



Giving Hope Today

The Salvation Army in Toronto Celebrates the Opening of the New \$35 million Harbour Light Ministries Building

For Immediate Release

Toronto – On Friday, May 22, 2009, The Salvation Army will celebrate the opening and rededication of the of the new \$35 million Toronto Harbour Light development in downtown Toronto. The flagship social service centre, located at 160 Jarvis Street, Toronto will be opened by Commissioner William W. Francis, leader of The Salvation Army in Canada, at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 22, 2009.

He will be joined by MP Bob Rae, Toronto Centre MPP George Smitherman, and City of Toronto Councillor Kyle Rae, (Ward 27- Toronto Centre-Rosedale).

“Our government believes that every Ontario family deserves a safe, healthy and affordable place to call home,” said George Smitherman, MPP for Toronto Centre. “Today’s project is another example of how we are making rent more affordable for lower-income Ontarians.”

“ On behalf of Mayor David Miller and Toronto City Council, I want to congratulate the Salvation Army for this important achievement,” Coun. Rae said. “The new Harbour Light facility will provide a better life for vulnerable people and is a welcome addition to our community and our city.”

“The Toronto Harbour Light Ministries is a true example of public-private partnership,” said Captain John P. Murray, Spokesperson for The Salvation Army. “This building would not be here if it were not for our government supporters and private donors investing in the lives of people in our community. We are truly thankful for this partnership and together we are building a stronger community.”

The federal government contributed \$1.5 million through the former SCPI program. The province of Ontario has provided 98 rent supplements. The City of Toronto has waived development fees and charges and provided property tax exemptions worth \$1.4 million.

Attention Editors

Media Tours available of the new facility and the transitional housing rooms immediately following the 10:30am dedication ceremony.

About The Toronto Harbour Light Ministries

The new facility will house the following programs and services:

- An 85 bed Residential Addiction Treatment Program for men
- A 98 unit Transitional Housing Apartment complex
- An Immigrant and Refugee Services center with ESL
- A 400 seating capacity community church
- A Concurrent Disorder Supportive Housing Program with 16 units for “Graduates”

About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is an international Christian organization that began its work in Canada in 1882 and has grown to become the largest non-governmental direct provider of social services in the country. The Salvation

Army gives hope and support to vulnerable people today and everyday in 400 communities across Canada and 118 countries around the world.

The Salvation Army offers practical assistance for children and families, often tending to the basic necessities of life, provides shelter for homeless people and rehabilitation for people who have lost control of their lives to an addiction.

When you give to The Salvation Army, you are investing in the future of marginalized and overlooked people in your community.

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