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Phil Purcell currently serves as Territory Director of Planned Giving for the Central Territory of The Salvation Army. In this role, he is the directional leader of thirty planned giving staff who close \$80 million in planned gifts annually. Phil is also the President of American Council on Gift Annuities (ACGA).

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