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MEDIA ALERT

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JAZZ FESTIVAL FOR FINES AIMS TO HELP ARIZONA'S NEEDIEST

Cleaning out Your Closets Never Felt so Good

WHO: The Friends of the Phoenix Public Library, Swift Charities for Children and St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance

WHAT: When you're done with spring cleaning, don't forget to stop by the **Jazz Festival for Fines**. The event will feature live jazz music, food, drinks, and activities for the kids including bounce houses, face painting, and clowns.

Admission is free and donations of nonperishable food items, books and clothing are encouraged. Receipts will be issued by the Library to go toward fines for every donation.

Enjoy this family event, get those library fines taken care of and help support the neediest in our communities! For more information, visit www.plfriends.org or call (602) 534-5208.

WHEN: Saturday, April 19, 10am to 2pm

WHERE: The Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Avenue in Phoenix

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For statistics on poverty and hunger, media inquiries, photos or interview requests, please contact Melody Hanna at (602) 343-3160, (602) 621-0526 or mlhanna@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

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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.