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The Salvation Army Washington County HOPE Center unveils new Mobile Food Pantry at Open House tonight

(Hillsboro, OR) – On Thursday, Feb. 27, from 6-7:30 p.m., **The Salvation Army Washington County HOPE Center** will host an Open House event to announce its new Mobile Food Pantry and discuss plans for Phase II of its Food Pantry renovations. The **Mobile Food Pantry** will serve rural areas of Washington County as an expansion of its Mobile Outreach Program, which is a program within the Washington County HOPE Center located at 1440 SE in Hillsboro.

"We are pleased to announce the expansion of an important Food Pantry program that we feel is helping to cure hunger," said Captain Peter Pemberton, Portland Metro Coordinator for The Salvation Army Cascade Division. "We feed an average of 500+ households monthly through the onsite Food Pantry at the Washington County HOPE Center. With the Mobile Outreach Pantry, we strive to better serve those folks who are unable to get to our physical location in Hillsboro."

Attendees of the Open House event will gain insight into The Salvation Army's vision for expanding its Food Pantry at the Washington County HOPE Center into a new client-choice pantry designed by CIDA Architectural. The goal is for individuals in need to shop in a fully stocked, state-of-the-art pantry in a 5,000-square-foot shopping area. The total estimated cost for completion of Phase II is: \$1,200,000.

The Salvation Army Washington County HOPE Center's regular Food Pantry is open from 1-3:45 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The pantry is closed on Wednesday. The center also offers daily sack lunches from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For more information on the Washington County HOPE Center, please visit: https://hillsboro.salvationarmy.org/.

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The Salvation Army annually helps 30 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction, and economic hardships through a range of social services. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army is doing the most good at 7,600 centers of operation around the country. In the first-ever listing of "America's Favorite Charities" by The Chronicle of Philanthropy, The Salvation Army ranked as the country's largest privately funded, direct-service nonprofit. For more information on **The Salvation Army in Portland**, please visit https://portland.salvationarmy.org/. Follow us on Twitter: @salarmycascade and #DoingTheMostGood; Instagram: @salarmypdx; YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAeczfwlk60JFgGexAlSxXg (@salarmypdx); and LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/salarmycascade/ (@salarmycascade).