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## Ohio Mutual Contributes \$50,000 to Bucyrus Salvation Army for COVID-19 Relief

BUCYRUS, OH – Ohio Mutual Insurance Group is donating \$50,000 to aid the Salvation Army Bucyrus Corps in providing relief to families in Crawford County during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Ohio Mutual is deeply committed to helping our local community and meeting the most crucial needs of our neighbors," said Ohio Mutual President & CEO Mark C. Russell. "We are pleased to partner with The Bucyrus Salvation Army in leading our community through these difficult times, when food insecurity for families has increased so dramatically."

"We are delivering hope by ensuring that the residents of Crawford County have food and supplies during this pandemic. The needs have increased and so have our efforts," said Heidi Valdez, Auxiliary Captain of The Salvation Army Bucyrus Corps. "Anyone in need can receive food, personal care items and toiletries delivered in a safe and caring way."

The Bucyrus Salvation Army is providing and delivering meals, personal care items, baby supplies and diapers to anyone in need. This past month the group has served 19,252 meals and 1,644 total people in the community. Compared to this time last year, the need for services has increased more than 570%, and 80% of the families served through the meal program over the past three weeks are first-time clients.

Ohio Mutual Insurance Group, founded in 1901 and based in Bucyrus, OH, partners with nearly 400 independent agencies to distribute quality property and casualty insurance products throughout Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, New Hampshire, Ohio, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Ohio Mutual has maintained a rating of "A / Stable" from A.M. Best Co. for 24 consecutive years, and was named to the Ward's 50 six times since 2009. Additional company information is available at <a href="http://www.omig.com">www.omig.com</a>.



The Salvation Army annually helps nearly 23 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction and economic hardships through a range of social services. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army is doing the most good at 7,600 centers of operation around the country. For more information, visit <u>http://www.SalvationArmyUSA.org</u>.

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