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The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services responding to flooding in Hawaii - Assistance events for survivors to be held on Oahu, Maui and Hawaii Islands on Dec. 29 -- The agency also requests monetary donations to help fund efforts statewide –

HONOLULU (December 22, 2021) – Following recent heavy rains and flooding events impacting the Hawaiian Islands, The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division today announced assistance events on Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Salvation Army Corps on Oahu, Maui and Hawaii Islands. The events will offer disaster financial assistance [for those with damage to their residence who have previously reported damage to their respective counties] as well as emotional and spiritual care. Please note, in order to receive financial assistance at the events, survivors addresses must match County or Red Cross Damage Assessment reports [see details below].

"In addition to offering these events for survivors, many in our communities also have been asking us how they can help those in need," said Victor Leonardi, Divisional Director of Emergency Services & Safety for The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division. "During emergencies, the best way to help is to provide monetary donations which allows the delivery of the exact relief supplies needed within a community. Plus, The Salvation Army uses onehundred percent of all donations designated 'disaster relief' in support of disaster operations."

Assistance events are scheduled to run on Wednesday, Dec. 29, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the following locations:

OAHU Honolulu

The Salvation Army Kauluwela Mission Corps 296 N. Vineyard Blvd. Honolulu, HI 96817

<u>Kaneohe</u>

The Salvation Army Kaneohe Corps 54-010 Kukuna Road Hauula, HI 96717

<u>Kapolei/Ewa Beach</u>

The Salvation Army Kroc Center Hawaii 91-3257 Kaulakai Parkway, Ewa Beach, HI 9670

HAWAII

<u>Hilo</u>

The Salvation Army Hilo Temple Corps 219 Ponahawai St. Hilo, HI 96720

Survivors are encouraged to bring the following to help complete paperwork:

- State issued ID or Driver License showing correct address
- Proof of residency if possible (i.e., a bill or official mail showing their residency address)

MAUI

<u>Kahului</u> The Salvation Army Kahului Corps 45 W. Kamehameha Ave. Kahului, HI 96732

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If survivors have not yet reported damages to their individual counties, they should do so [prior to the Dec. 29th events] as instructed below or by calling 211 for assistance:

- City & County of Honolulu www.honolulu.gov/homedamage
- *County of Hawaii* Report damage by calling Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency at 808-935-0031
- County of Maui
 <u>www.mauicounty.gov/emergency</u>

CDC guidelines will be followed and attendees must wear a mask and maintain social distancing while waiting.

Those in need, who are unable to attend Wednesday's events or not located near those communities, and have reported damage to their individual counties, please visit Hawaii.SalvationArmy.org and complete the flood survivor form or call The Salvation Army Flood Relief Hotline at 808-440-1811. The Salvation Army is part of a team of agencies providing assistance during events and is a member of the State of Hawaii Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD).

Monetary donations may be made online at Hawaii.SalvationArmy.org. Listings of current volunteer opportunities also may be found at Hawaii.SalvationArmy.org.

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About The Salvation Army Disaster Services

The Salvation Army is uniquely positioned to serve those impacted by disasters, however long it takes, because they are there before, during, and after impact. Beyond serving immediate physical needs, they also meet the emotional and spiritual needs that are unique to catastrophic events. The Salvation Army:

- Delivers disaster relief to an average of 382,000 people annually.
- Serves every ZIP code in the United States and touches almost 25 million lives a year.
- Has served survivors of every major national disaster since 1900.
- Remains in communities until needs are met and beyond.

About The Salvation Army - Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division

The Salvation Army – Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division covers the state of Hawaii and the Pacific Islands including Guam, Republic of the Marshall Islands and The Federated States of Micronesia. In 2021, The Salvation Army was ranked #2 on the list of "America's Favorite Charities" by The Chronicle of Philanthropy. The Division offers a wide variety of programs throughout the islands including: affordable senior housing; at-risk youth services and housing; camp & conference center; church/religious services and programs; emergency disaster services; family stores; food distribution and feeding programs; homeless services; The Kroc Center – Hawaii's largest community center; preschools & day care services; older adults; social services – emergency assistance; substance abuse treatment; women's auxiliary; and women's ministries. For more information, call 808-988-2136, visit hawaii.salvationarmy.org, or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.