## First lady says don't exclude **Salvation Army**

WASHINGTON - First lady Barbara Bush urged shopping malls not to bar holiday Salvation Army solicitors as she dropped \$10 into the kettle and headed off to do some Christmas shopping.

Bush made the comments in a visit to an upscale shopping mall where the greeted shoppers inside the entrance.

think of disasters without the Salvation organization's work for victims of natural disasters. "I can't think of the needy without the Salvation Army.

It just wouldn't be Christmas without that bell ringing."

The first lady's support came at a time when the Salvation Army says a comparatively high number of local shopping malls are excluding the annual solicitation on the grounds that they do not allow any other groups to

you what great work I think you do,"

mander of the regional Salvation Army division.

Asked if she thinks every shopping mall should allow the Salvation Army to solicit, Bush said, "Yes." But she refused to engage in negative comments about the ones that don't.

"I'm saying this mall is a great mall," she said of the Mazza Gallerie mall.

Waters told reporters that about one out the capital region, and about third of the shopping malls in the Washington metropolitan area now ban the organization from collecting donations. That is about double the number of shopping centers that bar solicitation in other parts of the country, he said.

The organization said that last year it raised \$600,000 in its kettles through-

\$100,000 of that will be lost due to malls that are barring the kettles this year.

After stopping at the Salvation Army spot, Bush went off to do some Christmas shopping in Neiman-Marcus department store.

