ANGEL TREE DEADLINE IS APPROACHING, ALL DONATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN BY DECEMBER 12TH

Gulfport, MS (December 4, 2012) Nearly 2,600 children between the ages of 0-12 that will receive a merry Christmas gifts this year through The Salvation Army Angel Tree program, but it can only happen if all the Angels that were "adopted" off trees from local retailers are turned back in to their designated locations by December 12.

It is imperative that those gifts get turned back in to the address listed on the paper Angel by December 12, so Salvation Army staff and volunteers will be able to take inventory of any remaining Angels that need to be "adopted" or any gaps that need to be filled.

"We want to thank everyone on the Gulf Coast who has helped provide Christmas gifts to a child in need this Christmas season," says Major Terry Ray, Area Commander. "Christmas is about the spirit of giving and the Gulf Coast community always steps up to the cause, whatever it may be, and helps out their neighbors in need. Thank you to those who help our Angel Tree and Red Kettle programs and continuously help The Salvation Army Do the Most Good, for the most people, in the most need, right here on the Mississippi Gulf Coast."

Angel Tree Toy Warehouse locations are as follows:
Harrison County: 615 Pass Road in Gulfport
Jackson County: 1141 Highway 90 in Gautier
Hancock County: Hancock Resource Center, 454 Highway 90, Suite B in Waveland

For those with questions about the Angel Tree program or about making a donation please call 228-374-8301.

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. Nearly 33 million Americans receive assistance from The Salvation Army each year through providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for the disabled, outreach to the elderly and ill, clothing, shelter and opportunities for underprivileged children. About 83 cents of every dollar raised is used to support those services in nearly 9,000 communities nationwide. For more information go to http://www.salvationarmyusa.org, call 1-800-SAL-ARMY, or send a check to your local Salvation Army.