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MAKE A DONATION, FEED HUNGRY PEOPLE AND RECEIVE A CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT

Taxpayers may Qualify for a State Tax Credit up to \$400

Phoenix, AZ – Arizona residents may qualify for a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit of up to \$200 (or \$400 if married filing jointly) as part of the Charitable Tax Credit.

Arizona tax law permits public donors a tax credit on their state income taxes for contributions to an organization that uses more than half of its budget to help low-income individuals. Because St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance uses 96 percent of its budget to help Arizonans in need, the organization is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

To receive this credit, taxpayers must itemize on their returns and have established a baseline year for charitable contributions. Taxpayers can simultaneously take advantage of the Charitable Tax Credit with the Food Bank as well as help their local schools with the School Tax Credit.

In order to qualify for 2007, donations must be made by December 31, 2007. Your donations are vital to the mission of the Food Bank to promote the elimination of hunger. Donations received during this time of the year support the Food Bank's mission well beyond December, helping through the shower months at the beginning of the year. Since July, the amount of food distributed to the community has increased by 50 percent over

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last year, increasing the purchased food with decreased donations of food. Emergency Food Box distribution has increased dramatically this year, so the Food Bank is relying on your financial support to continue providing nutritionally sound food boxes to Arizona's needy.

Make a secure, online donation at www.FirstFoodBank.org. For more information, consult your tax advisor or visit the Arizona Department of Revenue at www.revenue.state.az.us.

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For statistics on poverty and hunger, media inquiries, photos or interview requests, please contact Melody Kelly at (602) 343-3160, (602) 621-0526 or mlkelly@firstfoodbank.org.

St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, the world's first food bank, is a non-sectarian, nonprofit organization that alleviates hunger by efficiently gathering and distributing food to 675 sites that serve the hungry. Serving 13 of Arizona's 15 counties, the organization is committed to volunteerism, building community relationships, and improving the quality of life for Arizonans in need. During Fiscal Year 2006-2007, the Food Bank distributed 51.5 million pounds of food to families and individuals, provided enough food for 200,000 meals every day, and garnered more than 230,000 volunteer service hours. Web site: www.FirstFoodBank.org, Phone: 602-352-3640.