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### **Opening — The Salvation Army's L'Hôtellerie de Québec and la Maison Charlotte, in the Borough of La Cité, in Québec City**

**QUÉBEC, Quebec, February 05, 2007** — Homeless or distressed men and women in the Québec City area now have access to more resources thanks to the major renovation of l'Hôtellerie and la Maison Charlotte, two shelters founded by The Salvation Army that will provide 62 housing units, in the Borough of La Cité, in Québec City.

This announcement was made today, on the occasion of the opening of this building, by Margaret F. Delisle, Minister for Youth Protection and Rehabilitation and Member of the National Assembly for Jean-Talon, on behalf of Nathalie Normandeau, Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Regions; by Sylvie Boucher, Member of Parliament for Beauport – Limoilou, on behalf of the Honourable Monte Solberg, Minister of Human Resources and Social Development; and by Lisette Lepage, City Councillor responsible for housing on the Québec City Executive Committee. Commissioner Christine MacMillan, Leader of The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory, also took part in the ceremony, as did residents and community partners.

"Canada's New Government is working to help homeless people and those at risk of becoming homeless by contributing to projects like these," said Sylvie Boucher. "Through these new shelters, we are providing a hand up to our most vulnerable citizens, so that they can get back on their feet and become confident and independent members of Canadian society."

"The Government of Quebec is receptive to the needs experienced by a number of people seeking shelter and support to avoid homelessness. We are therefore very proud to have contributed our assistance for these two shelters that will help these men and women regain their footing and move toward greater autonomy," commented Minister Delisle.

"The project opening today is extremely important to Québec City," said Lisette Lepage. "A veritable institution in the heart of the city, The Salvation Army is one of those organizations that are essential to maintaining the quality of life of people in need of support. I would like to say many thanks to the different partners that allowed for the completion of 62 rooms that will meet the needs of men and women going through difficult times."

More than \$4.8 million was invested by public and community partners to develop this project. The financial contributions required for its completion were made under the AccèsLogis Québec program. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) provided The Salvation Army with \$2.9 million in financial assistance, while the Société d'habitation du Québec (SHQ) is granting this organization a subsidy of \$967,038. The Salvation Army, for its part, contributed a sum of \$950,000.

The development of this project is part of the Government of Quebec's initiative to produce 20,000 new social, community and private housing units for low- and moderate-income households, as well as people in difficulty with special housing needs, by 2009.

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The federal government and the Government of Quebec signed two agreements to increase the supply of affordable housing in the province. These agreements provide for a total contribution of \$473 million, with \$236.5 million from the federal government and an equivalent sum on the part of the Quebec government and the municipalities participating in the Affordable Housing Québec and AccèsLogis Québec programs.

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