

Local Charity Responds to Extreme Weather

Burnaby, B.C. (Jan. 13) – In response to the changing weather, Salvation Army Emergency Weather Response shelters are getting ready to be activated in order to provide a safe, warm place for people trying to escape cold, wet, snowy conditions.

With temperatures dropping, The Salvation Army is concerned for the overall health and safety of British Columbians in the days / weeks 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."

In some communities across the Lower Mainland warming centers are available and activated when conditions worsen below -5 degrees Celsius.

The Salvation Army has a longstanding history of providing temporary relief amidst extreme weather conditions. We, along with our partnering agencies, will work together to ensure all needs are met during this challenging time.

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