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Joyce Kline
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Dear Ms. Kline,

I see that your husband is not the only writer in the family! Your article in last week's Globe and Mail is excellent.

On behalf of The Salvation Army I would like to say how touched we were by your lovely Christmas story. One of the societal issues that has an impact on all of us, is the lack of feeling of community and your story demonstrates not only compassion but also the benefit of gathering friends and neighbours together. You have created a great sense of community around a worthy cause and thus together you bring much joy all the way around, while helping others challenged with difficult circumstances.

Your neighbour expression that participating in your hamper factory would be on his list if he had only day to live is truly inspirational and a great tribute to you and your thoughtful initiative. Thank you for this beautiful reminder of the spirit of the Advent Season.

Again, thank you so much for all you do, not only for those in need, but for the broader community as well. We are so happy to have the opportunity to partner with you in this. Please express my appreciation to all those involved, on behalf of The Salvation Army.

All our best wishes for a very happy Christmas and fulfilling 2012.

Sincerely,

Larry Martin
Major
Divisional Commander