

MEDIA RELEASE:

## **Local Charity Responding to Heat Warning**

**Burnaby, B.C. (July 24)** -- In response to Environment Canada's recent heat warning, Salvation Army centres across the province are prepared and ready to help vulnerable people, including the elderly and those living on the streets, by providing hydration items, shelter and other cooling essentials.

"With temperatures on the rise, many of our locations are taking action to ensure the health and safety of people in our communities," says Mike Leland, "Many people living in crisis lack access to clean water, sun screen and other essentials. It is our responsibility to ensure that they stay safe."

Along with offering practical support and emotional and spiritual care year-round, The Salvation Army and their outreach teams are handing out water bottles and/or providing relief at the following locations:

*Salvation Army Centre of Hope* - 34081 Gladys Ave, Abbotsford, BC V2S 2E8

*Salvation Army Chilliwack Community Church* – 46420 Brooks Ave. Chilliwack, BC V2P 1C5

*Salvation Army Harbour Light* - 119 E Cordova St, Vancouver, BC V6A 1K8

Those seeking relief are welcome to drop by, pick-up a water bottle or stay cool in our air conditioned shelters.

At this time, we ask the public to help us provide support by donating the following items:

- Sunscreen
- Hats
- Bottled Water

The Salvation Army has a long-standing history of providing temporary relief during extreme weather conditions. We, along with our community partners, work together to ensure all needs are met during these challenging time.

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