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PetSmart®, PetSmart Charities® Phoenix-Based Associates Unite to Give Back to Local Community in Unique, Impactful Ways

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Retailer Donates Record Amount of Pet Food, Supplies, Gifts and More

to Help People and Pets in Need in the Area, Overseas

PHOENIX--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The season of giving is upon us, and the holiday spirit has inspired

Phoenix area associates from PetSmart

and PetSmart

Charities – nearly 2,000 employees from its Phoenix Home Office,

local stores and distribution center -- to help people and pets in need

this holiday season. This year, associates have banded together more

than ever before to make impactful contributions to the local Phoenix

community, demonstrating what the holidays are truly all about – a time

of giving.



“As a Phoenix-based company, it’s our desire and duty to give back to the community that we call home,” said Michael Massey, President and CEO of PetSmart. “This year, our associates in the Phoenix area united in extraordinary ways to make the holidays a little brighter for both people and pets in our local community and beyond. From fulfilling holiday wishes of children here in Phoenix to supporting soldier dogs

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tremendously proud to see the collective passion of our associates and the tremendous impact of giving this holiday season.”

Here’s a quick snapshot of the acts of kindness local Phoenix-based

PetSmart associates have implemented in the community:

Give or Gift Program

While the holiday season is frequently deemed the most joyous time of year, it can also be the most stressful for families in need. PetSmart’s Give or Gift Program provided members of the Phoenix Home Office with an opportunity to “give” gently-used clothing, canned food and pet food or “gift” items to fulfill holiday wishes of local children served by Child Crisis Arizona. Together, associates fulfilled the wishes of 150 children, totaling more than \$18,000 in donated gifts and supplies like diapers for families in need. In addition, associates donated nearly 2,500 items that will be distributed by Fresh Start Women’s Foundation and HonorHealth Desert Mission Food Bank.

Bones from Home Supporting Military Working Dogs

According to Glendale-based Packages From Home, there are more than 2,700 Military Working Dogs (MWDs) active worldwide. While in the field, these pets have minimal access to proper nutrition, toys and daily care in war-torn conditions. To support these four-legged heroes, PetSmart associates assembled 100 doggie care packages filled with supplies for soldier dogs and their soldier pet parents on-duty overseas -- the most an individual organization has ever contributed to the newly launched Bones from Home program facilitated by Packages From Home. The donations went to Veterinary Services Medical Detachments overseas and included treats, toys, water bowls, paw-pad cream, bath wipes and grooming tools to provide temporary relief in unprecedented conditions.

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During times of need or transition, pet parents will go to great lengths to make sure their pets get the care they deserve. To ease the anxiety of pet parents or families in need with a pet, PetSmart and PetSmart Charities delivered more than 180,000 cans of Good Natured™ dog and cat food to HonorHealth

Desert Mission Food Bank to help those in need in the community feed their pets this holiday season and beyond. The donation – valued at nearly \$290,000 – is in addition to the 7,000 pounds of pet food donated monthly by PetSmart and PetSmart Charities and will assist the organization in its mission to provide the necessary tools and resources for its clients to achieve food security for themselves and their pet.

Candy-Inspired Christmas Decoration, Plush Toys Delivered at Phoenix

Children's Hospital

For patients at Phoenix Children's Hospital who will be unable to celebrate the holidays in the comfort of their own home, volunteers from PetSmart Charities provided candy-inspired holiday decorations at the facility and delivered plush toys to patients. PetSmart stores across North America, including the nearly 40 stores in the Phoenix area, are conducting toy drives through Dec. 24 with PetSmart's commemorative Chance, Lucky and Stanley* plush toys. The toys are \$5 each and also give back 10 percent to PetSmart Charities. So far, more than \$585,000 has been raised for pets in need, and over 1 million toys have been collected. Toys are being delivered to children in need across North America, including locally to organizations like the Phoenix Children's Hospital to make the holidays a bit merrier for the patients.

For more information about PetSmart, the nation's largest pet specialty retailer, please visit PetSmart.com.

*Stanley plush toy is available online and in-store in Canada and online

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