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Scouting for Food: Boy Scouts do a “good turn” to help St. Vincent de Paul

Phoenix, AZ – On February 5, 2005, the Salt River District Boy Scouts hope to beat their record set last year of 10,000 pounds of food collected from residents in Ahwatukee and Tempe. This annual effort is part of the national campaign, “Good Turn for America,” where local Boy Scouts Troops collect food for the food banks every year. The food collected by the Salt River District Boy Scouts will benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

“After the holidays people tend to forget about giving to charitable causes,” states Liz Casey, community events manager at St. Vincent de Paul. “The fact that the Boy Scout Council in Phoenix schedules *Scouting for Food* in February is a great help to us. It helps us keep our shelves filled year-round.”

Residents of the East Valley can be on the look-out for boys passing out bags during the week prior to February 5th. Boys will be collecting non-perishable food items and bringing them to three locations in the area. The drop-off locations will be open from 8:00 a.m. – noon at the following locations: Tempe South Stake at 1111 E. Knox Rd.; Tempe Stake at 2707 S. College; and at Kyrene Monte Vista School at 15221 Ray Rd. Donations for St. Vincent de Paul after noon on the 5th can be taken to 420 W. Watkins Rd., Phoenix, 85003.

Hunger, lack of adequate shelter, poor health—these are issues that affect all of us. The Boy Scouts of America believes that something can be done about these issues—if we work together. That's why the “Good Turn for America” program was created. This program is a national call to service by the Boy Scouts of America that will help provide adequate food and shelter and to develop good health habits in our nation. *Scouting for Food* is just one example of service projects that the Boy Scouts participate in as a part of “Good Turn for America.”

St. Vincent de Paul is a non-profit organization that provides 3,200 meals to hungry families each day, and helps the homeless and working poor with job training and referrals, food boxes, medical and dental care, homeless services, and general assistance.

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