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****MEDIA ALERT / REQUEST FOR COVERAGE****

The Salvation Army Teams Up With Walmart Across the United States to “Stuff the Bus”

Volunteers and community members support local children with school supply donations!

When: Saturday, August 3, 2019 - 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m

Where: The following Walmart locations in the greater Waco area:

- Walmart Supercenter, 1521 I-35 North, Bellmead, TX
- Walmart Supercenter, 600 Hewitt Drive, Woodway, TX
- Walmart Supercenter, 4320 Franklin Avenue, Waco, TX
- Walmart Supercenter, 733 Sun Valley Drive, Hewitt, TX

Who: The Salvation Army in collaboration with Walmart

What: Walmart shoppers will receive a list of suggested school supplies that they can purchase and donate to help “Stuff the Bus” at their local Walmart. This one-day event will occur at over 3,000 Walmart locations across the United States, including 4 locations in the greater Waco area. The goal is to provide new school supplies and provide a fresh start for the new school year to children in need. School supplies will then be distributed to families through the local Salvation Army Social Services office.

Representatives will collect donations at the entry to Walmart (primarily ‘merchandise door’) and donations will be loaded onto school buses provided by Goldstar and Durham School Services. For those unable to attend, an online registry is available at www.Walmart.com, search The Salvation Army Waco or email salarmywaco@gmail.com for a direct link.

In previous years, the local Stuff the Bus event was co-hosted with M&M Broadcasting. Their support continues this year with radio station 92.9 Shooter FM broadcasting from the Walmart Supercenter in Hewitt, and 104.9 BoB FM broadcasting from the Walmart Supercenter on Hewitt Drive in Woodway.

Why The simple act of providing school supplies to students in need provides them a boost of self-confidence and sets them up for a positive and successful school year. Walmart and The Salvation Army have collaborated for more than 30 years with a common mission: to meet needs in their local communities. Supporters like Walmart help The Salvation Army serve more than 23 million Americans each year through a range of social services to help them overcome poverty and economic hardships.

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