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## **100 Turkeys Make Their Way to Tucson Salvation Army**

*Zanes Law helps to feed more than 1,000 people this Thanksgiving*

**TUCSON, Ariz., Nov. 19, 2008**—What would Thanksgiving be like without turkey? When Claudia Zanes heard the Tucson Salvation Army’s annual Thanksgiving dinner was facing a turkey shortage, she knew exactly how to help. Ms. Zanes, who is the General Manager of Zanes Law, promptly contacted the nonprofit organization and pledged to donate 100 turkeys on behalf of the Tucson-based law firm.

“We are so grateful to receive support like this from the community,” said Tamara McElwee, Public Relations Director, and The Salvation Army. “Every donation helps, and Zanes Law is the perfect example of how people can come together to help others less fortunate. It truly is a community dinner.”

According to the Primavera Foundation, Tucson has the highest poverty rate—more than 20 percent—in Arizona. Coupled with a rising unemployment rate, Tucson is home to many people who may not be able to afford a traditional holiday meal this year.

One hundred turkeys will feed approximately 1,000 people, but the Salvation Army is still in need of 100 more to make sure there is enough for everyone attending the dinner. The organization also is asking for pre-baked frozen pies, dinner rolls, white bread loaves, and oranges. Following the Thanksgiving dinner, preparations will begin for The Salvation Army’s Christmas dinner, which also serves an additional 300 turkeys and pies.

The Thanksgiving dinner will be served Nov. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, located at 1145 E. Fort Lowell Road in Tucson. More than 3,500 Thanksgiving meals were served during the event last year.

“Thanksgiving is a time to recognize all the blessings we have in life. It’s also a time to help those in need and pass our blessings along to others. We’re honored to be able to help provide our neighbors with a special meal.”

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**Facts about Hunger in Tucson\***

- 142,051 people live below 100 percent of the federal poverty guideline.
- 46,666 children live below 100 percent of the federal poverty guideline.
- The Association of Arizona Food Bank members and their emergency food bank network distributed more than 120 million pounds of food last year.
- 12,659,493 pounds of food were distributed by food banks in Pima County from 2006 to 2007.

**About the Tucson Salvation Army**

Founded in 1893, the Tucson Salvation Army serves the local community by operating four Corps Community Centers, the Hospitality House shelter, community programs, special events, and church services. The Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC) and Thrift Stores provide additional services in the community. The Salvation Army serves more than a quarter of a million meals per year and hundreds of children are served daily through The Salvation Army's Corps Community Center's after-school activities, hot meals, and nurturing educational environments. To learn more, visit [www.TheSalvationArmyTucson.org](http://www.TheSalvationArmyTucson.org).

**About Zanes Law**

Founded in 2003, Zanes Law has quickly earned the reputation of being one of the top personal injury law firms in Arizona. Attorney Doug Zanes, co-founder of Zanes Law, has been successfully representing auto accident and personal injury victims for more than a decade. The Zanes professionals have represented clients who have suffered catastrophic injuries caused by railroad companies, municipalities, trucking companies, construction companies, negligent individuals, and various other corporate defendants. Zanes Law professionals have successfully advocated on behalf of clients across Arizona, including clients from both the greater Tucson and Phoenix areas, as well as clients from both Southern Arizona and Northern Arizona communities. For more information, visit [www.ZanesLaw.com](http://www.ZanesLaw.com).

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