



Rent-A-Center Donates \$20,000 to St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance

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Donation Part of \$250,000 Earmarked for 11 Food Banks across the U.S.

PHOENIX, Nov 09, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) --

Rent-A-Center today donated \$20,000 to St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance. The food bank is one of eleven across the nation sharing in \$250,000 worth of Rent-a-Center funding for hunger relief this year.

The donation is in addition to the recent hunger-relief initiative staged across Rent-A-Center's 3000-plus stores. Dubbed "Soup to Nuts," this campaign took place in September in support of Hunger Action Month. It saw Rent-A-Center stores serve as collection points for cans of soup, jars of peanut butter and other canned goods. The donated food products were delivered to hunger-relief partners such as senior centers, homeless shelters, daycare centers and churches.

"This is the second consecutive year that Rent-A-Center has made this generous donation, which will allow the Food Bank to distribute enough food to provide 140,000 meals to the hungry of Arizona," St. Mary's Food Bank President and CEO Terry Shannon said. "St. Mary's is proud of its partnership with Rent-A-Center and overwhelmed by this very generous and overwhelming donation."

"In challenging economic times, it is especially gratifying to support the communities we serve," said Mitch Fadel, president and COO of Rent-A-Center and a board member of the North Texas Food Bank.

About Rent-A-Center

Rent-A-Center, Inc. (NASDAQ:RCII), headquartered in Plano, Texas, currently operates approximately 3,000 company-owned stores nationwide and in Canada and Puerto Rico. The stores offer name brand, durable goods such as major consumer electronics, appliances, computers, furniture and accessories under flexible rental-purchase agreements that generally allow the customer to obtain ownership of the merchandise at the conclusion of an agreed upon rental period. (www.rentacenter.com)

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