

# Media Advisory

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **St. Vincent de Paul to serve thousands on Thanksgiving** SVdP preparing more than 1,500 pounds of roast turkey for holiday meal

For those who living on the edge, the news of a nearly 6 percent increase for the cost of a Thanksgiving meal was not good. But the news of St. Vincent de Paul preparing to serve more than 4,000 meals on Thursday is good.

On Nov. 27, St. Vincent de Paul's volunteers and staff are serving more than 4,000 Thanksgiving meals, with all of the traditional side dishes, at our five Valley dining rooms. We are preparing more than 1,500 pounds of roast turkey and more than 1,000 pounds of mashed potatoes and stuffing in the kitchen at our Main Campus, 420 W. Watkins Road, Phoenix. The holiday meal also will include gravy, cranberry sauce, corn, and pumpkin pie.

This year will mark our 56<sup>th</sup> year of serving Thanksgiving meals to the Valley's hungry, homeless and working poor. St. Vincent de Paul has been serving meals to the poor *every day* since opening its first dining room in 1952. On a normal day, we prepare 3,500 meals.

**Who:** Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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**When:** Thursday, November 27, 2008

**Where:**

**Henry Unger Memorial Dining Room**

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

**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.*