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### THE SALVATION ARMY OFFERS FREE SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 8, 2020

**WHAT:** The Salvation Army is once again providing a Summer Feeding Program. We will feed families and individuals during the summer months starting, Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 7, 2020.

**WHEN** Monday through Fridays

**WHERE** **Bristol Ridge, 21<sup>st</sup> and Fillmore, 11:00a – 11:20a**  
**Stout Elementary School parking lot – 11:30a – 11:45a**  
**North Topeka at Paramore and Quincy, noon – 12:20p**

**WHY** Through a generous donation from Everygy, Federal Home Loan Bank, Advisor's Excel the Topeka Salvation Army will once again be handing out sack lunches at the three (3) above locations during the summer months.

Nutrition is an essential component to combat food insecurity in children. During the summer months many children go hungry because school is no longer there to provide hot, nutritious meals. The Salvation Army is there during the summer to provide a nutritious lunch for children in disadvantaged areas. Capt. Cristian Lopez, corps officer of The Salvation Army states, "Food is a basic human need that we provide at The Salvation Army through our food pantry and community meal program year-round. Being able to expand services to feed children this summer is not only a great opportunity, but our responsibility in feeding all the children of our community."

#### **Mobile Feeding Sites**

Starting Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, The Salvation Army's mobile canteen will be at three (3) locations to families and individuals for FREE. The Salvation Army will deliver meals to the three (3) locations in their mobile canteen.

The feeding program is FREE for anyone, but The Salvation Army is asking parents to accompany younger children to the three (3) sites for safety reasons.



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**INTERVIEWS** Available with the following individuals

- Capt. Cristian Lopez, corps officer, The Salvation Army, 785.249.0488 or 785-233-9648
- Shelley Robertson, Development Director, The Salvation Army, 785-233-9648 ext. 309

### PHOTO OPPS

Any of the locations above on the various dates. The canteen is parked at The Salvation Army, 1320 SE 6<sup>th</sup> St. at all times.

### ABOUT THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army is a religious and charitable organization that has been meeting human needs since 1865. The Salvation Army's mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. The Salvation Army provides many program and services for the needy including social services, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, transitional housing, violence prevention classes and recreational activities.

In Shawnee County, The Salvation Army has been assisting families and individuals since 1886. Our social service program includes community evening meal, food pantry, rent/utility assistance, clothing, disaster relief, and supportive services for men and women available through our Veteran's Services. Worship services are every Sunday morning well as weekly bible study, character building programs for children, weekly women's ministry and monthly men's ministry groups.

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