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This morning, Can'd Aid (https://candaid.org/) donated more than 50,000 cans of water to benefit The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) heat relief efforts.

Can'd Aid is a nonprofit that has served communities in all 50 states by partnering with breweries to use the same equipment used to can craft beer to fill thousands of cans of water to respond to natural disasters.

In this case, Can'd Aid has partnered with Sleeping Giant Brewing and Boulder Beer to donate one truckload of canned water (over 50,000 cans) to The Salvation Army for its heat relief efforts this summer.

Can'd Aid has donated half a million cans of water in Arizona in the last year.

When the National Weather Service issues an Excessive Heat Warning, The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) activates 11 heat relief stations at Salvation Army locations throughout the Valley, where anyone in need can go for indoor cooling and hydration. These heat relief stations follow all recommended CDC guidelines to ensure the safety of our clients, officers, staff and volunteers.

When the heat relief stations are activated, there will be extra signage directing people to the location, with some even having canopies outside for passersby. Salvation Army officers and staff will also be taking water to those in need around their neighborhood. When there is NOT an Excessive Heat Warning, anyone in need of indoor cooling and hydration can still come to a Salvation Army location in the Valley during normal operating hours, and they will be welcomed with open arms.

During an Excessive Heat Warning, The Salvation Army also dispatches a mobile unit to portions of metro Phoenix identified as homeless encampments and areas with high homeless populations.

The Salvation Army gives out nearly 1,500 cans and bottles of water per day during Excessive Heat Warnings and thousands more bottles of water to clients we serve in other ways throughout the year

The Salvation Army provided heat relief to nearly 32,000 people in the Valley on Excessive Heat Warning days last year.

The Salvation Army is always looking for volunteers at its heat relief stations. For more information, you can contact your local Salvation Army location or call 602-267-4100.

To find a Salvation Army heat relief station, to volunteer at a heat relief station, or to make a monetary donation to the heat relief efforts, visit <u>SalvationArmyPhoenix.org</u>.