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SALVATION ARMY TO HOST IDHS NEWS CONFERENCE ON ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Salvation Army Chicago Metropolitan Division will host a news conference by the Illinois Department of Human Services to help **raise awareness about the trafficking of children and adults for sexual purposes or forced labor**. Speaking at the Illinois Rescue and Restore news conference will be Lt. Colonel David E. Grindle, divisional commander.

Colonel Grindle will be available for interviews regarding two programs The Salvation Army founded to fight human trafficking: Partnership to Rescue Our Minors from Sexual Exploitation -- PROMISE for short; and STOP-IT, which operates a 24-hour hotline (1-877-606-3158) for victims to call for help. The Salvation Army founded the PROMISE Program in 2005 in partnership with more than 30 governmental, civic, and community organizations. PROMISE activities include an annual training institute and site-specific trainings for first responders on how to identify and combat commercial sexual exploitation of children.

**WHAT: Illinois Department of Human Services News Conference
Hosted by The Salvation Army**

WHEN: Monday, April 20, at 11 a.m.

**WHERE: James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street
In the Atrium**

About the Chicago Metropolitan Division

The Salvation Army Chicago Metropolitan Division is one of the largest providers of social services in Illinois, and provides services in the greater Chicago area, Northern Illinois and Northwestern Indiana. Those services include, but are not limited to, feeding programs and emergency shelter for the homeless. For more information about The Salvation Army, or to donate, please visit www.salarmychicago.org or call 1.800.SAL.ARMY.