



Local Charity Expands Services to Reach More Communities
in time to meet the Christmas needs

Victoria, B.C. (Oct 27) – The Salvation Army in Victoria is expanding its Community and Family Services (CFS) into three new communities across the Capital Regional District to better meet the growing demand from individuals and families who require social assistance.

Three existing Salvation Army locations will now offer free programs and services in the Westshore, Vic West and Saanich areas. The expansion means that individuals and families can access the programs and services in communities where they live and work and no longer must travel to one central location.

“For the past several years individuals and families requiring assistance had to travel to our location in Quadra Village,” says Patricia Mamic with The Salvation Army. “For people living in a fixed income this was not ideal and it limited the amount of people we could serve. With this expansion, we have removed those barriers.”

The three new locations will offer individuals and families everything from food security, programs for children and youth, job training, counselling, and spiritual care, as well as programs for seniors. A big part of what the CFS offers is assistance during Christmas. Food hampers, toys, and other holiday-related programs and services are offered from October through to December and can be accessed at no cost.

“The expansion comes at a critical point as we begin to think about Christmas,” says Mamic. “Right now, our three locations are launching their *Christmas Assistance Programs*, which helps families in the community who struggle to make ends meet and who need vital assistance during the Christmas season.”

The Army is currently distributing Christmas applications from the three locations and will also provide an online option. As part of the *Greater Victoria Christmas Giving Network*, our applications are the same as every other agency in Greater Victoria offering Christmas assistance. Applications will be available up to December 23, 2021.

For more information call or visit the location in your community or e-mail victoriainfo@salvationarmy.ca

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