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Media Advisory

SALVATION ARMY MOBILE OUTREACH UNIT WILL DELIVER HUNDREDS OF THANKSGIVING MEALS TO HOMELESS AND HUNGRY IN CHICAGO

Salvation Army Staff to Set Up Impromptu Thanksgiving Tables at Popular Meal Distribution Sites

WHAT: The Salvation Army will be bringing **hundreds of Thanksgiving dinners to Chicago homeless and hungry**, driving its special mobile outreach unit to five different locations throughout the city where people regularly line up to receive nutritious meals from Salvation Army outreach workers. Tables will be positioned at each location and volunteers will serve special Thanksgiving meals to more than 700 people.

The Unit's unique features and full-time staffing by mental health and drug and alcohol rehabilitation specialists, enables The Salvation Army to provide **immediate assistance, on-the-spot**, to any individual who wants to escape his or her life on the street and is willing to accept help. Since 2009, 1,246 individuals, and 141 families have been provided immediate intervention services through the Mobile Outreach Unit. The Salvation Army's overall Mobile Feeding Program delivers hot meals to the city's homeless at 28 locations in Uptown, the West Side and the South Side.

WHEN: Mobile Outreach Unit
Thursday, November 24, 2011
12 to 7 p.m.

WHERE: The Mobile Feeding Unit departs daily from the
The Salvation Army Harbor Light Center
1515 W. Monroe Street
It makes approximately five stops a day in Uptown, Humboldt Park, the West Side and Downtown

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.

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