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## **Local Charity Responds to Extreme Heat**

**Vancouver, B.C. (August 15 )** – In response to the forecasted high temperatures across the province this weekend, The Salvation Army is helping those most vulnerable to these conditions, including elderly and those living on the streets, by providing hydration and assistance to people.

“The rising temperatures impact the health and safety of people living on the streets,” says Mike Leland. “When you don’t have access to water and shelter, you are exposed to things like heat stroke, and dehydration both of which have potentially dangerous outcomes.”

The dedicated teams of staff and volunteers across the province are ensuring people are getting the help they need this weekend to make it through the heat as it is predicted to feel as high as 35°C in some parts of the Lower Mainland.

“Across the province we are opening up shelter spaces, offering water, providing sun block and other essential to keep people safe from the heat,” he explains. “The safety of vulnerable people in our communities is our number one concern, during these extreme conditions.”

The Salvation Army has a longstanding history of providing those in need with temporary relief to the weather conditions. We, along with our community partners, will work together to ensure all immediate needs are met.

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### **About The Salvation Army:**

The 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. In over 56 communities in B.C. and 400 communities across Canada, we share the love of Jesus Christ, provide practical, compassionate support to meet basic human needs and work to be a transforming influence in the communities of our world. With your support, we give people hope today and every day.

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