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THE SALVATION ARMY PREPARES FOR EARL
Notifying Personnel and Checking Equipment

Charlotte, NC. (August 31, 2010) – Salvation Army personnel across the Carolinas have been notified of the potential impacts from Hurricane EARL. Personnel in coastal North Carolina communities are reviewing local response plans and procedures for the potential of localized deployment to impacted communities. As a result, all Salvation Army centers along and east of the Interstate 95 corridor through North Carolina have been notified to prepare for disaster response and service.

“Our focus at this time is to be prepared locally with a plan, personnel and resources so that our local Salvation Army Corps can provide assistance as required or requested in coordination with county and state emergency management officials”, said Mike Patterson, Emergency Disaster Services Director for the North & South Carolina Division.

The Salvation Army is coordinating with the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management (NCEM) through a Salvation Army liaison officer.

The Salvation Army encourages all residents in Earl’s potential path to prepare an emergency supply kit, an evacuation plan and to stay informed of all warnings and potential protective actions. Disaster response professionals in North Carolina recommend visiting <http://www.readync.org/> for tips in developing their individual family preparedness plan.

The Salvation Army asks people who want to help those affected by Hurricane Earl to visit <http://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/> or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY. Monetary donations will be used to meet immediate needs. The Salvation Army currently is not accepting donations of clothing and furniture for storm victims; however, please continue supporting your local Salvation Army thrift store and the much needed programs your in-kind gifts support.

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About The Salvation Army

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 128 years in the United States. Nearly 29 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. About 83 cents of every dollar raised is used to support those services in 5,000 communities nationwide. For more information, go to www.salvationarmycarolinas.org.

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