Salvation Army Deploys More Canteens to Nashville Area

Thousands of Meals Served to Tornado Victims, First Responders

Memphis, Tennessee (March 9, 2020) – The Salvation Army has deployed additional canteens (mobile kitchens) to Middle Tennessee, providing hot meals, drinks and comfort for victims and first responders affected by last week’s devastating tornado.

The Salvation Army now has 26 canteens in service in the disaster zone, including one from Memphis – each with the capacity to serve up to 1,500 meals a day. We also have 16 officers, who are pastors, offering prayers and emotional support.

So far, The Salvation Army has provided:

• 4,598 meals
• 5,290 drinks
• 3,760 snacks
• And emotional and spiritual care for 969 people

“So many of our neighbors have lost everything, and they shouldn’t have to worry about where their next meal will come from on top of that,” said Nina Harrelson, public information specialist for The Salvation Army of Memphis and the Mid-South. “We’re here to show them love and compassion, and to give them hope in their time of need.”

The Salvation Army is constantly assessing how to best serve each of the unique communities affected. Our Memphis team plans to stay in Middle Tennessee until at least this Friday.

“Currently, we are taking a look at the level of support needed in our three main geographic areas – Putnam County, Wilson County and Davidson County – and working on getting some additional manpower in place,” said Bo Sells, Salvation Army operations chief.

To donate, visit www.HelpSalvationArmy.org or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY and mention “disaster efforts.”

For the latest Salvation Army disaster response news from across the country, visit www.SalArmyEDS.org, and for more information on local efforts, please contact Nina Harrelson.

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