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### **The Salvation Army responds to Alberta Floods.**

*The Salvation Army in British Columbia deploys Crisis Response Units to assist with relief efforts.*

**Vancouver, British Columbia | June 24, 2013** – With the recent flooding in Calgary, Alberta, The Salvation Army in British Columbia has deployed 4 Crisis Response Units to assist those in need with food and emergency supplies and to aid in the recovery process.

With the 4 units slated to arrive in Calgary by this evening to the staging area at Glenmore Temple ( located at: 921 68th Avenue SW ), teams of experienced volunteers and staff will be on site to provide support and aid as long as services are required.

Patricia Cuff, BC Divisional Director of Public Relations and Development went on to say, "The Salvation Army as in many disasters will continue to serve on the ground while there is an active need. We will be there to assist individuals and families and meet their basic needs."

As with many buildings in Calgary, The Salvation Army's Centre of Hope was flooded and faced mandatory evacuation. All of the facility's 400 residents have been appropriately relocated. The Agape Hospice was also evacuated and residents successfully relocated.

At the evacuation centre in the community of Blackie to the South of Calgary, Army personnel and volunteers have been supplying meals and spiritual and emotional care to residents who were evacuated from nearby High River.

There is a growing concern in Medicine Hat, as waters have flooded the downtown area. 10,000 people in the community have been evacuated. Salvation Army personnel are at the evacuation centre providing food, clothing and arranging for accommodations. The Salvation Army shelter in Medicine Hat has been evacuated, including 18 residents and staff.

Over the weekend, in the worst flooded areas of downtown Calgary, Salvation Army personnel served over 500 meals to people who were unable to evacuate their apartments.

If you wish to support, donations can be made online by visiting [www.SalvationArmy.ca](http://www.SalvationArmy.ca), by calling 1-800-SAL-ARMY (725-2769), or via mail to The Salvation Army, 2 Overlea Blvd, Toronto, ON M4H 1P4.

## **About The Salvation Army:**

The Salvation Army is an international Christian organization that began its work in Canada in 1882 and has grown to become the largest non-governmental direct provider of social services in the country. The Salvation Army gives hope and support to vulnerable people today and everyday in 400 communities across Canada and more than 120 countries around the world. The Salvation Army offers practical assistance for children and families, often tending to the basic necessities of life, providing shelter for homeless people and rehabilitation for people who have lost control of their lives to an addiction. When you give to The Salvation Army, you are investing in the future of marginalized and overlooked people in your community.

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