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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE SALVATION ARMY OF GREATER LYNCHBURG REGARDING COVID 19 PROCEDURES

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The Salvation Army of Greater Lynchburg continues to be committed to its mission of serving the homeless, hungry and those in need. Salvation Army leadership is working closely with community leaders and partners to address concerns that impact Greater Lynchburg's homeless populations, as well as volunteers and staff of The Salvation Army. Beginning on 03/17/2020 at 12pm, The Salvation Army of Greater Lynchburg has made changes in its procedures for The Center of Hope that will ensure its mission is being completed while being considerate of local, state and national guidelines regarding COVID 19.

Beginning 03/17/2020 at noon, the following will be implemented:

- Anyone needing assistance with utilities or rent will need to make an appointment in advance. Individuals will need to bring all required paperwork in printed form. We will not be able to access it from personal cell phones or other personal electronic devices. Individuals can go to SalvationArmyLynchburg.org for a listing of paperwork needed to apply for assistance. To schedule an appointment, please call 434-845-5939.
- Changes have been put in place regarding community feeding. Breakfast and dinners will be provided in to-go packaging for non-residents and the general community to take off location. Individuals in our resident program at the Center of Hope will continue to be served in our dining room abiding by suggested social distancing guidelines.
- Increased cleaning schedules have been added to already stringent and comprehensive cleaning procedures for all buildings at The Salvation Army of Greater Lynchburg.
- Screening procedures are in place to help ensure no one running a fever or exhibiting symptoms of COVID 19 enters the facilities

Currently, the Lynchburg Salvation Army needs individually wrapped breakfast items such as breakfast bars, danishes and individual juices. Food items such as #10 can size vegetables, canned meats, and non-perishable food items are also needed. If you would like more information on how you can help at this time, please contact The Salvation Army of Greater Lynchburg at 434-845-5939. The Salvation Army of Greater Lynchburg serves the Bedford, Campbell, Nelson, Appomattox, Amherst and Lynchburg City communities. Please follow The Salvation Army of Lynchburg's Facebook page for updates regarding our response to COVID 19.

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