

## EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES

The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services began offering assistance to disaster survivors after a devastating hurricane ripped through Galveston, Texas in September 1900. Since then, The Salvation Army has responded to numerous disasters to support affected communities. As one of the largest disaster-relief organizations in the country, The Salvation Army can be ready to respond within hours and develop plans unique to the community affected. Our core services may be modified



based on the magnitude of the disaster, and adapted to meet the specific needs of the individual survivor include:

**FOOD SERVICE** The most visible Salvation Army disaster service is the food and drinks served to disaster survivors and first responders. Food may be prepared and served at a fixed location or from mobile canteens.

**EMOTIONAL & SPIRITUAL CARE** Trained professionals are deployed to provide support to survivors and first responders that may include comforting the injured and bereaved, conducting memorial services, and/ or providing chaplaincy services.

**DONATIONS MANAGEMENT** The Salvation Army is one of the nation's leaders in collecting, sorting, and distributing donated goods. Cash donations are encouraged and are the best and most flexible way to help and stimulate economic recovery within the local community. The Salvation Army also solicits in-kind donations which can be effectively and efficiently distributed.

**DISASTER SOCIAL SERVICES** When a family has lost everything, direct assistance can be provided for the most urgent needs: food, clothing, shelter, and medical.

**RECOVERY** The Salvation Army supports long-term disaster recovery with flexible programming. We work with local, state, and federal governments to form a long-term disaster recovery plan.

**TRAINING** The disaster training program offers a variety of courses on each of the core services designed to help individuals and communities prepare for and respond to emergency events. Talk to your local Salvation Army Corps to learn more and become a trained disaster volunteer.

**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS** The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) includes a worldwide network of volunteer amateur radio operators and other communications specialists, who may be mobilized to transmit emergency information during a disaster event.



## MOBILE FEEDING

Salvation Army mobile feeding units, or canteens, represent the most visible and recognizable aspect of The Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Services program. With canteens placed strategically in communities across the country, The Salvation Army is ready to respond quickly to emergencies and distribute meals during a disaster.



The Salvation Army's ability to provide disaster relief services is only as strong as the support of the American public.

- •\$10 feeds a disaster survivor or rescue worker for one day
- •\$30 provides a food box, containing staple food for a family of four for three days
- •\$100 provides emergency infant and toddler supplies for 5 families in need
- •\$250 provides ten clean-up kits, containing essential supplies to help families begin to rebuild after a disaster
- •\$500 keeps a Salvation Army mobile feeding unit in the field for a day.



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