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Treating Kids for Cabin Fever

Salvation Army local response during coronavirus

Culpeper and Warrenton, VA (March 18, 2020) – As the coronavirus spreads across the United States, the Salvation Army is helping kids treat cabin fever, and providing safe access to food and commodities.

The Salvation Army is delivering boxes of fun to treat children for cabin fever. Each box contains art supplies, board games, activity sheets, candy, and children's devotions. Volunteers will build the boxes on Thursday, and Lieutenant Rachel Martin will deliver boxes of fun to the first group of children on Thursday afternoon. The first target population are children who participate in The Salvation Army's weekly children's program, Youth Downtown. Next week families in need will be able to pick up boxes of fun from The Salvation Army pantries while supplies last.

The Salvation Army pantries provide free food and commodities to clients one on one. This method is especially helpful to those who would like to avoid large crowds. Our social worker cleans the client area every hour. The Culpeper pantry in The Salvation Army Center for Worship and Service is at 133 E Culpeper St, next to Uncle Elder's BBQ, and is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9-3 and Friday from 9-1. The Warrenton pantry and store at 62 Waterloo St is open Monday and Thursday from 9-3.

If you would like to help financially, you can give online today at VirginiaSalvationArmy.org/VAPiedmont. If you would like to donate new children's art supplies, food, or commodities, you may take your donation to The Salvation Army Center for Worship and Service, or The Salvation Army Family Store in Warrenton. If you would like to volunteer you may call or write Yina Caver at 540-349-8076 and Yina.Caver@uss.salvationarmy.org.

Online: VirginiaSalvationArmy.org/VAPiedmont

Donate by phone: 1-800-SAL-ARMY

Mail checks to: The Salvation Army P.O. BOX 3474 Warrenton, VA 20188 Please make checks payable to The Salvation Army of the Virginia Piedmont

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