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MEDIA RELEASE

Local Charity Responds to Extreme Weather

Burnaby, B.C. (Oct. 30) – In response to Vancouver’s recent extreme weather warning, 20 Extreme Weather Response (EWR) beds were activated last night at The Salvation Army Belkin House location in Vancouver.

With temperatures dropping, The Salvation Army is concerned for the overall health and safety of British Columbians in the days ahead. “The cold weather is especially hard on people living on the streets,” says Salvation Army spokesperson Mike Leland. “Many of these people already deal with health conditions that can be worsened and even become fatal when the temperature drops drastically.”

The Salvation Army has a long-standing history of providing temporary relief amidst extreme weather conditions in British Columbia. Across the Lower Mainland, The Salvation Army offers 60 EWR beds in total in Ridge Meadows, Langley and Vancouver. Across the province, the Army offers 158 Extreme Weather Response beds in nine locations. “Together with our partnering agencies, we work to ensure people are taken care of in these challenging times” says Leland.

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