecting and caring for others.

These are trying times as the world grapples with COVID-19. Leaders everywhere are being asked to make difficult decisions to ensure the safety of everyone. These decisions weigh heavily on those leaders and I know the same is true for the leadership of The Salvation Army. We will get through this together with God's help, because that is what we do. As you continue to make a difference in our corner of the world, on behalf of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, I am extremely grateful. You lead by example.

Sincerely,

Judy M. Foote P.C., O.N.L.