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**THE SALVATION ARMY TO HOST “STUFF THE BUS” AT SELECT WALMART LOCATIONS TO
HELP STUDENTS START THE SCHOOL YEAR STRONG**

Hawai‘i volunteers and community members donate school supplies for local children in need

HONOLULU (July 8, 2026) – Back-to-school season can be an exciting time, but for many families, the rising cost of supplies adds extra stress. That’s why The Salvation Army Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division is gearing up to host “Stuff the Bus” events at select Walmart locations across Hawai‘i this July, making it easy for shoppers to give local keiki a strong start to the school year. On designated dates and times throughout July, volunteers will invite Walmart shoppers to pick up a few extra school supplies and drop them in The Salvation Army collection bins located at the front of the store. Every donation helps a child right here in Hawai‘i head back to class with confidence.

In addition to “Stuff the Bus” events across Hawai‘i, The Salvation Army will celebrate “Christmas in July” with its iconic red kettles outside of select Walmart locations to raise funds that will power vital programs and services year-round. Every dollar donated will stay within the community in which it was collected to help local families in need.

“We are deeply thankful for Walmart’s continued collaboration in supporting keiki and our wider community, now and throughout the entire year,” said The Salvation Army Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Divisional Youth and Candidates’ Secretary David Aycock. “Starting off the school year strong is a crucial step not only toward giving a young person a solid foundation, but toward nurturing a lifelong love of learning and hopeful path forward.”

Participating locations and key dates follow for summer giving opportunities:

Stuff the Bus

- Hilo Walmart (325 E Maka‘ala St.)
July 24, 25, 26
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Kahului Walmart (101 Pakaula St.)
July 11, 18, 25
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



- Kapolei Walmart (91-600 Farrington Hwy.)
July 10, 12
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Honolulu Walmart (700 Ke'eumoku St.)
July 10, 11, 12
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Kailua-Kona Walmart (75-1015 Henry St.)
July 16
8:00 a.m. to noon
- Līhu'e Walmart (3-3300 Kūhio Hwy.)
July 14, 15
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Christmas in July

- Līhu'e Walmart (3-3300 Kūhio Hwy.)
July 16, 17, 18
- Kahului Walmart (101 Pakaula St.)
July 11, 18, 25
- Kailua-Kona Walmart (75-1015 Henry St.)
July 10, 17, 24

Today, thanks to retailers like Walmart, The Salvation Army serves nearly 29 million Americans annually through programs that address poverty, hunger, homelessness and other critical challenges. For more information about The Salvation Army's local programs or how to get involved, visit www.Hawaii.SalvationArmy.org.

About The Salvation Army – Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division

The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division covers the state of Hawai'i and the Pacific Islands including Guam, The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of the Marshall Islands and The Federated States of Micronesia. The Division offers a wide variety of programs throughout the islands including: affordable senior housing; at-risk youth services and housing; camp & conference center; family stores, food distribution and feeding programs; homeless services; The Kroc Center – Hawai'i's largest community center; preschools & day care services; social services – emergency assistance; substance abuse treatment; and work therapy & rehabilitation services. For more information, call 808-988-2136, visit Hawaii.SalvationArmy.org, and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

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