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Derecho Storm Impacts Eastern Iowa and Northern Illinois Communities

Pekin, IL- The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) has deployed to more than 30 counties throughout the Heartland Division due to the recent Derecho storm. This storm produced hurricane-like conditions in the Midwest with 100 mph winds and intense weather which impacted thousands within our communities across Central Illinois and Eastern Iowa.

Sam Amick, EDS Director said, “We are providing food, hydration & clean-up kits to the affected areas. He continued, “We are currently serving in Foreston, Ottawa, LaSalle, Oglesby, Peru in Illinois as well as over 30 Eastern Iowa counties. Many families have been affected by storm damage and power outages”. The Salvation Army will be setting up an incident command, fixed feeding site and mobile feeding while our communities assess the damage. We are committed to serving as long as we are needed.

As these relief efforts continue to develop we will be updating our responses to The Salvation Army Heartland Division’s digital channels. Working alongside our community leaders, our hope is to be a light for those enduring the stress of the destruction from this level of storm that came through on Monday, August 10th.

Those wishing to help support these relief efforts can make a donation directly to the Heartland Division’s EDS team online at SalArmy.US/StormRelief and additional information regarding our response can be found at our Facebook page at Facebook.com/SalvationArmyHeartland and official website at SAHeartland.org.