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**The Salvation Army breaks ground on a new community center
in Collinwood**

New building will enhance services for families and children

CLEVELAND, Ohio (November 2, 2015) – The Salvation Army of Greater Cleveland joined Councilman Michael Polensek to break ground on a new facility to provide emergency services and supportive programs in Collinwood and surrounding neighborhoods.

“The Salvation Army has experienced an increased demand for services in this area,” said Major Lurlene-Kay Johnson, divisional secretary for Greater Cleveland area services. “Our new facility will provide additional space and flexibility to enhance our programs and meet the needs of adults, families, and children.”

The Salvation Army’s Corps Community Centers offer clothing, utility and food assistance, along with after-school tutoring programs, music and arts activities, and organized recreational activities. The services and programs at each Corps Community Center are tailored to meet the unique needs of the surrounding neighborhoods.

The current Temple Corps Community Center is located in an older, re-purposed school building that can no longer accommodate the heightened demand for services. For the last two years, The Salvation Army filled the available spots for the after-school tutoring programs and summer day campaign in less than one hour. The Salvation Army will construct the new facility on the lot adjacent to the current building, and anticipates completing construction within 18 months. The current Temple Corps Community Center will remain open during construction.

This project is part of a \$35 million capital campaign to realign and enhance services throughout Greater Cleveland. *The Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow*

campaign will provide funds to upgrade four service facilities and expand services in the areas of greatest need. In addition to the Temple Corps project, The Salvation Army is undergoing building projects in West Park, East Cleveland, and downtown. The Salvation Army has already secured \$25.2 million toward its \$35 million goal through a combination of philanthropic gifts and New Markets Tax Credits.

The Salvation Army continues to seek philanthropic support from the community for this historic project. To learn more about how to participate, individuals are encouraged to contact The Salvation Army of Greater Cleveland or visit www.salvationarmyohio.org/capitalcampaign.

The Salvation Army served more than 143,000 individuals throughout Cuyahoga County last year through all of its programs and services. The Salvation Army of Greater Cleveland provides emergency assistance such as shelter, food, clothing and utility support, along with wrap-around programs such as drug and alcohol detoxification and rehabilitation, education and youth development programs, and programs for the aging.

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About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Nearly 30 million Americans receive assistance from The Salvation Army each year through the broadest array of social services that range from providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for the disabled, and outreach programs for youth. For more information, go to www.SalvationArmyCleveland.org.