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MEDIA ALERT – Massive Meal Distribution On The Island To Welcome Home Galveston Residents

Houston, TX (September 23, 2008) – On Wednesday, September 24, 2008, 35 disaster response mobile feeding units stocked with hot meals, cold water, coffee and compassion will welcome home Galveston islanders as they return to their homes on the Gulf Coast. The Salvation Army, the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief and The American Red Cross have joined forces to operate a mass kitchen at the Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston. From that location, the mobile feeding units will be stocked and dispatched to canvas the island offering meals and support. To date, The Salvation Army has already provided 1.3 million meals throughout Southeast Texas to those affected by Hurricane IKE. **ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

Who: The Salvation Army
The American Red Cross
Southern Baptist Disaster Relief

What: Providing Hot Meals, Cold Water and Compassion to Galveston islanders returning home – a Mass Kitchen will serve as the operation’s headquarters

Where: **Lone Star Flight Museum**
2002 Terminal Drive
Galveston, TX 77554

When: **Wednesday, September 24, 2008**
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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In this community since 1889, The Salvation Army Greater Houston Area Command serves Harris, Montgomery and Fort Bend Counties through youth programs, shelter, disaster relief, counseling, senior programs and rehabilitation. The mission of The Salvation Army Greater Houston Area Command is to meet human needs without discrimination. Each year over 33 million Americans receive assistance from The Salvation Army. About 89.5 cents of every dollar raised locally is used to support those services in Houston and at close to 9,000 communities nationwide. For more information about The Salvation Army, please visit www.salvationarmyhouston.org.