THE PEOPLES BANK MAKES $5,000 DONATION TO THE SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

Gulfport, MS (December 7, 2012) The Salvation Army Angel Tree Program received a helping hand today due to a generous donation from The Peoples Bank. Mr. Chevis Swetman presented The Salvation Army MS Gulf Coast Area Command with a $5,000 check to help provide Christmas presents to children across the Gulf Coast.

"The donation is a very personal and meaningful one, for Peoples Bank and my family." says Mr. Chevis Swetman. "My father, Mr. Glen L. Swetman, was the very first president of the Biloxi Salvation Army."

Approximately 2,600 children have been registered through The Salvation Army MS Gulf Coast Angel Tree program this year. The Salvation Army Angel Tree gives individuals, partnering corporations and community groups an opportunity to 'adopt' less fortunate children and provide personalized gifts and necessities to those who would otherwise receive very little or nothing during the holiday season. Donors can be confident that their gifts go directly to those who are truly in need.

"It is donations like this from The Peoples Bank that will allow The Salvation Army to fill in the gaps for the Angel Tree Program," says Major Terry Ray, Area Commander. "Sometimes there are Angels that still need gifts and The Salvation Army makes sure that every Angel receives gifts to open on Christmas morning. Donations of toys and monies help us do that. Every child deserves a happy Christmas. Thank you to those who help our Angel Tree."

To make a donation, toys can be dropped off at any of the Angel Tree Toy Warehouse locations:
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

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.