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## ENERGYUNITED DONATES \$10,000 TO THE SALVATION ARMY FOR HURRICANE MATTHEW

Thousands of people continue to rely on The Salvation Army for assistance as a result of the damages they suffered from Hurricane Matthew. On Friday, November 4, the EnergyUnited Foundation presented a gift of \$10,000 to The Salvation Army to assist with the needs of those who were affected by the hurricane. Nearly 70,000 of EnergyUnited's members choose to 'round up' their electric bills each month as part of a program called Operation Round-Up. This 'members helping members' program' allows EnergyUnited members to round up their monthly electric bills to the next whole dollar amount. This money is granted to individuals and families who are suffering catastrophic, unusual or unexpected problems and are in grave need of assistance.

Tony Oszlanyi and Bill Carlson, board members of the EnergyUnited Foundation, were part of the team who made the decision to give The Salvation Army these funds. Tony shared, "I am honored and humbled to be part of this board and am grateful to have the opportunity to give back to those in need. Especially today as we provide funding to The Salvation Army who is assisting victims of the hurricane in the eastern part of our state."

Karen Shore, Regional Resource Development Director of The Salvation Army told us "We can't thank EnergyUnited enough for this gift. We are so appreciative for partners who offer assistance when disasters like this happen. We are on the front lines--we are out there way before the storm hits and we'll be there for the long run-- because these are our communities in which we live and work. It's important to know that *100% of these disaster funds go directly to those areas that have been impacted by the storm*."

Captain Aaron Goldfarb is one of the many volunteers for The Salvation Army who was deployed into a community where Hurricane Matthew destroyed homes and businesses. He told us about his experience working directly with disaster victims in Princeville, NC where he guided the community in spiritual and emotional care. Captain Goldfarb shared, "It's going to be a long process. The Salvation Army has been assisting many individuals and families with food, emotional and spiritual care, and other needs and will continue to do so thanks to EnergyUnited and other organizations who have also given us generous gifts." Joined with Captain Aaron Goldfarb was his wife, Captain Jamie Goldfarb, who has served other disasters in the Carolinas and across the nation.

EnergyUnited is committed to helping the communities it serves and thanks its members for their generous contributions to the Round-Up program which helped to make this gift a reality.

**About EnergyUnited** EnergyUnited Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) is the largest electric cooperative in North Carolina serving nearly 124,000 metering points. Headquartered in Statesville, EnergyUnited provides electric service in portions of nineteen counties in west central North Carolina which include Alexander, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Wilkes and Yadkin. EnergyUnited Propane provides products and services to more than 25,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in 74 counties across North and South Carolina. Visit EnergyUnited online at www.energyunited.com to learn more about our electric and propane businesses.

**About The Salvation Army** The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Founded in London, England in 1865, The Salvation Army meets human needs without discrimination in 128 countries and practices an integrated ministry, uniting spiritual, social, and physical support. In addition to emergency disaster services, programs across the Carolinas include homeless shelters, financial assistance, feeding centers, Family Stores, senior housing, Boys & Girls Clubs and other youth support, adult rehabilitation, and Christmas assistance. Visit www.salvationarmycarolinas.org for more information.



Photo: Bill Carlson, EnergyUnited Foundation board member; Tony Oszlanyi, EnergyUnited Foundation board member; Dave Schleicher, Vice President of Engineering & Operations, EnergyUnited; Karen Shore, Regional Resource Development Director, Salvation Army of the Carolinas; Tim Holder, Vice President-Customer Service, Sales & Marketing, EnergyUnited; Captain Jamie Goldfarb, officer, Salvation Army of Iredell County; and Captain Aaron Goldfarb, officer, Salvation Army of Iredell County.