

# Media Advisory

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### **FedEx delivering eight-week food drive**

NBA star Jeff Hornacek leading *Makes a Difference Food Drive*

Phoenix — In December, the unemployment rate rose to 7.2 percent as employers slashed more than 500,000 jobs. Along with this increase comes a surge in requests for assistance.

To help those in need, FedEx, Bar S and Schnepf Farms are teaming up with former Phoenix Suns star Jeff Hornacek for the *FedEx Makes a Difference Food Drive* to benefit St. Vincent de Paul. The food drive kicks off on Jan. 23 and runs until March 20. Throughout the eight weeks, the team set a goal to collect 10,000 pounds of food while drawing awareness to the growing number of Arizona residents in need. Along with collecting food, FedEx also is supplying volunteers and donating transportation services to help St. Vincent de Paul fulfill its mission.

The food drive will help St. Vincent de Paul prepare 3,500 meals for its five Valley dining rooms and 12 additional non-profit agencies every day. The donations also will be delivered in food boxes to thousands of needy families throughout central and northern Arizona.

“Organizing an eight-week food drive is a tremendous commitment,” said Steve Zabilski, St. Vincent de Paul executive director. “Not only will the food help, but donating transportation services will help us save on fuel costs and allow us to help more families in more ways.”

**Who:** FedEx and former Phoenix Suns star Jeff Hornacek

**What:** *FedEx Makes a Difference Food Drive*

**When:** Jan. 23 – March 20

**Where:** All participating FedEx locations at <http://www.fedex.com/Dropoff/start>

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*The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a non-profit organization, dedicated to serving the poor and providing others with the opportunity to serve. Programs include services for the homeless, medical/dental care for the working poor, five charity dining rooms, seven thrift stores, a transitional housing shelter and general assistance for individuals in need.*