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## The Salvation Army Guam Corps extends expiration date of thrift store vouchers for Typhoon Mawar survivors

-Thrift store to extend operating hours until 6 p.m. [from 4 p.m.], Monday through Saturday and will be closed on Sundays-

**Barrigada, Guam [July 16, 2023] –** While many survivors of Typhoon Mawar received vouchers for clothing and household items at The Salvation Army Guam Corps thrift store, not everyone has been able to visit the store to redeem them. As a result, redemption of the vouchers, set to expire on July 31, 2023, is now being extended through August 31, 2023. Additionally, extended operating hours have been announced for The Salvation Army thrift store, located at 370 Chalan San Antonio, Tamuning. Starting Monday, July 17, the store will be open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays, and will be closed on Sundays. Most recently, the store was closing daily at 4 p.m.

"We are pleased to be able to extend the shopping hours at the thrift store to make it more convenient for our customers," said Victor Leonardi, Divisional Director of Emergency Services & Safety for The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division. "And, as the island continues to recover, we realized it made sense to extend the vouchers so more could be redeemed to help those in need. The thrift store is also in need of additional donations of household items and continues to accept donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays."

Leonardi continued, "During emergencies, the best way the public can help is to provide monetary donations which allows the delivery of the exact relief supplies a community needs. Plus, The Salvation Army uses 100% of all donations designated 'disaster relief' in support of disaster operations."

Donations may be made online at Guam.SalvationArmy.org.

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## **About The Salvation Army Disaster Services**

The Salvation Army is uniquely positioned to serve those impacted by disasters, however long it takes, because they are there before, during, and after impact. Beyond serving immediate physical needs, they also meet the emotional and spiritual needs that are unique to catastrophic events. The Salvation Army:

- Delivers disaster relief to an average of 382,000 people annually.
- Serves every ZIP code in the United States and touches almost 25 million lives a year.
- Has served survivors of every major national disaster since 1900.
- Remains in communities until needs are met and beyond.

## About The Salvation Army – Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division

The Salvation Army – Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division covers the state of Hawaii and the Pacific Islands including Guam, Republic of the Marshall Islands and The Federated States of Micronesia. In 2021, The Salvation Army was ranked #2 on the list of "America's Favorite Charities"

by The Chronicle of Philanthropy. The Division offers a wide variety of programs throughout the islands including: affordable senior housing; at-risk youth services and housing; camp & conference center; church/religious services and programs; emergency disaster services; family stores; food distribution and feeding programs; homeless services; The Kroc Center – Hawaii's largest community center; preschools & day care services; older adults; social services – emergency assistance; substance abuse treatment; women's auxiliary; and women's ministries. For more information, call 808-988-2136, visit hawaii.salvationarmy.org, or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.