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**ARIZONANS ELIGIBLE FOR “WORKING POOR”
2008 TAX CREDIT
ALONGSIDE EDUCATION TAX CREDITS**

Dollar-for-Dollar Tax Credit Available to Those Helping Neighbors in Need

Phoenix, AZ – In addition to the well-publicized education tax credits, eligible Arizonans can also take advantage of the Tax Credit for Contributions to Charities That Provide Assistance to the Working Poor by making a donation to St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance at www.FirstFoodBank.org

With the “Working Poor” Tax Credit, donors can receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit of up to \$200 for singles or \$400 for married couples filing jointly on state income taxes, reducing tax liability while helping Arizona families struggling with hunger.

“For just a few more days, people have another great reason to make a cash donation to St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance,” said Terry Shannon, the organization’s President and CEO. “Donations will stay in Arizona and will allow the food bank to provide up to 2,800 meals to our neighbors in need. Holiday gifts to St. Mary’s Food Bank now will make a difference in the lives of Arizona families today and well into 2009.”

The “Working Poor” Tax Credit may be taken in addition to the public and private school tuition tax credits and is significantly more beneficial than a tax deduction. A tax credit reduces taxes, dollar-for-dollar. A tax deduction reduces the taxable income upon which tax liability is calculated. For more information, donors should consult a tax advisor or the Arizona Department of Revenue at <http://www.revenue.state.az.us/Refunds%20and%20Credits/charitablecredits.htm>

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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: 602-242-FOOD.