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‘Finding My Shoes’ event returns to charity dining room for Valley homeless, others in need

PHOENIX – Brenda Combs and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul have teamed up to host “Finding My Shoes” on Friday, March 19 at 8:30 a.m. at the St. Vincent de Paul Phoenix Dining Room in downtown Phoenix.

WHAT: “Finding My Shoes” community service event to distribute athletic shoes and backpacks with hygiene kits and t-shirts to the Valley’s homeless.

WHEN: Friday, March 19, 2010
8:30 a.m.

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

WHO: Volunteers from Arizona businesses, charity organizations, learning institutions, churches and community members. Lead volunteers include:

- **Brenda Combs**, a former homeless person who found her way back to becoming a teacher, author, motivational speaker, honoree as Arizona Woman of Inspiration by Phoenix Mercury and attending Grand Canyon University.
- **Carrie Stoudemire**, mother of Phoenix Suns player Amar’e Stoudemire

WHY: Brenda Combs founded “Finding My Shoes” as a result of her experience living on the streets for nearly a decade. She knows the worst of mankind through horrible physical abuse and the controls of drug dependency. She has triumphed through the discovery of education and charitable giving. Brenda has chosen shoes as the primary source of her giving because it wasn’t until someone stole her shoes while she slept in an alleyway that she had reached her “bottom.”

About St. Vincent de Paul

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, visit www.stvincentdepaul.net.

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