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Lilly Endowment gives \$10 million for Hurricane Katrina relief to Salvation Army

ALEXANDRIA, VA – (September 2, 2005) The Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc. has provided a \$10 million gift to The Salvation Army to assist with on-going relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The funds are the largest single gift to The Salvation Army designated for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. One hundred percent of every dollar contributed to The Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund is sent directly to the disaster location.

"Lilly Endowment is pleased to make this grant to The Salvation Army, which time and time again has effectively delivered aid in times of great need," said N. Clay Robbins, Endowment president. "Our prayers go with them."

"We are so grateful to the Lilly Endowment for their generous donation at such a critical time of response for the victims of this disaster," said Salvation Army National Commander Todd W. Bassett. "At times like these, financial donations are always a vital need, and can be put to use much more directly and effectively."

He emphasized that all financial donations to the Hurricane Katrina disaster relief operation will quickly be used for the purchase of specific items needed by the thousands of families affected by the storm. A \$100 donation will feed a family of four for two days, provide two cases of drinking water and one household clean-up kit, containing brooms, mops, buckets and cleaning supplies.

In the wake of what is being called one of the worst national disasters in U.S. history, The Salvation Army has launched one of the largest emergency disaster services relief efforts in the organization's 125 year history. Currently, more than 250 Salvation Army volunteers, employees and officers (ministers) are providing aid from more than 100 mobile canteens and two 54-foot mobile Base Camp kitchens capable of serving more than half a million meals per day.

The Salvation Army asks people who want to help to visit www.salvationarmyusa.org or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY. Monetary donations are encouraged at this time to help meet victims' most immediate needs.

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Under federal agreement, The Salvation Army provides mobile feeding, shelter support, supply coordination/distribution and other forms of relief, recovery and restorative assistance in cooperation with local and state emergency management operations.

Lilly Endowment is a private foundation founded in 1937 that focuses its giving on community development, education and religion. Since 1949 it has provided more than \$50 million in grants to The Salvation Army.

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About The Salvation Army:

The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination since 1865. Nearly 33 million Americans receive assistance from The Salvation Army each year through the broadest array of social services that range from providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for the disabled, outreach to the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter to the homeless and opportunities for underprivileged children. About 83 cents of every dollar raised is used to support those services in nearly 9,000 communities nationwide. For more information, go to <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org>.