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SALVATION ARMY EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTINUE AS HURRICANE EARL PASSES

Meal Service Provided to More than 250 Shelter Residents and First Responders

Charlotte, NC. (September 3, 2010) – Along the North Carolina coast, residents, sun-seeking vacationers and first responders sought refuge from Hurricane Earl and were fed by The Salvation Army at emergency shelters in Beaufort, Carteret and Pamlico Counties. The Salvation Army has been on-site for meal service at these North Carolina coastal evacuation shelters since Thursday following requests of North Carolina Emergency Management officials and has served more than 250 individuals. It is expected that Salvation Army meal service to shelter evacuees has concluded with breakfast on Friday and that shelter closings will eliminate the need for additional feeding. In addition to fixed feeding at occupied shelters, the Salvation Army is prepared to respond locally to remote and roving feeding needs and requests across eastern and coastal North Carolina.

In support of meal services being delivered by units based in Morehead City, New Bern and Washington, Salvation Army service centers equipped with mobile kitchen unit canteens in Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Greenville, Jacksonville, Kinston and Rocky Mount are on alert, monitoring the situation, coordinating with local officials and prepared to deploy as required or requested. Additional Salvation Army centers with 21 mobile kitchen unit canteens across the North and South Carolina Division are prepared and available for support, each with an initial capacity to serve approximately 1,500 meals over a 3 day period without resupply.

“Even as we were ready, on-site and alert for service, The Salvation Army is relieved and blessed that Hurricane Earl did not have a direct impact on North Carolina or the east coast and that there have been no reports of injuries. Still, we remain focused on response and service to evacuees and first responders. Our focus now is Salvation Army response to local needs in each community”, said Major Andrew Wiley, Area Commander for The Salvation Army’s response to Hurricane Earl.

As we enter the historical peak of Hurricane season, The Salvation Army encourages all residents in North and South Carolina to prepare a family emergency supply kit and an evacuation plan. A recommended website tool for North Carolina residents is <http://www.readvnc.org/> for tips in developing an individual family preparedness plan. For South Carolina residents, go to <http://www.scemd.org/>

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 those impacted by the storm; 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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