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The Salvation Army Kroc Center – San Francisco Suspends Regular Operations; Transitions to Emergency Response Efforts

In response to the novel coronavirus pandemic, The Salvation Army has evolved service delivery to ensure that immediate needs of community members, first responders, and government partners are met. As a part of this effort, beginning on March 17, 2020, The Salvation Army Community Center in San Francisco will shift away from regular operations in order to provide increased community assistance and support. At this time, all regular Kroc Center – San Francisco classes and membership offerings will be suspended.

Given the current financial climate, The Salvation Army Kroc Center – San Francisco has made the decision to **suspend all membership payments as of March 20, 2020**. “We know that this is a time when every penny counts,” said The Salvation Army Officer, Major Raymond Erickson-King. “We want you to be assured that we are taking every step to take care of the San Francisco community.” During this time, memberships will also be extended in order to compensate for the time when membership benefits are unavailable.

The Salvation Army Kroc Center – San Francisco is in regular communication with area emergency agencies including San Francisco’s Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families and is working collectively with other local businesses and groups to support the community during this challenging time.

During the following weeks, The Salvation Army Kroc Center – San Francisco will be providing the following services to the San Francisco community:

- To-go breakfast and lunch meals for children ages 17 and under
- Food pantry for those registered with the San Francisco Food Bank
- Virtual young adult group and Sunday services
- Social and spiritual community support

Announcing Emergency Services Hotline: (415) 345-3400

An Emergency Services Hotline has been activated, to assist those in need and also to answer general questions about The Salvation Army Kroc Center – San Francisco. Community members can call the hotline at (415)345-3400. Information about outreach efforts and community

assistance will also be updated regularly on The Salvation Army Kroc Center – San Francisco website at www.krocsf.org.

About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church established in London in 1865, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination for 130 years in the United States. Nearly 30 million Americans receive assistance from The Salvation Army each year through the broadest array of social services that range from providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for the disabled, outreach to the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter to the homeless and opportunities for underprivileged children. 82 cents of every dollar The Salvation Army spends is used to support those services in 5,000 communities nationwide. For more information, go to www.salvationarmyusa.org.