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THE SALVATION ARMY BOLSTERS SUPPORT FOR HAWAI'I COMMUNITIES IN FACE OF NEXT STORM SYSTEM, SHARES UPDATE ON BACK-TO-BACK KONA LOW RESPONSE AND DISTRIBUTION HUBS

HONOLULU (April 8, 2026) - As Hawai'i braces for another severe stormfront while recovery efforts from devastating floods and consecutive Kona low events continue, The Salvation Army Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division remains steadfast in its commitment to support impacted communities.

With a statewide flood watch in effect as the third Kona Low storm system makes landfall, The Salvation Army started providing meals at the Kaneohe District Park shelter this morning and has additional teams at the ready to provide food as emergency shelters open across the state. The Salvation Army is part of a team of agencies that provide assistance during emergency disasters and is a member of the State of Hawai'i Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). As the situation unfolds and updates evolve in real-time, community safety considerations remain paramount. The following updates are effective as of April 8.

- Across all islands, The Salvation Army is temporarily suspending services activated following Kona Low 1 and Kona Low 2. Immediate response during this week's storm will include providing meals at county shelters.
- On O'ahu, The Salvation Army suspended services at The City and County of Honolulu Community Assistance Center at Waialua District Park as of April 7. Appointments previously scheduled for April 8-9 will be rescheduled. Upcoming distribution activities and locations will be announced as the storm passes and additional needs are assessed.
- For the latest updates on The Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Services and ongoing support for Hawai'i, the community is encouraged to visit hawaii.salvationarmy.org where the home page will provide ways to connect with key services or to give towards relief and recovery.

Following the worst storm events in 20 years to hit Hawai'i that brought torrential rains and widespread flooding, The Salvation Army assisted Over 10,000 individuals in both immediate needs and those beginning to rebuild. The nonprofit has provided:

- More than 6,500 hot meals and hundreds of cases of water
- \$235,000 in direct financial assistance to neighbors in need
- More than 230 clean-up kits to families

Additionally, The Salvation Army's Camp Homelani is serving as a temporary home for the Waialua Emergency Medical Service Staff and Ambulance rigs following the extensive storm damage to their location.

To support The Salvation Army's disaster relief and advance Hawai'i's continuing road to recovery, visit hawaii.salvationarmy.org. All donations designated for disaster relief are used exclusively to support those impacted before, during, and after emergency events.

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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