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ST. MARY'S FOOD BANK HOSTS GRAND OPENING OF COMMUNITY SERVICES FACILITY

*Dedication of WIC Clinic will promote availability of supplemental meals,
emergency food boxes and valuable health programs for community*

Phoenix, AZ – St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance together with **The Maricopa County Department of Public Health** and **the Arizona Department of Health Services** is pleased to announce the grand opening of its Community Services Center, which will dedicate a Women, Infant and Children's (WIC) clinic located within St. Mary's Food Bank **8 to 9 a.m. November 13 at 3003 W. Thomas Road, Phoenix.**

"St. Mary's goal is to serve Arizona's anticipated growth and demand for services shaped to meet the critical needs of the community, including those of WIC. To be more efficient in providing nutritious food for Arizona's hungry, we have teamed with The Maricopa County Department of Public Health and the Arizona Department of Health Services to create this facility to ultimately improve the quality of life for Arizonans in need," says Terry Shannon, President and CEO of St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance.

The center will allow a federally directed supplemental nutrition program, which provides preventive health services and education to women, infants and children most in need. Through a broad network of local partners, critical services such as breastfeeding support, supplemental meals, emergency food boxes, nutrition and education are available to aid families seeking to get back on their feet. WIC services are one of the many valuable health promotion programs offered by the Maricopa County Department of Public Health and the Arizona Department of Health Services.

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ABOUT THE FOOD BANK: 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.