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The Salvation Army Announces \$100,000 Grant to Marshall ROC for Marshall Fire & Windstorm Recovery Efforts

(**DENVER, COLORADO**) – The Salvation Army Intermountain Division has directed \$100,000 in emergency disaster funding to Marshall ROC – Restoring Our Community to benefit survivors of the December 2021 Marshall Fire and Windstorm. The fast-moving wildfire, fueled by extreme winds, swept through the City of Louisville, the Town of Superior, and unincorporated Boulder County, ultimately destroying more than 1,100 homes, 30 commercial structures and damaging thousands of additional homes and businesses.

The Salvation Army grant will provide operational support for the Marshall ROC Recovery Center and support the funding of direct services, including unmet needs, resource referrals and a dedicated food pantry, for survivors of the Marshall Fire and Windstorm.

"Many of those still working to rebuild their lives and homes are the most vulnerable of survivors who have a long road ahead of them toward recovery," said Marshall ROC Executive Director Jeri Curry. "Without The Salvation Army funding, we would not be able to keep the Marshall ROC Recovery Center open, which allows us to serve the community in person and offer the many services needed."

The Intermountain Division's Emergency Disaster Services is one of the many services provided by The Salvation Army, which is well-equipped to meet the specific needs of each community. The Salvation Army Intermountain Division has provided aid for the survivors of fires, snowstorms, Covid-19, and other natural disasters.

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"Critical need remains for so many homeowners and businesses affected by this terrible fire and windstorm," said Divisional Commander Major Nesan Kistan. "Long-term recovery and rebuilding are a major part of The Salvation Army's efforts to help communities following a major disaster. We're glad we can help."

The Marshall Fire and Windstorm is considered the most destructive fire in Colorado's history, resulting in more than \$2 billion of financial loss. In response to this devastating event, Marshall ROC was formed as the Marshall Fire and Windstorm Long-Term Recovery Group to assist with disaster recovery and rebuilding.

About The Salvation Army USA

The Salvation Army (TSA) annually helps nearly 24 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction, and economic hardships through a range of social services. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol addiction, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army is doing the most good at nearly 7,000 centers of operation around the country. For more information, visit <u>TSA Intermountain Division</u> or <u>SalvationArmyUSA.org</u>.

About Marshall ROC - Restoring Our Community:

The mission of Marshall ROC – Restoring Our Community is to support and empower individuals and households affected by the Marshall Fire and Windstorm to lead their own recoveries by identifying needs and coordinating assistance on their behalf. Marshall ROC was formed as a Long-Term Recovery Group, which is a nationally recognized, tried-and-true method for coordinating limited money, muscle, and materials among multiple organizations on behalf of individuals and communities impacted by disaster. Marshall ROC is led by, and functions as, a collaborative coalition of more than 75 local and national nonprofit organizations and individual volunteers, and partners with local, county, state and federal government partners bound together by a common interest and goal: helping our neighbors, particularly those who are most in need. For more information, please visit marshallroc.org.

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