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THE SALVATION ARMY ACTIVATED AT HILO APARTMENT COMPLEX STILL WITHOUT POWER FOLLOWING HURRICANE LALA, PROVIDING MEALS FOR 220 RESIDENTS

HONOLULU (August 28, 2026) – In response to a prolonged power outage at a Hilo apartment complex impacted by Hurricane Lala, The Salvation Army Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division has mobilized to provide food for struggling residents. Needs at the complex are compounded, with many of the residents being kūpuna and veterans who have additional care considerations. The Salvation Army's Hilo Temple Corps will provide a daily meal to 220 people for up to seven days or until power returns, whichever comes first, meeting Hawai'i County's call to support relief efforts.

"We are fortunate to be able to call on trusted and tested community partners such as The Salvation Army both during and in the aftermath of disasters, who can quickly mobilize to support changing and complex recovery needs," said Mayor Kimo Alameda. "As we work to resolve this issue as soon as possible, enabling residents without power to have the certainty of a warm meal is vital."

The meal service activation to the Hilo complex comes just as power has been restored to the communities of Na'alehu and Pāhala, with temporary shelters closing and feeding operations at these hubs concluding. Throughout the Hurricane Lala emergency response, The Salvation Army Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division has served more than 5,000 meals and food boxes across Hawai'i Island, and distributed more than \$23,000 in grocery and gas cards—primarily serving those around Ka'ū and the Hamakua Coast, who endured extended power outages and access challenges since the storm.

"In the wake of the continued devastation of Hurricane Lala and its impact on Hawai'i residents, we want everyone affected to know their voices are heard, and we are here to help at every step towards recovery," said The Salvation Army's Hilo Temple Corps Officer Captain Sam LeMar. "Food is one way we are able to provide immediate relief for our neighbors facing hardships from this disaster, and we are honored to work round-the-clock with committed local leadership and partners to bring comfort to our community."

To learn more about The Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Services supporting Hawai'i communities and emerging needs, please visit 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.