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Dear Supporter of The Salvation Army:

We would like to invite you to join us for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Red Kettle Kickoff Dinner, to be held Thursday, Nov. 8 at The Salvation Army Mesa Citadel Corps Community Center, located at 241 E. Sixth St.

Our Christmas kettle effort is one of our largest and most vital fundraising campaigns. Donations to the Red Kettles comprise around 20 percent of donations to The Salvation Army in Arizona for the entire year, funding vital social service programs such as food for the hungry, clothing and shelter for the homeless, heat relief, senior activity and outreach, and opportunities for underprivileged children.

The cost of the Red Kettle Kickoff Dinner is \$100 a table for a seating of eight or \$15 for individual tickets. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m., with activities starting at 5:30 p.m., including a special speaker and a bell-ringing competition.

The bell-ringing competition is a fun, three-minute frenzy between a number of community leaders such as the Mesa Police Department, Mesa Fire Department and Mesa Chamber of Commerce, just to name a few. During the competition, these teams will circulate throughout the building collecting donations. At the end of the three minutes, the monies will be counted by an accounting team, and the winners will be awarded a trophy.

With our inaugural Red Kettle Kickoff, we are hoping for great community participation to set the bar high for this annual event.

Please mark Nov. 8 on your calendar now and plan to be a part of this year's activities! For more information, or to RSVP, please call Lt. Holly Beeson at 707-225-7144.

May God bless you and all that you do,

Major Tom Ford Corps Officer

Lieutenants Immanuel and Holly Beeson Associate Corps Officers