

Kroc Center

Lieutenant Jason Burns, Administrator

“My life has been about laying foundations. We must always remember the people who will come after us. In everything I’ve done, I have tried to lay the groundwork for the future.”

—Lt. Jason Burns

Lt. Jason Burns is a native of Riverside, CA, and a 2001 graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, OK. His first interaction with The Salvation Army came when he was still in college, working at the Army’s Boys and Girls Club in Shawnee. In 2000, at age 22, he became the club’s youngest Executive Director, a position he held for the next six years. Under his leadership, the Club experienced tremendous and unprecedented growth, expanding its programming and increasing participation from 18 children to over 100 annually.

Jason felt called to commit his life to The Salvation Army’s service in the spring of 2005. He enrolled in the School for Officers’ Training in Atlanta, GA, with his wife Bethany the following year. In 2008, he was commissioned as an officer and appointed Corps Officer of Memphis’ Ben Lear South Citadel. In June of that year, he assumed those duties along with his additional responsibilities as Administrator of the Kroc Center of Memphis. In this capacity, he leads the weekly worship activities and various ministries of the Ben Lear South Citadel while helping plan the Kroc Center’s programming and regular operations.

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