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The Salvation Army Launches Daily  
Citywide Homeless Relief and Impact Services Teams

San Francisco, CA. – In Partnership with The San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) The Salvation Army has recently created a meal delivery program, MealsinPlaceSF, to prepare and deliver meals to people experiencing homelessness and living in encampments in San Francisco.

The Salvation Army will serve 675 unsheltered people daily with prepared meals and snacks delivered directly to more than 40 outdoor locations in San Francisco. The Salvation Army’s Citywide Homeless Relief & Impact Service Team is comprised of six response units that will transport and deliver the meals directly to people throughout the city experiencing homelessness during the pandemic. The goal of this program is to improve food security and minimize COVID 19 exposure by supporting people living outside and increasing their ability to shelter in place.

“As The Salvation Army continues to serve the people of San Francisco during the Coronavirus pandemic through its breadth of social services, we’re glad to be able to partner with the City on such a creative and collaborative approach,” said Captain Matthew Madsen, regional director for The Salvation Army in San Francisco. “It’s part of our mission to serve the community, especially those in need, during a crisis. And now more than ever those who are unhoused, need the extra care and support that we are equipped to provide every day, and certainly during these trying times.

The Salvation Army continues to house 700 people every night, through its residential, transitional living and adult rehabilitation programs. In all of the programs and services, the Army is following the recommendations set forth by the CDC, HUD and local health and government officials to keep its facilities, employees and those it serves safe.

Please see below for a list of special services The Salvation Army is providing in surrounding communities and help spread the word about the need for volunteers and donations.

San Francisco County
• The Salvation Army Harbor Light Center: 1275 Harrison St., San Francisco, CA
Operations are normal for serving substance abuse treatment programs & family shelter.
All Harbor Light Program & Recovery Wellness Service Participants are no longer going to outside AA meetings.
The Harbor Light Center has place stringent directives for people coming on campus. All personnel are asked to frequently sanitize or wash their hands in addition to workspaces.
Weekly Homeless Outreach has been postponed until further notice.
Worship services are restricted to in-house residents.

- **The Salvation Army Kroc Center and Railton Place: 240 Turk Street, San Francisco, CA**
  a) The Salvation Army Kroc Center
     o Community programs cancelled
       ▪ All KrocFit Classes including Strings & Ballet Programs
       ▪ After School Program
       ▪ All Rentals
       ▪ Cancelled Senior Meal Programs
     o Steaming Sunday Services
     o Continuing seeing clients: Tuesday-Friday 8:30 – 4:00 pm
     o Friday Food Pantry – 7 am to 10 am
       ▪ Volunteers sorting & bagging the food – 7 am
       ▪ Distribution – 8:15 am to 10 am
     o To-go breakfast and lunch meals for children ages 17 and under
  
  b) Railton Place
     o Continue to provide housing for its residents at the 110 unit transitional and permanent housing residence.
     o Friday Food Market – 8:30 am to 10:30 am
       ▪ Sort – 8:30 am
       ▪ Bagging – 9 am
       ▪ Distribute – 10 am, door to door at Railton Place.

- **South of Market Corps Community Center: 360 4th St, San Francisco, CA**
  o Friday Food Pantry – 8 am to 10 am

- **Mission Location: 1156 Valencia St., San Francisco, CA.**
  o Food Pantry
    ▪ Thursday and Friday – 7 – 10 am
    ▪ Sort and bag – 7- 8 am
    ▪ Provide food – 8 – 10 am

- **The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center: 1500 Valencia St., San Francisco, CA.**
  o Continue to provide residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation services to more than 112 men.

**How You Can Help:**
Those who are unable to give their time can still help us meet the needs in their community by making a monetary donation. All of our community centers, facilities and programs need support to continue serving the most vulnerable populations. **Donate online at goldenstate.salvationarmy.org**

- Text ‘HOPE’ to 52000 to donate $10 to The Salvation Army.
- Gift in Kind donations needed: Non-perishable food, water, cleaning supplies, bags, boxes, paper towels, toilet paper, masks and gloves.
- The Salvation Army runs on volunteer power. Those interested and able to donate their time to help others during this trying time should email Volunteer Manager Melissa Doppler at Melissa.doppler@usw.salvationarmy.org
- Corporations and foundations looking to get involved in the COVID-19 relief effort should contact Ernst Bauer at ernst.bauer@usw.salvationarmy.org or call 415.716.6680.

**About The Salvation Army:**
Since 1883, The Salvation Army has been transforming lives throughout the Greater Bay Area. The Red Kettle Campaign started in San Francisco in 1891 and is in its 129th year and is the largest and longest-running fundraiser of its kind. It raised $142.7 million nationwide during the 2019 campaign. The Salvation Army annually helps more than 23 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction and economic hardships through a range of social services. Locally, they serve more than 500,000 people annually in the Greater Bay Area, offering practical support, spiritual comfort and a critical safety net to people in need. The Salvation Army provides services to the homeless without discrimination regardless of ethnic or national origin, race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or immigration status. For every dollar donated to The Salvation Army, 82 cents is used to support those services in facilities throughout the Bay Area. For more information go to www.sanfrancisco.salvationarmy.org or goldenstate.salvationarmy.org.

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