



# NEWS BRIEF

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## THE SALVATION ARMY TO HOST FULL WEEK OF CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTIONS ACROSS CHICAGO

**WHAT:** The Salvation Army Metropolitan Division will host more than 20 Christmas distributions for individuals, families and seniors in need at several Corps Community Centers throughout the Chicagoland area. These free distributions will provide food, clothes and toys to thousands of families who would otherwise go without this Christmas. Below is a partial list of Salvation Army Christmas distribution events for the week of December 19.

### Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center

Christmas Food Box and Toy Distribution

**WHEN:** **Tuesday, December 20, 2011**  
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** 1730 W. 119<sup>th</sup> Street

**ON-SITE CONTACT:** Major Darlene Harvey, 773-824-6436

The Ray and Jon Kroc Corps Community Center will distribute food boxes and toys to an estimated 300 families.

### LaVillita Corps Community Center

Christmas Food Box and Angel Tree Distribution

**WHEN:** **Tuesday, December 20, 2011**  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Toys and food boxes distribution)  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Food box distribution only)

**WHERE:** 3621 W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street

**ON-SITE CONTACT:** Carlos Moran, 312-307-0523

The LaVillita Corps Community Center will distribute 500 food boxes and toys to 200 families.

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**Englewood Corps Red Shield Center**

Christmas Food Box and Toy Distribution

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 22, 2011  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** 945 W. 69<sup>th</sup> Street

**ON-SITE CONTACT:** Captain Rebecca Simmons, 773-6095

The Salvation Army Red Shield Center expects to distribute food boxes and toys to more than 50 families an hour at their annual Christmas Food Box and Toy Distribution event. 400 families total will receive Christmas food boxes, while other families will pick-up age-appropriate toys to wrap and place under the Christmas tree for their children.

**Temple Corps Community Center**

Christmas Food Box and Toy Distribution

**WHEN:** Friday, December 23, 2011  
10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** 1 North Ogden Avenue

**ON-SITE CONTACT:** Envoy Tyrone Staggers, 773-209-6897

The Temple Corps Community Center will distribute food boxes and toys to 350 families and an additional 600 schoolchildren.

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church established in 1865, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination for more than 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 raised is used to support those services in 5,000 communities nationwide. For more information, go to [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org).