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THE SALVATION ARMY BRINGING MORE JOY TO THE HOLIDAYS WITH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Complimentary dinner at Phoenix Convention Center offers food, fellowship and fun

PHOENIX (Dec. 20, 2017) – The Salvation Army, Doing The Most Good® in Arizona for 124 years, will serve its annual Christmas dinner to thousands at the Phoenix Convention Center's South Building, on the southeast corner of South 3rd Street and Washington Street, on Monday, Dec. 25.

The doors will open at 9:30 a.m., with meal service from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dinner guests will be seated and served restaurant style by hundreds of dedicated volunteers.

This complimentary dinner is open to the public and will include spiritual care, live entertainment, photos with Santa, a toy room, additional kids' activities and free haircuts.

"We welcome anyone who would like to join us for a hot meal and fellowship with people in their community," said The Salvation Army Metro Phoenix Program Coordinator Major Nancy Dihle. "The Salvation Army is extremely grateful for the Phoenix Convention Center, our corporate partners, generous donors and dedicated volunteers… all without whom this dinner would not be possible."

Nearly 5,000 people are expected to be in attendance, and The Salvation Army and Phoenix Convention Center will also be preparing around 2,200 meals for people who are homebound and another 1,200 for The Salvation Army Corps Community Centers across metro Phoenix.

Please note that The Salvation Army's Christmas dinner is independent of any other events happening at the Phoenix Convention Center on Christmas Day.

About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, established in London in 1865, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination in Arizona for 124 years. Approximately 325,000 people in metro Phoenix receive assistance from The Salvation Army each year through a range of social services: food for the hungry, relief for disaster survivors, assistance for the disabled, outreach to the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter for the homeless, and opportunities for underprivileged children. Eighty-two cents of every dollar donated to The Salvation Army are used to support those services. The Salvation Army tracks the level of need across the country with the Human Needs Index (HumanNeedsIndex.org). For more information, visit SalvationArmyPhoenix.org.