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### DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE KICKS OFF

**GLENDALÉ, Ariz.** – Businesses in Historic Downtown Glendale are partnering with Glendale’s Office of Special Events and the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau on a holiday food drive to benefit St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance, which will run through the city’s Spirit of Giving Weekend on Dec. 2-3.

The merchant kick off is November 5 at the Open Air Market, which is located in A Mad Hatter’s parking lot, 57<sup>th</sup> and Glendale avenues.

This monthly marketplace will be a collection site, along with the participating shops.

Shoppers looking to cross items off of their holiday lists can also give back to the community at the same time, donating non-perishable food items at one of the following downtown shops or restaurants:

- A Mad Hatter’s
- Antiques
- The Apple
- Tree
- The Astrology Store
- AZ Dolls & Gifts
- Bears &More
- Bitz-ee
- Mama’s
- Cameo Candles
- Coffee & Tea Express
- Cottage Garden
- Cottage Garden II
- The Country Maiden
- Drawn to Comics
- Glass Creations
- Glendale Flowers
- Glendale Shoe Company
- Glendale Visitor Center
- Henny & Ev Boutique
- Michelle & Gerald’s Southern Cuisine
- Oohhh I Like That
- Stamp
- Open Air Market
- Open Door
- Open Door Too
- Papa Ed's Ice Cream
- Reeltime Productions
- Shelley's Specialty Desserts
- The Spicery In Our 1895 Home
- The Tole Shop
- Ragazza Boutique

The food drive culminates with the Glendale’s Spirit of Giving Weekend on Dec.

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2-3. Part of the state's largest free holiday light display, this event is designed to pay tribute to nonprofit organizations that help those in need. St. Mary's Food Bank, along with many other charitable groups, will be featured as part of the festival, as well as the entertainment and festivities.

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 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.

Items most needed for the food bank are peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned fruit, soups and stews, rice, pasta, beans and tuna.

For more information, visit [www.visitglendale.com](http://www.visitglendale.com) or call 623.930.4500.

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