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Local Charity Responds to Extreme Weather

Burnaby, B.C. (Dec. 22) – In response to the changing weather, Salvation Army Emergency Weather Response shelters are getting ready to be activated across the province 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 individuals already deal with health conditions that can be worsened and even become fatal when the temperature drops drastically.”

In some communities across the province warming centers are also 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.

“People need a roof over them and a warm, safe place to lay their head,” says Leland. “This is at the very core of what we do in communities across the province. If you or someone you know needs shelter, check with your local Salvation Army to see what resources are available. If we can’t assist you, we can direct you to an organization that can.”

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The Salvation Army is an international Christian organization that began its work in Canada in 1882 and has grown to become the largest non-governmental direct provider of social services in the country. The Salvation Army gives hope and support to vulnerable people today and every day in 400 communities across Canada and more than 130 countries around the world.

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