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Sally Ann wants your pennies

Organization looking for strong turnout for its penny drive

The Salvation Army announced last week it's hosting a Penny Drive to help people in need across Canada.

It's collecting the discontinued penny over the next few months at 120 of its thrift stores, including stores located in Halton at 420 Main St. in Milton, 82 Mill St. in Georgetown, 3245 Fairview St. in Burlington and 356 Kerr St. in Oakville.

The drive follows the federal government's decision to take the coin out of circulation. The penny's final distribution was February 4. "With the end of the penny comes an opportunity to give back and provide hope and dignity for people in need," said Graham Moore, territorial secretary for public relations and development for the Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda. "A single penny may be seen as worthless, but we see value that can change lives."

With about 35 billion pennies in circulation, each donated penny will add up to make a difference. The funds collected will be used to support the Salvation Army's community-based programs and services that provide food, shelter and general assistance to Cana-



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da's vulnerable and marginalized. According to a Salvation Army press release, 35 billion pennies is enough to feed every homeless person in Canada for a year. "The pennies don't even need to be rolled," said John Kershaw, managing director for the Salvation Army's National Recycling Operations. "You can bring them in bulk and we'll take care of the rest." For more information visit www.Salvation-Army.ca.

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