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GALILEE CENTER HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET DISTRIBUTION SET TO SERVE 2,500

Mecca, CA – (December 14, 2018) – Serving hundreds of families in need on an annual basis, Galilee Center announces its annual Christmas Food Basket distribution to ensure that impoverished families throughout the Coachella Valley can enjoy a holiday meal of their own. More than 2,500 men, women and children are estimated to attend the December 20 distribution that begins at 3 p.m. from its 20,000 sq. ft. building in Mecca. Approximately 700 families will receive a food basket filled with a fresh turkey or whole chicken, canned and dry goods, tortillas, cooking oil and other favorite items.

During this Christmas season, Galilee Center provides families with a festive dinner that will enhance their lives through dignity, compassion and respect. Supporters of the Christmas Food Baskets can donate \$25 to feed a family of four for four days.

The east Coachella Valley nonprofit, recognized for its <u>wide-ranging services</u> to many of the area's overlooked, relies largely on the generosity of the public to sustain its ability to provide clothing, food and shelter to all ages from its service-focused building in Mecca.

Galilee Center Co-Founder Gloria Gomez explains, "We certainly couldn't benefit the lives of these industrious people without the generosity of our friends and family, whose own blessings are selflessly shared with many less fortunate."

The Galilee Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that fulfills the needs of local underprivileged and disadvantaged families, children and farmworkers in the east Coachella Valley by providing food, clothing and other basic needs. The Galilee Center is in its eighth year of operation by locally respected founders Claudia Castorena and Gloria Gomez. For more information and to donate to the Thanksgiving Drive, please call the Galilee Center at 760-396-9100 or visit www.galileecenter.org.