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## THE SALVATION ARMY PARTNERS WITH HOME DEPOT AND HEART OF WEST MICHIGAN UNITED WAY TO HELP AREA VETERANS

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (April 27, 2023)** – The Salvation Army in Kent County will be feeding more than 100 volunteers on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, as part of an event that helps area veterans. The annual project brings volunteers together from several agencies, including the Home Depot Foundation and Heart of West Michigan United Way, to complete landscaping and outdoor home repair projects for local military veterans, current service members and their families.

“As a veteran myself, I know how much these families must appreciate the help they’ll be receiving,” said Grand Valley Area Commander Major Tim Meyer. “As an organization that also helps veterans, we are so thankful to be a part of this project.”

The event will begin sometime between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. on Friday with a rally for volunteers at the Home Depot located at 4646 28th St SE in Grand Rapids. Meyer will speak briefly at the event about Salvation Army programs and deliver an opening prayer.

Afterwards, volunteer teams will be located throughout Kent County working on projects. Lunch will be served at various locations between noon and 1:00 p.m. Those locations will be made available Friday morning.

To schedule onsite interviews at a veteran’s home, please contact Maribeth Groen with Heart of West Michigan United Way at 616-446-8077.

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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 15,748 toys and \$94,520 in meal gifts cards for 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](http://www.sakentcounty.org)

### **About The Home Depot Foundation**

The Home Depot Foundation, the nonprofit arm of The Home Depot (NYSE: HD), works to improve the homes and lives of U.S. veterans, support communities impacted by natural disasters and train skilled tradespeople to fill the labor gap. Since 2011, the Foundation has invested more than \$475 million in veteran causes and improved more than 55,000 veteran homes and facilities. The Foundation has pledged to invest half of a billion dollars in veteran causes by 2025 and \$50 million in training the next generation of skilled tradespeople through the Path to Pro program. To learn more about The Home Depot Foundation visit [HomeDepotFoundation.org](http://HomeDepotFoundation.org).

### **About Heart of West Michigan United Way**

Heart of West Michigan United Way unites community resources to reduce poverty in Kent County. Founded in 1917 and locally operated, Heart of West Michigan United Way has been an integral part of Kent County for more than 100 years and plays a unique role in connecting resources to pressing needs through direct programming, community engagement and partnerships with local nonprofit agencies, companies, donors and volunteers. Visit [hwmuw.org](http://hwmuw.org) for more information.