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Record attendance at annual St. Vincent de Paul fundraising breakfast

PHOENIX (Nov. 19, 2009) – Over 2,200 people rallied together to help raise money for St. Vincent de Paul programs and services in the largest showing ever at the annual breakfast. Roughly 1,200 people were expected; however, the increased demand and interest led organizers to expand into a second ballroom and create two simultaneous live programs for attendees.

The event raised nearly \$700,000, with more still coming in, to benefit the comprehensive services St. Vincent de Paul provides to help the homeless and working poor throughout central and northern Arizona. The event was also the largest plated event that the Arizona Biltmore has ever served.

“We were overwhelmed by the support for this event,” said Steve Zabilski, executive director of St. Vincent de Paul. “With the current economy, our services continued to be stretched to their limits, so the willingness of the community to attend this year’s breakfast and give so generously is truly touching.”

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international non-profit organization dedicated to serving the poor and providing others with the opportunity to serve. The Phoenix Diocesan Council has been assisting central and northern Arizona families since 1946. Programs include services for the homeless, medical and dental care for the working poor, charity dining rooms, thrift stores, a transitional housing shelter and general assistance for individuals in need. For more information, please call (602) 266-HOPE (4673) or visit www.stvincentdepaul.net.

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