

Raley's gives thousands to Oklahoma tornado relief



Major Lisa Dickinson receives a check from Jennie Teel-Wolter, community relations manager for Raley's Family of Fine Stores. Photo by Sydney Fong

Food for Families collection boxes raise money for the Army.

Raley's Family of Fine Stores raised \$74,220 in just four weeks this summer through its Food For Families collection boxes designated for the Oklahoma Tornado Relief effort.

The collection boxes were located in stores throughout the Sacramento, Calif., area.

The donation was split between The Salvation Army and the American Red Cross with each organization receiving a check for \$37,110 for use in its relief efforts in Oklahoma.

"The money generously donated by Raley's customers and employees will have a very positive impact on the lives of so many people trying to rebuild and recover," said Jennie Teel-Wolter, community relations manager for Raley's Family of Fine Stores.

On May 20, a Category EF 5 tornado with winds topping 210 miles per hour touched down near Moore, Okla., for 39 minutes cutting a 17 mile-long path of destruction that was more than a mile wide at its peak. The twister killed 23 people and injured more than 375.

"This is another great example of the incredible generosity of this community," said Major Bill Dickinson, Salvation Army Del Oro divisional commander. "The Salvation Army is truly grateful for

efforts made by Raley's and its customers and employees. This will go a long way to provide any assistance now and in the future for the families and individuals in Oklahoma.”

As part of the fundraising effort, Raley's absorbed all administrative costs to ensure that 100 percent of the money raised will reach the victims of the Oklahoma tornados. To learn more about the Food For Families program, visit foodforfamilies.org.