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SUN CITY WEST FIRE DISTRICT HOLIDAY FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

(SUN CITY WEST, AZ), (OCTOBER 26), 2009 – Illness, injury, loss of a loved one, and loss of employment are examples of situations that most often negatively affect the ability of individuals and families to provide gifts and proper nutrition for children or family members during the holiday season. The Fire District of Sun City West Adopt-A-Family program is gearing up to brighten the 2009 holiday season for local families. The program traditionally provides gifts for children such as toys, clothing, and school supplies.

Did you know that currently 1 in 5 children, 1 in 7 adults, and 1 in 12 seniors live in poverty in Arizona according to St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance? This holiday season the fire district is also collecting non-perishable food to help support St. Mary's Food Bank and the Salvation Army. Items that are needed most are canned and dried beans, rice, cereal, canned and dry soups, canned fruits and vegetables, fruit juice (plastic only), and seasonal favorites.

Community members, businesses, and community organizations are invited to participate in the holiday food and toy drive by donating items such as food, new toys, money, and holiday gift wrapping skills. To learn more about contributing to this program please call Holli Sandeen at 623-584-3500.

Cash donations are welcomed and are used to match or compliment discounts given by retailers. Cash donations can be made at the Fire District of Sun City West as well as

the Adopt-A-Family account at Credit Union West located at 19436 R.H. Johnson Blvd. in Sun City West.

All food and toy donations can be made in the lobby at the following Sun City West locations: Fire District of Sun City West Administration building-18818 N. Spanish Garden Drive, Fire Station 101-19001 Camino Del Sol, Fire Station 102-20622 Stardust Blvd., Fire Station 103-13431 W. Deer Valley Rd., and The Madison-18626 N. Spanish Garden Dr.

Please DO NOT wrap holiday item donations. Stuffed animals will not be accepted this year. Toy, food, and cash donations will be accepted through December 18. All donated and purchased items are wrapped and personally delivered by volunteers to families in the Salvation Army Angel Tree program and the Dysart school district.

For more information call the Fire District at (623) 584-3500 or visit our website at www.scwfire.org.

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