

Army active in Puna District post-Iselle

The TRMM satellite had an excellent view of tropical storm Iselle as it neared the Hawaiian islands on August 8, 2014. The TRMM satellite had an excellent view of tropical storm Iselle as it neared the Hawaiian islands on August 8, 2014. (Image Credit: SSAI/NASA, Hal Pierce)



The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division is responding to residents in the Puna District on the Island of Hawaii impacted by Hurricane Iselle. Army staff and volunteers provided shelter and meals for residents and visitors across the state during the advance of Hurricane Iselle.

“Our East Hawaii Corps officers and volunteers were on the ground in Puna today, providing much needed water, ice, propane, gas cards, batteries, clean up kits, meals and general assistance where needed following Iselle,” said Major Mark Gilden, divisional secretary for business for The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division. “We also stand ready to provide meals to the public or emergency response volunteers as needed. Our teams can provide emotional and spiritual support as well. If you are in need, or know of a family in need, please have them contact The Salvation Army in Hilo at 935-1277.”

Community assistance provided by The Salvation Army thus far:

HAWAII

- Assisted 35 families with food and water via The Salvation Army Food Pantry in Honokaa the week of the hurricane.
- Provided ice, coolers, water, propane tanks/canisters, gas cards in the Puna District on August 12.

KAUAI

- Served dinner to approximately 25 evacuees at Kauai War Memorial Hall on August 7.
- Sheltered 22 people overnight at The Salvation Army Lihue Corps building on August 8.
- Provided 10 volunteers at the Kauai War Memorial Hall shelter and served approximately 20 people on August 8.

MAUI

- Seven volunteers provided 111 meals at three shelters in the Kahului area on August 7 and 8.

- Eight volunteers provided bedding for 55 and snacks for 110 at the Lahaina Civic Center and Mala Wharf on August 7.
- Eight volunteers provided breakfast for 20 homeless at Mala Wharf and Library Park and for 40 evacuees at Lahaina Civic Center on August 8.

MOLOKAI

- Assisted two families in preparing for the Hurricane and provided shelter at The Salvation Army Outpost.

The public is encouraged to support the emergency disaster services efforts via monetary donations at www.salvationarmyhawaii.org or by calling The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Divisional Headquarters at 808-988-2136. One-hundred percent of the donated funds will support The Salvation Army's emergency disaster services in Hawaii