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The Salvation Army Ready to Place Thousands of Gifts Under Area Christmas Trees

San Antonio, Texas (October 1, 2009) – The season of giving is rapidly approaching and The Salvation Army is once again getting ready to do their part! The recession has been especially tough for low-income families trying to make ends meet and now face the question of how they are going to provide Christmas gifts for their little ones this year. Beginning October 5th, parents in need are encouraged to apply for The Salvation Army's Christmas Assistance Program at the Hope Center.

Last year The Salvation Army fulfilled the holiday wishes of more than 6,000 angels and is expecting an increase of families seeking help to provide Christmas gifts for their children.

In order to apply for this program, applicants must bring a photo ID, social security cards for all who live in the household, including proof of income and expenses and the children's birth certificates. The gifts are for children 1 month to 11 years old.

For more information, call (210) 352-2000.

**WHAT: The Salvation Army Christmas Assistance Program
Application Intake**

**WHEN: Oct. 5-9, M-F 9am – 3pm
Oct. 12-16, M-F 9am – 3pm**

WHERE: 521 W. Elmira, San Antonio, TX 78212

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About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination since 1865. Nearly 33 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 nearly 9,000 communities nationwide. For more information, go to <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org>.