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## SALVATION ARMY, CITY OF ELGIN PARTNER TO HOST PACKAGING OF ONE MILLION MEALS FOR HAITI

**WHO:** The Salvation Army, City of Elgin, Elgin-area businesses, and 4,000 volunteers

**WHAT:** Packaging of one million meals that The Salvation Army in Haiti will distribute to earthquake survivors

**WHEN:** **Saturday, February 20, 2010 — 9 AM to 6 PM**

The event will open at 10 AM with brief remarks by:

- Lt. Col. David E. Grindle, Divisional Commander, Salvation Army Metropolitan Division
- Edward Schock, Mayor, City of Elgin

**Sunday, February 21, 2010 — 1 PM to 6 PM**

**WHERE:** Former Siegel Home and Building Center, 1600 Big Timber Road, Elgin

The Salvation Army Metropolitan Division, City of Elgin, Elgin businesses, and 4,000 volunteers are joining forces to package one million meals for survivors of the January 12 earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Volunteers will work two-hour shifts to package raw products -- rice, soy protein, freeze-dried vegetables, and 21 vitamins and minerals -- in plastic bags, each containing six meals. Packed meals will be shipped to Haiti, where Salvation Army officers and staff will distribute them to earthquake survivors.

The Salvation Army has been in Haiti since 1950 with more than 700 officers and staff operating schools, clinics, a hospital, children's homes, and feeding programs through 60 Corps community centers. Since the earthquake, The Salvation Army has taken on additional responsibilities at the direction of the United Nations, which appointed The Army as a "lead agency" responsible for the care of 20,000 earthquake survivors living in makeshift tents or out in the open near the Army's main compound in Port-au-Prince.

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. For more information The Army, please visit [www.salarmychicago.org](http://www.salarmychicago.org).

