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FIRST TREE-LIGHTING OF THE SEASON SET FOR NOVEMBER 19 *The annual Salvation Army Tree of Lights event will feature refreshments, live music*

WHO: Lt. Col. David Grindle, The Salvation Army Divisional Commander
Bruce Williamson, President of The Sterno Group and Chair of the Red
Kettle Christmas Campaign
The Salvation Army Brass Ensemble
Walter Payton College Prep's Sounds of Sweetness A Cappella Choir

WHAT: The 27th annual Tree of Lights Ceremony hosted by The Salvation Army
Metropolitan Division. Public is invited.

WHEN: Thursday, November 19, 2009

- Festivities begin at 4:45 PM
- Program starts at 5:30 PM
- Tree is illuminated a few minutes before 6:00 PM

WHERE: The John Hancock Center Plaza
875 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Salvation Army invites the public to share in the excitement of witnessing the first tree-lighting of the Chicago Christmas Season. This year's celebration will feature refreshments and live music by The Salvation Army's Brass Ensemble and Walter Payton College Prep's The Sounds of Sweetness A Cappella Choir. NBC5's Phil Rogers will emcee the event.

Tree of Lights also celebrates the November 13th opening of the Army's Red Kettle Campaign, which traditionally raises approximately 70 percent of the funds used year round to provide programs and services for people in need in the Greater Chicago area. This year's goal is \$12 million.

To donate or to volunteer for The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign, call 1.800.SAL.ARMY or go to www.salarmychicago.org.

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