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VOLUNTEERS TO PACKAGE 11,000 CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

WHAT: Beginning Thursday, December 1, volunteers will package more than 11,000 Christmas food boxes containing ham or turkey, fresh potatoes, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce, yams, gravy and stuffing, which will be distributed by The Salvation Army to people in need across Chicagoland.

Last year, The Salvation Army Metropolitan Division served 112,000 individuals, distributing more than 17,000 food baskets, 80,000 toys, and 37,000 articles of clothing during the holiday season.

Holiday food distributions are supported, in large part, by The Salvation Army's Red Kettle fundraising campaign. With a goal of raising \$13 million, iconic Red Kettles will be on area streets and shopping areas through Christmas Eve.

WHEN: Friday, December 2; 4 – 8 p.m.
Saturday, December 3; 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

WHO: Major David Dalberg, Disaster Services Director, The Salvation Army
Major Debra Dalberg, Older Adult Ministries Director, The Salvation Army
189 Volunteers over the course of two days

WHERE: The Salvation Army Disaster Services Headquarters
1000 Pratt Blvd., Elk Grove Village

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BACKGROUND:

The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church established in 1865, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination for more than 130 years in the United States. Nearly 30 million Americans receive assistance from The Salvation Army each year through the broadest array of social services that range from providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for the disabled, outreach to the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter to the homeless and opportunities for underprivileged children. 82 cents of every dollar raised is used to support those services in 5,000 communities nationwide. For more information, go to www.salvationarmyusa.org.