

MEDIA ADVISORY



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Festive Holiday Meal Warms the Heart of Over 1400 Residents in Downtown Eastside

Vancouver, B.C. (Dec. 21) – Volunteers and kitchen staff gear up in anticipation of the annual Christmas Day Community Meal at The Salvation Army Vancouver Harbour Light.

The team is anticipating an attendance of 1,100 community guests and another 300 meals for residents, staff and volunteers. Visitors can expect a delicious menu of everyone’s holiday favorites, including 500 kg of turkey topped with 76 liters of cranberry sauce, a side of mashed potatoes, 80 gallons of gravy, stuffing, made with 133 loaves of bread, 180 kg of mixed veggies and a selection of jumbo Christmas pies. Adding to holiday spirit, there will also be dining room entertainment and a small gift for guests to take home.

“We are grateful to be able to extend a helping hand and provide a place of community where people can truly enjoy the holidays” says Harbour Light Executive Director, Jim Coggles. “Many families and individuals struggle to make ends meet, and the holidays often bring an added pressure to provide. Our amazing kitchen staff and volunteers are all ready for doors to open on Christmas day!”

Where: 119 East Cordova Street
When: December 25th
Doors open for guests at 11:00am, last ticket at 1:45pm
Who: Everyone is welcome!

Media are invited to come down and capture the magic of Christmas between 10am and 2pm on December 25th. Interviews and filming are available between 10:30am-12:30pm. Please check-in at front desk and ask for Marianne.

The Salvation Army Harbour Light is grateful for the generous support of the many donors and volunteers who make this community meal possible each year. When we join together in serving hope, we are able to welcome more guests to share in holiday traditions.

The Salvation Army Vancouver Harbour Light has been serving Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside community for more than 60 years. Offering hope and practical support we provide a continuum of care that supports individuals in achieving their goals, creating a foundation for recovery, and securing housing.

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About The Salvation Army is an international Christian organization that began its work in Canada in 1882 and has grown to become one of the largest providers of social services in the country. Working in 400 communities across Canada and more than 120 countries around the world, we provide practical, compassionate support to meet basic human needs. By giving people hope, we transform lives of British Columbians today and every day.

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