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The Salvation Army to Host 1,600 Senior Citizens at Annual Christmas Party

- Who:** The Salvation Army Metropolitan Division and 1,600 senior citizens from the Greater Chicago area
- What:** Senior Citizens' Christmas Party - "*Celebrate the Reason*"
- When:** December 8, 2009
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Where:** Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois
100 Drury Lane
Villa Park, IL 60181
- Contact:** Major Debra Dalberg
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For nearly 30 years, The Salvation Army Metropolitan Division has hosted a holiday party for senior citizens living in the Greater Chicago area. In previous years, there was no charge for the event; however, this year due to the economy, seniors will be charged \$5. More than 1,600 seniors are expected to attend this year's event, which will feature food, gifts and entertainment provided by The Salvation Army staff.

Since many senior citizens live alone, The Salvation Army's annual senior Christmas party, like other Army programming for seniors, is designed to provide seniors with companionship and activities.

The Salvation Army Metropolitan Division is the largest direct provider of social services in the State of Illinois, assisting clients in the Greater Chicago area, Northern Illinois and Northwestern Indiana. Among the programs and services provided by the Metropolitan Division are feeding programs for homeless people, children, and seniors; emergency lodging for families and individuals in crisis; disaster relief; senior housing; substance abuse rehabilitation programs; youth programs; and early childhood development services.

For more information about The Salvation Army, visit www.salarmychicago.org.

*Reservations for the event closed Nov. 10.