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## Local Charity Responds to State of Emergency in BC

**Burnaby, B.C. (Aug 17)** --With the province of British Columbia having declared a state of emergency due to hazardous wildfires, The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services have been mobilized to support evacuees in multiple locations across the province.

Over the next couple of weeks, The Salvation Army will be on the ground providing food, water, and emotional support to those affected by the crisis," says Mike Leland of The Salvation Army. "Our first concern is taking care of those people being impacted and our first responders,".

The Salvation Army is currently active right now in Smithers and Prince George receiving evacuees and in Williams Lake, they are standing by to assist evacuees. Across the province, the Emergency Response Units are on standby, ready to deploy at a moment's notice. These mobile canteen units are equipped with stove, fridge, and grills to serve on location and can quickly relocate should circumstances change.

"With emergency response units and teams located across the province, we are uniquely positioned to respond quickly and effectively during situations like this," says Leland. "We can be on the ground and set up in a matter of hours – ready to help those in need."

In addition to providing much-needed practical support, The Salvation Army is accepting funds, which will be used to assist families and will help rebuild people's lives and their communities for weeks and months after the disaster.

Individuals can help in the following ways:

- Donate by phone at 1-800-SAL-ARMY (1-800-725-2769)
- online at [salvationarmy.ca/bcfires](http://salvationarmy.ca/bcfires)
- by cheque at our Salvation Army Divisional Headquarters office denoting 'BC Wildfires'.  
103 - 3833 Henning Drive  
Burnaby, BC V5C 6N5

\*At this time we are not soliciting the donation of furniture and household items, and encourage people to donate clothing items to one of our thrift stores.

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### About The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services:

For 125 years, Emergency Disaster Services has been on scene and serving whenever there has been a natural or man-made disaster – always ready to assist during emergencies by providing mobile feeding and hydration units, shelter, emotional and spiritual support, along with the distribution of necessary supplies. The Salvation Army Community Response Units in BC are one of the first to arrive and the last to leave.

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