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## FIRE DISTRICT OF SUN CITY WEST

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## NEWSRELEASE

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### HOLIDAY FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

(SUN CITY WEST, AZ), (NOVEMBER 14), 2008 – 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 during the holiday season. The Fire District of Sun City West Adopt-A-Family program is gearing up to brighten the 2008 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. Items the food bank needs most are peanut butter, tuna, chunky soups and stews, canned fruits and vegetables, fruit juice (plastic only), rice, and pasta.

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 623-215-1058.

Cash donations are welcomed and are used to match or compliment discounts given by retailers. Cash donations can be made to the Adopt-A-Family account at Sun Country Credit Union, 19436 R.H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West, AZ, 85375.

All food and toy item 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 103-13431 W. Deer Valley Rd., and The Madison- 18626 N. Spanish Garden Dr.

**Please DO NOT wrap the gift item donations. Toy donations will be accepted through December 12. Food donations will be accepted through December 19. Cash donations will be accepted December 1-24.** All donated and purchased items are wrapped and personally delivered by volunteers.

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

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