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Waukesha Eagles Aerie #453 supports The Salvation Army's new Snack Pack program to help prevent childhood hunger.

WAUKESHA, WI, NOVEMBER 3, 2008:

The Waukesha Eagles Aerie #453 will present a check for \$1000 to The Salvation Army's Snack Pack program at 9:00am on Saturday November 8, 2008 at The Salvation Army as a way to help prevent childhood hunger in Waukesha. This is consistent with the Waukesha Eagle's Aerie #453's motto of "People Helping People."

The Salvation Army launched the Snack Pack program in October at Whittier Elementary School as a means of meeting the need for food over the weekends when the free and reduced lunch program is not available to low income students and many families struggle to meet their nutritional needs. Eligible students pick up a backpack filled with kid & family friendly foods on Fridays after school to help meet the students' nutritional needs over the weekend. It is the hope that through experiencing less hunger the students will be better prepared for school and experience fewer academic and behavioral problems. The empty backpacks are returned on Monday morning and refilled for distribution again at the end of the week.

Currently 89 backpacks filled with food are distributed each week to 63 families from Whittier Elementary School who participates in the Snack Pack program. The food distributed each week through the Snack Pack program helps meet the nutritional needs of over 250 individuals.

The Snack Pack program is in need of donations of both non-perishable food items and monies to purchase food items for the Snack Pack program. Volunteers are also needed to assist with packing the backpacks and the weekly distribution.

For more information on The Salvation Army's Snack Pack program or to make a donation or volunteer please contact the office at (262) 547-7367 or visit www.waukeshasalvationarmy.org

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About The Salvation Army:

The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination since 1865. The Salvation Army has been actively serving Waukesha County since 1896 with a variety of services including: emergency shelter, community meal, food pantry and youth programs. For more information on The Salvation Army of Waukesha contact the office at (262) 547-7367 or visit

<http://www.usc.salvationarmy.org/Waukesha>