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SALVATION ARMY JOINS ACHN AND FACETS TO EXPAND SERVICES INCLUDING MEDICAL HELP TO THOSE IN NEED IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

(Washington, DC) May 15, 2015 – The Salvation Army joins two local nonprofits in a pilot program to expand services to people who are homeless in the Fairfax Circle area of Northern Virginia. In March, The Salvation Army’s Fairfax Corps partnering with Adams Compassionate Healthcare Network (ACHN) and FACETS to provide additional social services through FACETS’ Hot Meals Program. ACHN provides medical free of cost to families and individuals without a permanent home as part of the joint venture.

The Salvation Army already supports the Hot Meals Program, a feeding program run by FACETS – a nonprofit that opens doors by helping those who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax County by helping to serve dinner twice a month to families using its Salvation Army disaster canteen. The new initiative calls for The Salvation Army also to provide transportation to medical doctors from ACHN on the canteen. **The doctors will help serve the meal and talk with consumers about how best to conduct medical consultations (free of cost) with FACETS’ Hot Meals clients in the future.**

This joint venture between ACHN, FACETS and The Salvation Army was a desire of a local philanthropist and American-Muslim entrepreneur Muslim Lakhani, who is the common donor for both The Salvation Army’s Grate Patrol and ACHN. “We are humbled and grateful for this opportunity to get behind this act of interfaith partnership “at work.” This wonderful collaboration, we hope will bring much-needed help to the homeless living in Fairfax Circle,” said Lakhani, the CEO of ML Resources (Social Vision).

ML Resources (Social Vision) is the primary benefactor responsible for funding The Salvation Army’s Grate Patrol, an evening meal program operating year-round for the past seven years. The program brings a nutrition meal, beverage and fellowship to people without a permanent place to live in downtown Washington, DC.

The Salvation Army’s National Capital Area Commander Major Lewis Reckline is optimistic about the pilot program, “We grateful to work with ACHN and FACETS to provide much-needed support to our struggling neighbors living in Fairfax.”

Last year, the Fairfax County 2014 Point in Time Count deemed 1,225 people homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church community. There were 695 in families and 530 individuals. Of those individuals, 55% suffered from serious mental illness and/or substance abuse, and many had chronic health issues or physical disabilities.

With critical help from volunteers and partnerships with the faith and business communities, Fairfax-based FACETS works to prevent and end homelessness throughout Fairfax County by offering a full spectrum of services, such as basic needs and financial assistance, counseling and outreach, educational enrichment programs, and permanent housing.

Adams Compassionate Healthcare Network (ACHN), a volunteer-based nonprofit organization, is committed to providing patient-centered health care to uninsured, low-income individuals free of cost. ACHN does not discriminate based on race, religion, ethnicity, gender or disability. ACHN envisions being part of a larger network of institutions that addresses the health and well-being of the less fortunate individuals with over 20 top primary healthcare physicians from the Virginia area, who volunteer their time. ACHN is located at 4431 Brookfield Corporate Drive, Suite F, in Chantilly, VA. The Salvation Army Fairfax Corps, part of the National Capital Area Command, offers emergency rental, utility and food assistance to help struggling families, youth enrichment programs for kids and other services to the community. The Salvation Army Fairfax Corps is located at 4915 Ox Road in Fairfax, VA.

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The Salvation Army assisted more than 77,000 people the last year through a wide array of services. Employees and volunteers provide compassionate care to everyone in need of help without discrimination. We offer meals and services to the homeless and emergency assistance to individuals and families (rent, utilities, and food). In addition, we provide transitional shelter for mothers and their children; comprehensive addiction treatment for adults; disaster relief, and youth enrichment through music, arts, and education. Learn more or donate today by visiting us at SalvationArmyNCA.org or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY. Connect with us and join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter, or YouTube using keyword SalArmyNCA.