



THE SALVATION ARMY  
METROPOLITAN DIVISION

SERVING THE GREATER CHICAGO AREA, NORTHERN ILLINOIS, AND NORTHWESTERN INDIANA

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**Media Advisory**

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**TOM RICKETTS TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
AT SALVATION ARMY CIVIC LUNCHEON**

**Cubs Executive Chairman to share his views on Chicago philanthropy and teambuilding**

CHICAGO – Chicago Cubs Owner Tom Ricketts will be the featured keynote speaker at The Salvation Army’s Annual Civic Luncheon – **Tuesday, May 8th at 11:00AM** at the Hilton Chicago’s International Ballroom.

The luncheon will be co-chaired by **Brian A. Bernardoni**, Senior Director of Government Affairs and Public Policy – Chicago Association of REALTORS® and **Michelle Mason**, President and CEO – Association Forum. News Anchor, **Phil Rogers** of NBC5 will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

The Salvation Army will present two of its highest awards at the Civic Luncheon. The **William Booth Award**, which recognizes an individual who demonstrates dedication to The Salvation Army’s goals of service to humankind as well as outstanding service to the community will be awarded to **Ernest and Theresa Sawyer** for their commitment to The Salvation Army for over a decade. The **“Others” Award**, which is bestowed on an individual or organization exemplifying extraordinary service to others will be granted to **The City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services** for their partnership with The Salvation Army on homeless outreach.

**WHEN: Tuesday, May 8, 2018**  
11:00AM – 1:30PM

**WHERE: Hilton Chicago**  
720 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605

**WHO/INTERVIEW/PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES:**

Lt. Colonel Charles Smith – Commander of the Salvation Army Metro Division  
Tom Ricketts – (NOTE: Local media may record the first three minutes of the remarks)  
Award Recipients – Ernest and Theresa Sawyer (William Booth)

For more information, please visit our [website](#).

**ABOUT THE SALVATION ARMY CHICAGO METROPOLITAN DIVISION**

In 2015, The Salvation Army 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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