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## Reno's Sportsmen Against Hunger Tradition Continues

TUCSON, Ariz., December 28, 2006 – Tuesday evening, Jan. 23, as many as 1,500 homeless, under-housed, and hungry from the Silver State will enjoy a feast, thanks to a donation of over 28,000 meals' worth of venison by hunters attending Safari Club International's 35th Annual Hunters' Convention in Reno. This Sportsmen Against Hunger contribution of game meat by SCI's Desert Chapter is an example of how the 16-year-old SCI Foundation program shares nature's bounty worldwide.

"This contribution is just one example of the caring sportsmen across the U.S. who, this past fall and winter, gave over 169,664 pounds of hunter-taken wild game meat to the hungry during the hunting season and the SCI Foundation's fifth annual Sportsmen Against Hunger Week," said Steve Rilenge, SCI Foundation Sportsmen Against Hunger chair and president of the Central Indiana Chapter of Safari Club International. "We are very happy to be returning to Reno in partnership with the Salvation Army and the many great sponsors to help feed the hungry at the Reno Events Center."

"We are so pleased to partner with the Safari Club International Foundation's Sportsmen Against Hunger and the other sponsors again, in order to provide a hot meal to the less fortunate in our community," said Major Doug Williams of the Salvation Army in Reno. "There are quite a few holiday dinners, but the Feed the Hungry Feast is another opportunity to reach out to those in need."

The fifth event of its kind in the past five years, the Sportsmen Against Hunger Feed the Hungry Feast again will take place downtown at the Reno Events Center on the corner of Fourth and Center Streets with the help of C & M Food Distributing and Model Dairy. For the first two years, it had taken place in the Reno Livestock Center Exhibit Hall at 1350 North Wells Avenue. As in past years, it is being hosted by the Salvation Army Reno.

From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., food will be served by Country singer Irlene Mandrell, Reno Mayor Bob Cashell, Sparks Mayor Geno Martini, Washoe County Commissioner Bonnie Weber, and over 130 SCI and local volunteers, including Salvation Army Advisory Board members. Food will be prepared by chefs from the El Dorado Hotel & Casino under the direction of Executive Chef Mike Norton.

The Feast is scheduled to take place on the eve of SCI's 35th Annual SCI Hunters' Convention Jan. 24-27, in the Reno-Sparks Convention Center in Reno, Nevada. Sportsmen and sportswomen interested in attending this blockbuster event should call 888-SCI-HUNT (742-4868) toll-free, or visit [www.scifirstforhunters.org](http://www.scifirstforhunters.org).

SCI's Annual Hunters' Convention is the ultimate hunters' market, bringing together more than 22,000 sportsmen and 1,100 exhibitors from around the world in more than 600,000 square-feet of space designed for hunters. The SCI Convention also hosts the world's largest hunting auction, with more than 1,100 sought-after hunts and hunt-related auction items going to the highest bidders.

For more information about Safari Club International, call (520) 620-1220 or visit [www.scifirstforhunters.org](http://www.scifirstforhunters.org). For more on the SCI Foundation or any of its charitable programs, call 877-877-3265 or visit [www.sci-foundation.org](http://www.sci-foundation.org).

The Salvation Army's religious and social service programs now serve millions of men, women and children in 111 nations. The organization has been meeting primary needs in Northern Nevada since 1884, helping over 12 thousand people last year in Washoe County alone. For more information, please call 775-688-4555 or go online to [www.salvationarmy.org](http://www.salvationarmy.org).

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SCI's record-breaking 34th Annual Hunters' Convention hosted more than 19,700 sportsmen from 50 countries around the world. Thanks to over 1,100 top exhibitors helping hunters realize dreams around the globe, the Convention raised nearly \$11 million for SCI and the SCI Foundation. To register to attend SCI's 35th Annual Hunters' Convention, in Reno Jan. 24-27, 2007, call 888-746-9724 toll-free or visit [www.scifirstforhunters.org](http://www.scifirstforhunters.org).

Professional journalists wishing to attend SCI's 35th Annual Hunters' Convention as members of the working media may register online at [www.sci-foundation.org/pr/pressreg07/](http://www.sci-foundation.org/pr/pressreg07/), or call Christina Perez, SCI Public Relations Specialist, at 520-620-1220, ext. 335.

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