



PRESS RELEASE

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The Salvos are hungry for food this Christmas

From Monday 2 December to Sunday 15 December 2013, the *Lavan Legal Christmas Kombi for The Salvation Army* will once again be collecting food and household items to help The Salvos support Western Australian families-in-need at Christmas.

For the next two weeks, Lavan Legal's eye-catching red-and-white Kombi, manned by Lavan Legal staff and volunteers, will be accepting donations from Christmas shoppers at selected shopping centres across Perth. This year's appeal aims to build on the success of the 2012 campaign that collected almost 3,000 items of food and in excess of \$8,000.

The Lavan Legal Christmas Kombi will be collecting donations at the following shopping centres:

- Monday 2 December to Thursday 5 December: Garden City Shopping Centre
- Friday 6 December to Sunday 8 December: Farmer Jack's, Subiaco
- Monday 9 December to Wednesday 11 December: The Park Centre
- Thursday 12 December to Sunday 15 December: Claremont Quarter

Lavan Legal managing partner Dean Hely said, "While Christmas is a season of celebration, it can also be a very difficult time for less fortunate members of our community. Many of them do not have the means to provide a lunch or dinner for their families or themselves. We hope to change that and, through donations collected by the Lavan Legal Christmas Kombi, provide much needed food to those who would otherwise not share the simple joy of a meal this Christmas."

Salvation Army Divisional Communications and Fundraising Secretary Warren Palmer said, "It has been a tough year for many struggling to provide the basic necessities of life. We encourage people to locate the Kombi van and give what they can this Christmas."

Supporting Lavan Legal's *Christmas Kombi for The Salvation Army* are West Australian Newspapers Limited, Southern Cross Austereo (Mix94.5), Hawaiian Group, Garden City Shopping Centre, Farmer Jack's Subiaco and Vinten Browning.

If you would like more information about this announcement, please call:

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REQUESTED FOOD ITEMS FOR DONATION

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| Tins of ham | Baked beans | Tins of fruit |
| Chocolate | Christmas bon bons | Custard |
| Puddings | Mixed nuts | Bottled soft drink |
| Bags of rice | Bottles of cordial | Baby food and formula |
| Tea and coffee | Bottled water | Tins of vegetables |
| Fruit mince pies | Fruit juice box drinks | Lollies |

ABOUT THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army is one of the world's largest Christian social welfare organisations – with more than 1.6 million members working in over 124 countries – and they have been in Australia for over 130 years.

The Salvation Army helps more than 1 million Australians every year – that's one person every 30 seconds – thanks to the efforts of more than 8,500 active officers and staff delivering in excess of 1,000 specifically designed social programs across the country.

ABOUT LAVAN LEGAL'S CHRISTMAS KOMBI

Since 2009, Lavan Legal has donated a van to a Salvation Army Centre at Christmas to assist with the increased need for the collection and distribution of donations. In 2012, the firm heard that The Salvos urgently needed help gathering food items and household goods. As a result of the numerous toy drives at Christmas food donations often decrease, so Lavan Legal created the Christmas Kombi for The Salvation Army to assist with that need. The inaugural event collected nearly 3,000 food items and raised over \$8,000 for The Salvos.

Lavan Legal values its commitment to Western Australia, and supports a number of community partnerships and strong relationships with local and national organisations such as The Salvation Army, Surf Lifesaving WA, Clontarf Foundation and The Centre for Cerebral Palsy.

Lavan Legal is an independent, Western Australian law firm with 21 partners and over 200 staff. The firm offers a specialised local knowledge, local networks and a first-hand understanding of the Western Australian business community.