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Professional athletes among Christmas Day volunteers at St. Vincent de Paul

PHOENIX — St. Vincent de Paul volunteers come from all walks of life. And on Christmas Day, this diversity will be more evident than ever as several different groups converge on our five Valley dining rooms to serve more than 3,300 holiday meals to homeless, hungry and working poor individuals and families.

- Two Scottsdale-based Jewish organizations, Or Adam Congregation for Humanistic Judaism and The New Shul are continuing a long tradition of serving at St. Vincent de Paul on Christmas Day, which allows their Catholic friends to spend the day with their families and friends. The New Shul is serving more than 800 meals at the Henry Unger Dining Room, while Or Adam Congregation is serving at the Family Evening Meal in the Dan O'Meara Center.
- Former NFL kicker Nick Lowery and his team of professional athletes, *The Champions for Homeless*, are scheduled to help serve and sign autographs for the homeless during lunch at the Henry Unger Dining Room.
- Members of Cox Communications will be distributing blankets and clothes to needy families from 3 to 6 p.m., while community volunteers serving hundreds of meals to families and individuals at the Chris Becker Memorial Dining Room.

Who: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

What: A diverse group of volunteers are serving more than 3,300 Christmas meals to the Valley's homeless, hungry and working poor at our five Valley dining rooms.

When: Christmas Day, December 25, 2008

Where:

Henry Unger Memorial Dining Room

1075 W. Jackson St., Phoenix
11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Dan O'Meara Center - Family Evening Meal

420 W. Watkins Road, Phoenix
5-6 p.m.

Chris Becker Memorial Dining Room

9227 N. 10th Ave., Sunnyslope
5-6 p.m.

Wayne Unruh Memorial Dining Room

67 W. Broadway, Mesa
9:30 -11:30 a.m.

Santa Teresita Dining Room

14016 N. Verbana St., El Mirage
10-11:45 a.m.

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.