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Boy Scouts Launch Annual Food Drive

Scouting for Food Scheduled for February 9-16, 2008

DALLAS – On February 9, 2008 Circle Ten Council, Boy Scouts of America will kick off its 21st annual Scouting for Food drive collecting food donations for the needy across Dallas and surrounding areas.

Scouting for Food is Circle Ten Council's largest service project involving thousands of Scouts and volunteers across 12 counties in North Texas and Oklahoma. Since 2000, Scouts in Circle Ten Council, their families and volunteer leaders have collected over 3.5 million food items for our neighbors living with hunger. The council's goal this year is 500,000 items.

On Saturday, February 9, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers from across Circle Ten Council will be placing bright yellow plastic bags on door steps across Dallas and surrounding areas. Scouts will return to pick these bags up on Saturday morning, February 16. Donations should be placed on doorsteps for pick up before 10 AM that morning.

Food donations needed include canned items such as vegetables, meats, chili, soups or juices, and baby formula. Boxed or bagged meals and pastas are also welcome. The ideal food donation bag would include one of each. *Please—nothing perishable, frozen or in glass. Monetary donations cannot be accepted.*

This year's food drive is generously sponsored by Tom Thumb Food and Pharmacy, *The Dallas Morning News*, and WFAA-Channel 8. Tom Thumb has sponsored Scouting for Food since the beginning of the community event 21 years ago.

Scouting for Food *(continued)*

During February, all Metroplex Tom Thumb stores will collect donations on behalf of the Boy Scouts. On Saturday, February 16 starting at 10:00 a.m., several Plano and Dallas Tom Thumb locations will serve as drop-off locations for food donations. The Tom Thumb stores located at 3100 Independence Parkway, 4836 West Park Boulevard, 3945 Legacy, 2200 East 14th Street, and 7700 Northwest Highway will each have Boy Scouts present to take customer donations from their cars.

About Tom Thumb Food & Pharmacy

Tom Thumb Food & Pharmacy currently operates 62 stores throughout North Texas under the Tom Thumb and Simon David banners. Tom Thumb is a division of Safeway Inc., a Fortune 100 company. Safeway supports a broad range of charitable and community programs and last year donated more than \$154 million to important causes such as cancer research, education, food banks and programs focused on assisting people with disabilities.

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