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The Salvation Army Food Distribution Announced

ENFIELD, CT – The Salvation Army is holding a food distribution of fresh produce, meat, cheese, and milk on October 23rd from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Enfield Square. This distribution is part of the State of Connecticut's new initiative, Farmers-to-Families, to provide emergency food resources to Connecticut's food pantries as the state continues to respond to the ongoing impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is utilizing the website **CTPantryResources.com** to facilitate statewide distribution of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farmers-to-Families Food Boxes.

Food distributed will help support families in need as part of The Salvation Army's ongoing COVID-19 crisis response effort. "We are grateful for the state of CT and US Dept. of Agriculture for presenting this opportunity for The Salvation Army to make these fresh harvest, meat and dairy goods available to CT families in need," said Major Gregory Hartshorn, Divisional Commander of The Salvation Army's Southern New England Division. "Our Officer staff and volunteers will be present to happily serve the families upon their arrival."

The Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Services department is coordinating with state and local leads to determine gap feeding needs for vulnerable populations across the state. With the increased need and scarce food resources, The Salvation Army is continually working to secure food products from multiple sources and assemble and then distribute hundreds of food boxes to hard hit areas each week.

The Salvation Army has provided over 1.7 million meals to Connecticut residents during the Coronavirus pandemic. Since mid-March, 1,795,345 meals were provided, and 132,523 individuals have been served. Emotional and spiritual care was provided 6,966 times and 1,491 volunteers have provided important logistical support throughout the state.

Enfield Square

90 Elm Street Enfield, CT October 23rd 9:00am – 1:00pm <u>For those who need assistance</u>: Emergency food distributions are also held at Salvation Army locations on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Please call ahead.

To donate:

For Connecticut: Text GIVECT to 71777

For more info:

Salvation Army CT. org

About The Salvation Army:

The Salvation Army annually helps nearly 23 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction and economic hardships through a range of social services. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army is doing the most good at 7,600 centers of operation around the country. In the first-ever listing of "America's Favorite Charities" by The Chronicle of Philanthropy, The Salvation Army ranked as the country's largest privately funded, direct-service nonprofit. For more information, visit ctri.SalvationArmy.org SalvationArmyUSA.org.