Phoenix Rescue Mission Launches Holiday Donations Campaign

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<u>Phoenix Rescue Mission</u> has launched its second-annual "HOMELESS FOR THE HOLIDAYS" campaign with the hope that the Valley's homeless and disadvantaged populations do not go hungry this holiday season.

The nonprofit is currently is in need of food, water, hygiene items, new socks, toys, volunteers and monetary donations to support the Homeless for the Holidays campaign. The campaign runs through Dec. 31.

For a complete list of items needed and drop-off locations, visit www.phoenixrescuemission.org.

"HOMELESS FOR THE HOLIDAYS" also welcomes several events this season that the public is invited to participate in:

Saturday, Nov. 10: Frozen Turkey Collection Saturday & Open House

Frozen Turkey Saturday is an event that brings people to the Community Solutions Center for a tour, free lunch and musical entertainment. It is also the day that people drop off their frozen turkeys to share with the community. Phoenix Rescue Mission's goal this year is to provide frozen turkeys and food boxes to 1,000 families. Community members are encouraged to bring frozen turkeys to the Mission (1801 S. 35th Ave. in Phoenix) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10, to help provide a Thanksgiving meal for a family in need. Contact Catie Hammann at 602.346.3347 or chammann@phoenixrescuemission.org for donation or drop-off information. A complete list of items needed can be found here

Saturday, Nov. 17: Frozen Turkey and Fill-A-Box Delivery Day

Phoenix Rescue Mission will fulfill its goal of serving 1,000 families this year by delivering a food box and a frozen turkey directly to the homes of these families. To volunteer, visit http://prm.volunteerhub.com. Families in need of assistance can contact Jussane Carrera at jcarrera@phoenixrescuemission.org or 602.346.3372.

Saturday, Dec. 8: Glendale's 6th Annual Hometown Christmas Parade

The Hometown Christmas Parade, which raised more than 35,000 pounds of food last year, will specifically focus on collecting non-perishable food items for Hope for Hunger, a Glendale-based food bank owned and operated by Phoenix Rescue Mission. This year, the city and Phoenix Rescue Mission hope to collect at least 50,000 pounds of food to support the area's growing needs. Hope for Hunger appreciates the public support, especially around the holidays when it's needed most. For those interested in joining Glendale's largest charitable event that supports hunger in the Valley, please bring non-perishable food items to the Hometown Christmas parade from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8. If donors are unable to attend the parade, Drop Zone locations are situated throughout the Valley and can be found here.

Saturday, Dec. 15: Winter Wonderland Community Event

Phoenix Rescue Mission will collect new, unwrapped toys for needy children and small household items and personal gifts for their parents. The Mission will then host a shopping area where the parents can come and "shop" for their children for Christmas. The children will also be able to "shop" for their parents, and then also wrap the gifts they picked for them. The Mission is in need of new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 2 to 16 years old. Toys for tweens, ages 9 to 12 years old, are especially needed to support the event. Household items and gifts are also needed. Contact Catie Hammann at 602.346.3347 or chammann@phoenixrescuemission.org for donation or drop-off information. A complete list of items needed can be found here.

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