



Media Release

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Sign up to join the Salvos' army of hope this National Volunteer Week

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, The Salvation Army is calling out for volunteers to join the army of hope and assist with the annual Red Shield Appeal doorknock on 30th and 31st May.

Andrew Hill, Community Fundraising Director for The Salvation Army is responsible for coordinating the Red Shield Appeal Doorknock and says that volunteer support is imperative in ensuring that The Salvation Army can get the funds to give hope where it's needed most in the community.

"We are very grateful for the thousands of Australians who give their time and money each year by volunteering for the Salvos. The Red Shield Doorknock is a great way to lend a hand and make a positive difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

"We're expecting over 60,000 volunteers to be out and about on the weekend of the 30-31st May in support of the work of the Salvos, but we always need more!

"We need collectors to ensure we can cover as many suburbs across Australia as possible. We also are in need of drivers and people to volunteer at our community collection points. There are many practical ways to help out.

Andrew adds, "It's a really rewarding few hours that can bring hope to Aussies in crisis".

In a typical week The Salvation Army provides 100,000 meals for hungry people, 2,000 beds for homeless people, distributes up to 8,000 food vouchers, provides refuge to 500 victims of abuse and much more.

To volunteer for the Red Shield Appeal, please call 13 SALVOS (13 72 58) or register online at salvos.org.au/volunteer.

This year's Red Shield Appeal aims to raise \$74 million nationwide and the national fundraising goal for the Doorknock is \$9.5 million.

To donate to the Red Shield Appeal, please call **13 SALVOS (13 72 58)**, online at **salvos.org.au**, in person at any **Westpac** branch or by posting a cheque to **Reply Paid 87088 SILVERWATER NSW 2128**.

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