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**The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit Celebrates 85<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of National Donut Day on June 2**

*Nonprofit delivering sweet treats to local businesses dedicated to Doing the Most Good*

**SOUTHFIELD, Mich., (May 25, 2023)** — On National Donut Day, [The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit](#) is planning something sweet to commemorate the holiday's history. Established in 1938 by The Salvation Army, National Donut Day serves as a reminder of the bravery of The Salvation Army's "Donut Lassies" during World War I.

In 1917, The Salvation Army volunteers traveled to France and joined soldiers on the front lines to provide them with essential goods, fresh baked donuts and spiritual support to boost morale. The Donut Lassies quickly became a symbol of hope and comfort for their efforts to ease the hardship of war-torn American troops fighting in France.

More than a hundred years later, the donut now serves as a symbol of the comfort that The Salvation Army provides to those in need through its many social services programs. National Donut Day is held annually on the first Friday in June, and The Salvation Army celebrates the work of the original Donut Lassies by delivering donuts to those in need and to donut lovers across the country.

This year, The Salvation Army is celebrating local businesses nominated by the community for Doing the Most Good in metro Detroit. On June 2, The Salvation Army is delivering freshly baked donuts to local nonprofits, restaurants and retailers in recognition of their commitment to the community.

"National Donut day is a time to enjoy a tasty treat and celebrate The Salvation Army Donut Lassies who uplifted and supported the soldiers on the frontlines," said Major Bob Mueller, metro Detroit area commander for The Salvation Army Great Lakes Division. "Year after year, we look forward to honoring the Donut Lassies, who selflessly donated their time to provide hope and light to the soldiers when it seemed out of reach."

To learn more about the Donut Lassies and the rich history of National Donut Day, please visit [www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/national-donut-day](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/national-donut-day).

**About The Salvation Army**

Founded by William and Catherine Booth in London, England in 1865, The Salvation Army is a faith-based, non-profit organization dedicated to serving people in need without discrimination. This past year, The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit was involved in providing 2,535,013 meals and 579,920 nights of shelter for the homeless. The Salvation Army uses \$.87 of every dollar raised to provide direct services to people in need each and every day of the year. For more information about The Salvation Army, please call 877-SAL-MICH, or visit us at [salmich.org](http://salmich.org).

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