



THE SALVATION ARMY PREPARED TO SERVE KIDS IN NEED DURING LOOMING WALKOUT OF ARIZONA TEACHERS

Banding together with valued community partners to provide food and child care

PHOENIX (April 25, 2018) – [The Salvation Army Arizona](#) is offering child care and food options during the early days of the impending Arizona teacher walkout, partnering with Fry's Food Stores and St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance to make food available for children in need.

"Our hope is to give parents some extra time to find long-term solutions," said Maj. Nancy Dihle, program coordinator of The Salvation Army Metro Phoenix.

Fry's is generously providing The Salvation Army with a limited supply of basic food items. This food will be available for those in need, while supplies last, between 10 a.m. and Noon on Thursday, April 26 and Friday, April 27 – even if a walkout does not occur – at each of the following corps community centers and service centers in Maricopa and Pinal Counties, and in Tucson:

- **Apache Junction** – Apache Junction Corps, 605 E. Broadway Rd.
- **Avondale** – Estrella Mountain Corps, 11 N. Third Ave.
- **Casa Grande** – Casa Grande Corps, 1333 N. Center St.
- **Chandler** – Chandler Corps, 85 E. Saragosa St.
- **Glendale** –
 - Glendale Corps, 6010 W. Northern Ave.
 - Valley of the Sun Korean Corps, 7238 N. 61st Ave.
- **Green Valley** – Green Valley Service Center, 555 N. La Cañada Dr., Suite 101
- **Mesa** – Mesa Corps, 241 E. Sixth St.
- **Phoenix** –
 - Phoenix Central Corps, 4343 N. 16th St.
 - Phoenix Citadel Corps, 628 N. Third Ave.
 - Phoenix Maryvale Corps, 4318 W. Clarendon Ave.
 - Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center Phoenix South Mountain, 1375 E. Broadway Rd.
- **Surprise** – Sun Cities West Valley Corps, 17420 N. Avenue of the Arts Blvd.
- **Tempe** – Tempe Corps, 40 E. University Dr.
- **Tucson** –
 - Tucson Amphi Corps, 218 E. Prince Rd.
 - Tucson South Corps, 1625 S. Third Av.
 - Tucson Temple/Korean Corps, 1001 N. Richey Blvd.

It's estimated this supply could accommodate close to 100 families per day at each location on Thursday and Friday.

For a small fee, [The Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center](#) is also offering daily child care this Thursday and Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for up to 200 children ages 5-12. Care will include two meals and a snack. This care option could potentially extend into next week, based on need. Visit [KrocPhoenix.org](#) for more information.

Additionally, The Salvation Army Phoenix Family Services Office has made a commitment to St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance to be a pick up site for subsidized meal access for 30 to 60 students from nearby Wilson Elementary School.

The Salvation Army's corps community centers will continue to provide support to kids who are already engaged in various programs.

"We wish we could do more to help during this time," added Dihle. "We are meeting needs to the best of our ability – with the help of our valued community partners and personnel and resources at our disposal – while keeping our commitment to the health, safety and well-being of the children we serve."

About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination for more than 125 years in Arizona. Approximately 24.2 million Americans receive assistance from The Salvation Army each year through a range of social services: food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for the disabled, outreach to the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter for the homeless, and opportunities for underprivileged children. Around 81 cents of every dollar donated to The Salvation Army are used to support those services in 5,000 communities nationwide. The Salvation Army tracks the level of need across the country with the Human Needs Index ([HumanNeedsIndex.org](#)). To find out more, visit [Arizona.SalvationArmy.org](#).