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LILLY ENDOWMENT MAKES \$1 MILLION GIFT TO INDIANA SALVATION ARMY DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAMS

Indianapolis - The Salvation Army announced today that it has received a \$1 million gift from Lilly Endowment Inc. for Disaster Service programs in the state of Indiana. Almost half of this gift will immediately go to assist tornado victims in the Evansville Indiana area. The remaining funds will go to improve The Salvation Army's Disaster Service programs in Indiana.

"This will significantly increase our ability to respond to disasters and serve victims" said Major Dennis Strissel, Divisional Commander for The Salvation Army's Indiana state headquarters. "The Endowment's generosity is overwhelming. It has been a tremendous supporter of The Salvation Army for many years and we can't thank them enough."

This past September, Lilly Endowment gave \$10 million to The Salvation Army's national relief efforts in the gulf coast. "Time after time, the Salvation Army has responded to the need for sudden disaster relief. The tornadoes that hit our state are no exception. The Endowment is pleased to help the Army continue its excellent work," said William M. Goodwin, Endowment vice president of community development.

In addition to the 6 emergency canteens and more than 40 volunteers and officers who are currently serving in the Evansville area, the Indiana Salvation Army also has 2 disaster service teams serving in New Orleans. For more information on Salvation Army Disaster Services, visit www.salvationarmyindiana.org.

OUR MISSION

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.