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FIRST GOLD COIN OF CHRISTMAS DROPPED INTO THE SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLES

Gold Coins Donated in Naperville

November 15, 2017 (Chicago) – Our traditional holiday Kettle Bell ringing has just started and there is already exciting news to share! On Tuesday night, a *1oz South African Kruggerand gold coin, valued at approximately \$1,278* and a *1oz silver bar {pendent} valued at approximately \$17* was dropped into The Salvation Army Red Kettle, at Casey's Foods in Naperville (124 West Gartner Road).

Our Aurora Corps Community Center was ringing bells at this location and will be the lucky recipients of the generous anonymous donation! The donation will go far in ensuring Aurora continues to provide emergency assistance, a food pantry, and holiday meals this year. "Knowing that there are people in our community, with the means to generate excitement around the Joy of Giving, is a true blessing," says Aurora's Captain Rich Forney.

Casey's Food Owner Dan Casey, a longtime Salvation Army supporter, was equally as excited to learn of the donation, "Someone here in Naperville is very generous and they are supporting a great cause. Hopefully it will start the trend of many more showing up in the kettles around the Chicago area."

Gold and silver coins donated to The Salvation Army Red Kettles have become a much-anticipated holiday tradition of giving throughout Chicagoland and surrounding communities.

This Christmas season, we encourage all our friends and supporters to join The Salvation Army in the "Fight for Good." To find out how you can help in Naperville, Aurora and throughout the Chicagoland this Christmas Season go to www.salvationarmyfightforgood.org

Captain Rich Forney is available for any media interviews in English and Spanish
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About the Salvation Army Chicago Metropolitan Division

In 2015, The Salvation Army is celebrated its 150th worldwide anniversary and 130 years of service in Chicagoland. As one of the largest direct providers of social services in the state of Illinois, The Salvation Army operates 29 corps community centers, as well as other facilities in neighborhoods across the greater Chicago area, offering shelter, meals, child care, disaster relief, after-school programs, recreational activities, music education and more.

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