

# Media Release

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## **Aurizon donates housing to Salvos**

Aurizon has donated 37 houses in Queensland to the Salvation Army to benefit women and children in crisis through domestic violence and homelessness.

The houses have become surplus to business needs and are located in regional areas including Emerald, Moranbah, Cloncurry and Dysart.

Aurizon has championed the campaign against domestic violence with a series of community awareness activities and improvements to its domestic violence support initiatives in the workplace. The donation of the community housing is a major in-kind contribution to the campaign in the days following White Ribbon Day on 25 November.

“We are delighted to make this donation to the Salvation Army, as the houses will provide direct benefit to women and children affected by domestic violence, family crisis or homelessness,” Aurizon Managing Director & CEO Lance Hockridge said.

“We’ve been a regular donor to the Salvos over the years, both financially and through our in-kind freight transport services for major charities”.

“We know the fantastic work the Salvos do in this area, and I’m delighted that Aurizon can provide some very tangible and substantial support to them.”

The Salvation Army welcomed Aurizon’s generous donation.

“Aurizon’s donation will provide an enormous boost to our programs that provide emergency and community housing across Queensland,” Major Neil Dickson, Communications and Fundraising Secretary for Queensland said.

“The Salvos provide a range of accommodation including crisis, transitional and long term accommodation, allowing us to provide homes where people feel safe and secure.

“Not only has Aurizon been very generous with this donation, but the company has also devoted significant time over recent months in working through the details of the housing portfolio that was being offered.”

Aurizon expects the houses to be transferred formally to the Salvation Army on 16 January 2017.

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