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Bradenton Salvation Army Honors Community Leader Ed Dick

Bradenton Advisory Board member to Receive Life Membership Award

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April 21, 2010 marks a momentous day for the Advisory Board of The Salvation Army, Bradenton as long time board member and community leader [Ed Dick](#) is honored for his years of service. Dick will be inducted into a distinct group as a life member of The Salvation Army Advisory Board. With twenty-one years of experience as a member of the Bradenton Corps Advisory Board, Ed Dick is uniquely qualified for the prestigious position. "Ed Dick is an inspiration to anyone who knows him", says Advisory Board Chairman Bruce Braithwaite. "He is a respected leader of our community and always places the needs of others before his own."

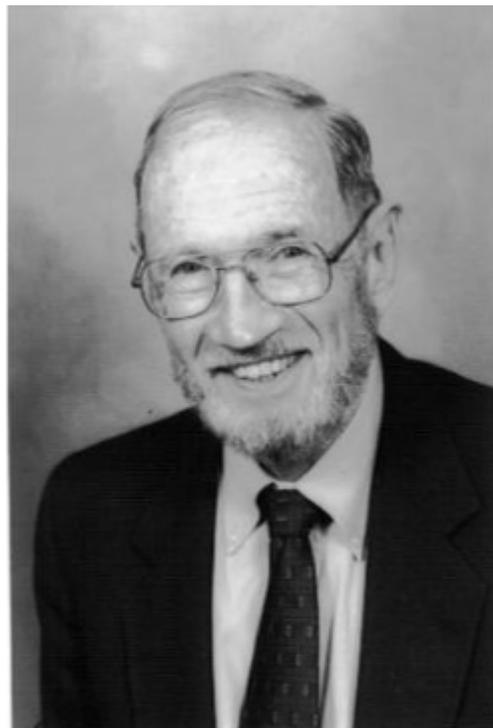
For over 40 years Ed and his wife Joanne have served the Bradenton community with love and compassion for basic human needs. They have opened their home to over 200 homeless and displaced people from around the world, without discrimination. The Dick's have provided a warm bed and a hot meal for unwed mothers, refugees, students, drug abusers and offenders recently released from prison. In addition to serving as an Advisory Board member, Ed Dick also volunteers his time serving food to those in need as part of The Salvation Army's daily feeding program. His unassuming appearance and friendly smile are a comfort to all who meet him.

The reception honoring Dick for his years of selfless service will be held by invitation at The Salvation Army Center for Worship, 5328 24th Street East on Wednesday, April 21st at noon. Major Bob Parker, Bradenton Area Coordinator will have the privilege of presenting Ed Dick with the life membership award, alongside Board Chairman Braithwaite. "I am so pleased to be able to offer this distinction to someone who embodies our Christian beliefs so completely," says Parker. "Ed is the perfect example of an ordinary citizen doing the most good for his community."

Ed Dick's commitment to the community also includes an appointment to the Manatee County School Board, spending time coaching youth at the Boys and Girls Club of Manatee County and serving as a founding board member for the Guardian Angels Children's Home, just to name a few. Dick's inspiration for such efforts is guided by God through the support of his loving wife Joanne.

The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church established in London in 1865, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination for 129 years in the United States. Nearly 30 million Americans receive assistance from The Salvation Army each year through the broadest array of social services that range from providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for the disabled, outreach to the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter to the homeless and opportunities for underprivileged children.

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