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The Salvation Army Honors Anniversary With Plaque Unveiling in Grand Rapids

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (November 28, 2023) – The Salvation Army in Kent County will honor its 140th anniversary with a plaque unveiling November 28th outside the Amway Grand. The brief ceremony will begin at 11:15 a.m.

Those scheduled to attend include:

- Grand Valley Area Commander Major Tim Meyer
- Territorial Commander, Commissioner Evie Diaz
- Great Lakes Divisional Commander, Lt. Colonel Steve Merritt
- Grand Rapids Advisory Board Members
- And The Salvation Army Grand Rapids Fulton Heights Citadel Brass Ensemble

The first Salvation Army in the entire State of Michigan was established in Grand Rapids on November 25th, 1883.

Following the ceremony, a luncheon will be held at the Amway Grand to honor Salvation Army donors.

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About The Salvation Army

Founded in 1865, The Salvation Army is a faith-based, non-profit organization dedicated to serving people in need without discrimination. In 2022, The Salvation Army in Kent County helped provide 7,714 meals to senior citizens, 7,058 individuals with groceries, 6,677 households obtain or maintain housing, 971 households with utility assistance, 1,674 in recovery outpatient services, 713 life-saving detox experiences, and 13,868 toys, 1006 teen gift cards, serving 1,524 households as part of Christmas assistance. The Salvation Army uses \$.86 of every dollar raised to provide direct services to people in need. For more information, go to www.sakentcounty.org