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Calgary Salvation Army Sends Volunteers Home As No Toys To Sort

Calgary, AB – December 5, 2018 – The Salvation Army’s toy program is in desperate need of new, unwrapped toys for kids in need this Christmas. Donations are so low that volunteer shifts were cancelled and the toy warehouse closed as there were no toys to sort.

“Having no toys to sort or send out has put us in a very desperate situation,” says Karen Livick, Executive Director for The Salvation Army’s Community Services Calgary. “We have 7000 kids in Calgary between the ages of 0-14 registered for the toy program, so we are asking for new, unwrapped toys to help us make sure each of them has something under the tree on Christmas morning.”

Every year there may be an age range that sees less donations than the others, usually infants or older kids, but this year The Salvation Army is dealing with the larger issue of no toys coming in at all.

“Any donation is welcome, including monetary donations, to help get us where we need to be donations-wise,” says Livick. “We know that buying a toy may not be in some people’s budget this year, but maybe a \$5 or \$10 donation is something they can do that will absolutely make a difference.”

New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at any CIR Realty offices, Ricky’s All Day Grills, Marlborough Mall, Westbrook Mall, and Calgary Police Service stations through the Toy Angels program until December 15.

Visit SalvationArmy.ca/alberta to make a monetary donation to the toy program, or to learn more.

The Salvation Army is an international Christian organization that began its work in Canada in 1882 and has grown to become the largest non-governmental direct provider of social services in the country. The Salvation Army gives hope and support to vulnerable people in 400 communities across Canada and in 131 countries around the world. The Salvation Army offers practical assistance for children and families, often tending to the basic necessities of life. When you give to The Salvation Army, you are investing in the future of marginalized and vulnerable people in your community.