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**THE SALVATION ARMY DEPLOYS EMERGENCY MEAL SERVICES TO SHELTERS ACROSS GUAM
AND THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN WAKE OF SUPER TYPHOON BAVI**

BARRIGADA, Guam (July 12, 2026) – Providing immediate support for those affected by Super Typhoon Bavi, The Salvation Army Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division has delivered 2,342 meals to emergency shelters on Guam within the first four days of response. As recovery efforts continue, the organization will begin providing meals seven days a week for those in long-term Tier 2 shelters set up by the American Red Cross for as long as needed.

The Salvation Army's Saipan Corps has also distributed more than 250 meals and boxes of food staples to local families in need through community outreach efforts. Starting next week, pallets of food staples will be shipped from Saipan to Rota, the island that suffered the worst damages from the typhoon's 180 mph winds. The organization is actively working with local partners to assess current and future needs to provide critical relief in the weeks ahead.

With Bavi striking less than three months of Super Typhoon Sinlaku, residents are not only facing power outages, widespread infrastructure damage, and food and oil shortages once again, but a growing emotional and psychological toll. In addition to ensuring these communities are nourished, The Salvation Army officers and staff—trained in emotional and spiritual care, including during disaster situations—are helping residents to navigate the many feelings that come with the immense devastation of a storm like this.

The Salvation Army Pacific Islands Division, headquartered in Honolulu, with support from The Salvation Army Western Territory, is lining up disaster relief teams who will serve volunteer deployments to the Marianas to support mass feeding operations, damage assessment and critical relief, and emotional and spiritual care. Initial relief teams will be deployed for three weeks to Guam, and will also travel to Rota to assist personnel from the Saipan Soup Kitchen with food supply distribution.

“While the impact of back-to-back storm systems is truly devastating, we are ready to serve in whatever way we are needed,” said The Salvation Army Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Divisional Director of Emergency Disaster Services and Safety Ryan Yoshimoto. “As this crisis evolves, so will our efforts. We are grateful for our partners throughout the region and beyond who continue to provide essential relief during this time of immense need.”



Throughout the destruction of these two super typhoons, The Salvation Army has served nearly 16,000 meals, delivered more than 4,600 boxes of necessities to affected households, and provided emotional and spiritual care to more than 600 impacted individuals across Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Chuuk State in the Federated States of Micronesia.

The public is invited to directly support relief needs in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Bavi by making a one-time or recurring donation at Fundraise.SalvationArmyHawaii.org/Bavi.

MEDIA NOTE: Please see [HERE](#) for photos of Guam relief, courtesy of The Salvation Army.

Images include:

- Photo 2 - The Salvation Army Guam officers and volunteers join Machananao Elementary School (MES) staff for meal service at the emergency shelter set up at the school; Left to right: MES staff Tomara Villagomez, The Salvation Army Guam Corps Officer Major Eric Tuamale, Senator Chris Barnett, MES staff Stephanie Taijeron, and David Delgado.
- Photo 5 - The Salvation Army Guam Corps Officer Jasiel Tumale loads cases of water at The Salvation Army Family Services Center in Barrigada for delivery to shelters.
- Photo 7 - The Salvation Army cadets, volunteers, and school staff, provide meals for residents at the AsTumbo Elementary School emergency shelter.

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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