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Hawaii Salvation Army Continues Flood Relief Efforts on Kauai and Oahu



Honolulu, HI (04/20/2018) - The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division’s Emergency Disaster Services [EDS] is continuing flood-related outreach efforts on the islands of Kauai and Oahu and seeks additional volunteers to assist those in need. The Salvation Army is part of a team of agencies providing assistance during events and works closely with Hawaii VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster).

“Our disaster relief efforts received a big boost on Thursday with a \$10,000 donation from City Mill to aid our EDS outreach,” said Lt. Micheal Stack, Divisional Youth & Mens Ministry Secretary and Divisional Emergency Disaster Services Coordinator. “We are grateful for their donation and encourage others to assist as possible. We also are seeking additional volunteers for our clean up and food distribution efforts specifically on Kauai.”

Volunteer opportunities, including job descriptions and online applications, for Kauai relief efforts are available at volunteer.usawest.org. To see the Kauai specific volunteer needs, viewers need to enter a Kauai zip code.

From Monday, April 16 through Thursday, April 19, The Salvation Army on Kauai has provided 343 meals, 136 snacks, 1,760 beverages and 220 hygiene kits. Volunteers have helped residents on both Kauai and Oahu clean up and clear rubbish and debris and move it to the curbs for City/County pickup.

Lt. Stack continued, “During emergencies, aside from volunteering, the best way the public can help is to provide monetary donations which allows the delivery of the exact relief supplies a community needs. Plus, The Salvation Army uses one-hundred percent of all donations designated ‘disaster relief’ in support of disaster operations.”

Buffalo EDS Team Responds To Explosion and Fire Impacting Three Homes



Buffalo, NY (04/20/2018) – The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services [EDS] Team based in Buffalo, NY (Erie County) responded to a multi alarm residential fire on Covington Road on Thursday (19 April) evening. The team provided canteen and hydration services to approximately 120 firefighters who were involved in fighting the explosion and large fire that impacted three homes. The Salvation Army also provided water, snacks, blankets and emotional and spiritual care to residents displaced by the explosion and fire.

“We are grateful to the Buffalo Area Command and the continued selfless service of their EDS volunteers. It is awe inspiring to see the dedication and service above self-exhibited by this team of volunteers in Buffalo. It is truly a blessing to the Greater Buffalo Area when you realize that these services are provided only through donated resources from the community as our disaster relief does not receive any funding or reimbursement from any level of government in New York State. Whether it is a cup of coffee, a blanket for a resident who ran out of danger in the cold or simply a comforting word, our EDS Team is there, never searching out the limelight, just to be a helping hand in a time of crisis.” said Michael R. Schwartz, Divisional Disaster Director for the Empire State Division of The Salvation Army.

**National EDS Conference is 30 April – 03 May 2018
In Indianapolis, IN. See www.2018believe.org for details!**