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9th Annual Thanksgiving Meal Delivery Program aims to deliver 4,000 Meals in 4 Hours

Miami, Florida – November 23, 2009 – This Thanksgiving, South Florida Urban Ministries and its partners are aiming to deliver over 4,100 hot meals to needy families in less than four hours. Over 800 volunteers will be working hard on Thanksgiving morning by putting together very special individual meals via assembly lines and passing them off to volunteer drivers who will deliver them.

South Florida Urban Ministries is partnering with seven United Methodist congregations to make this Thanksgiving miracle happen. The cooking preparations begin today which include the seasoning of turkeys and prepping of all the vegetables, trimmings and dessert. Many volunteer chefs and cooks will spend countless hours getting ready for the big day to make sure that everything goes off without a hitch.

Thanks to the generous donors who gave to the Thanksgiving drive and the volunteers participating on Thursday, needy families in Miami-Dade County as well as Broward County will receive a delicious, traditional turkey meal on Thanksgiving Day.

“We provide life-changing opportunities to children and families year round,” said Brent McLaughlin, Executive Director of South Florida Urban Ministries. “One of our main focuses is hunger relief and I am so grateful to our volunteers and partners who are helping this community during Thanksgiving and the holiday season.”

Recently, South Florida Urban Ministries celebrated the opening of the United Way Center for Financial Stability which is located on its North Miami property. South Florida Urban Ministries runs and operates the Center and is very proud of its partnership with United Way which brings together more than 14 local agencies under one roof to offer a wide array of tools and resources that can help families achieve greater financial stability and independence.

To learn more about South Florida Urban Ministries, please visit www.sflum.org or contact Isabelle Benditte at 305-442-8306.

About South Florida Urban Ministries

South Florida Urban Ministries (SFLUM) empowers people to move from poverty to prosperity. SFLUM partners with local organizations, including churches, to create and expand ministries of compassion and justice in neighborhoods throughout Southeast Florida. SFLUM provides child & youth development through its Branches after-school mentoring and tutoring programs, as well as small business development training, hunger relief and financial assistance services.

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