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St. Vincent de Paul to serve 4,000 Christmas Day meals, 'Champions for the Homeless' to host event

PHOENIX (Dec. 23, 2009) - On Friday, Dec. 25, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Phoenix will serve 4,000 Christmas Day meals to individuals and families in need throughout the Valley.

At the nonprofit's five charity dining rooms, guests will enjoy glazed honey ham, fresh green beans, creamy mashed potatoes, green salad, an assortment of breads and Christmas cookies for dessert.

The Nick Lowery Youth Foundation has also partnered with St. Vincent de Paul this Christmas to host its "Champions for the Homeless" event from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the nonprofit's Phoenix Dining Room, 1075 W. Jackson Street in Phoenix.

Scheduled guests include Valley resident and Kansas City Chiefs hall of famer Nick Lowery, rock and roll hall of famer Sam Moore, country music star Jessi Colter, Arizona Diamondbacks' organist Bobby Freeman and other NFL players.

WHAT: "Champions for the Homeless" Christmas Day Event

WHEN: Friday, Dec. 25, 2009
11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

WHERE: St. Vincent de Paul Phoenix Dining Room
1075 W. Jackson Street, Phoenix

St. Vincent de Paul distributed more than 1.1 million meals last year in its five charity dining rooms and through 24 other Valley partner locations. Additionally, the nonprofit processed over 9.3 million pounds of food in its food reclamation center for distribution in food boxes to individuals and families in need.

For more information about St. Vincent de Paul or to make a financial donation to help those in need this holiday season, please visit www.stvincentdepaul.net.

Other St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Day meal locations and times:

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Mesa Dining Room Meal Service
67 W. Broadway Road, Mesa

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. El Mirage Dining Room Meal Service
14016 N. Verbana Street, El Mirage

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5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Family Thanksgiving Meal Service
420 W. Watkins Road, Phoenix

5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Sunnyslope Dining Room Meal Service
9227 N. 10th Avenue, Phoenix

About the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Phoenix

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 about St. Vincent de Paul, please visit www.stvincentdepaul.net.

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