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Six Thousand Angels Looking For Adoption Ingram Park Mall Event Kicks Off The Salvation Army Angel Tree Program

San Antonio, TX (November 16, 2009) Most of us look forward to receiving gifts over the holidays. Children especially dream about the wonderful things they hope to find under the tree on Christmas morning. Unfortunately, many children in the San Antonio area won't even have a Christmas tree, much less any presents to open. That's where The Salvation Army comes in. Through The Salvation Army Angel Tree program, gifts are provided to needy children who would otherwise be left out on Christmas.

This year The Salvation Army saw 2,000 households (many with multiple families) applying for this Christmas Assistance program. Our goal is to provide a wonderful holiday for the almost 6,000 children and seniors who are part of the Angel Tree program.

Angel Trees will be available at various locations including the following until December 12, 2009:

North Star Mall
IPAC Auto Centers

Rolling Oaks Mall
South Park Mall

Ingram Park Mall

We encourage everyone to adopt an angel today to help spread Christmas cheer to the needy children of San Antonio. Corporations and civic groups are also invited to participate by calling 210-352-2000 and expressing their desire to adopt either angels or entire families during this holiday season.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 18th at 10:30 AM

**WHERE: Ingram Park Mall, 6301 NW Loop 410
Upper level by JC Penney**

WHAT: The Salvation Army Angel Tree Kickoff

PHOTO OP: The Salvation Army Band & Children from The Salvation Army Child Development Center performing Christmas carols.

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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>.