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THE SALVATION ARMY ROLLS OUT NEW CANTEEN

Canteen allows The Salvation Arm to better serve southwest Missouri

The new canteen will roll onto the Springfield Corps' parking lot at 11 a.m. on Friday July 1st.

Springfield, MO (July 1, 2011) – The Salvation Army is now even better equipped to respond to disasters - such as storms, floods or fires - due to a new mobile feeding unit, or canteen.

In the wake of a disaster, Salvation Army canteens provide food & hydration, spiritual & emotional counseling as well as other vital assistance to survivors and emergency responders.

The new 16-ft canteen is in a Ford 4-450 diesel powered chassis & has stainless steel countertops, a stove, large coffee maker & plenty of storage. Its amenities will allow The Salvation Army to prepare food on site & ultimately serve more people who are in need.

“When survivors & emergency responders approach our canteens they’re often not only in need of food and water, but they’re also in need of encouragement, compassion & empathy, which is what The Salvation Army is all about,” Major Norman Grainger said.

The \$113,000 canteen was paid for & provided by the Missouri Office of Homeland Security. It will primarily deploy to disasters within Missouri Region D, which is identified as an 18-county area in southwest Missouri that includes Greene, Polk, Christian, Taney & Stone counties.

“This new canteen is a huge tool in our emergency disaster response tool box that will help us respond to disasters all over the region,” said Rick Lewis who is both director of The Salvation Army’s Polk County service extension & director of Polk County’s Office of Emergency Management.

The Springfield Corps’ previous canteen is currently assisting with relief efforts in Joplin & will now be permanently transferred to the Joplin Corps.

Other canteen details:

- 96” overall wide body
- polished cast aluminum fenderettes & fuel fill
- Aluminum cabinets, countertops & benches
- Three bowl stainless steel sink with faucet
- Castle LPG 24” 4-burner hot plate
- True food service T-19 refrigerator
- 12.0 KW Onan diesel generator

About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church established in London in 1865, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination for 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 The Salvation Army spends is used to support those services in 5,000 communities nationwide. For more information, visit www.salvationarmyusa.org.

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