The Gift of Hope, Health & Happiness in Desperate Times
Give Back at the 20th Annual Hope Fest 2012

Tucson, AZ (10/1/12) – The world can be a frightening place for those who are struggling, homeless and in need of the necessary resources for survival. Unfortunately, many people in the city of Tucson fall into this statistic. They are malnourished, uninsured, lack basic goods like clothing and hygiene items, and don’t have access to dental and medical care. Hope Fest was created as a community outreach program to help our less fortunate families in Tucson in their time of need. Hundreds of volunteers come together to help make a difference in peoples lives. Hope Fest 2012 will be held on Saturday, October 27th at Kino Stadium from 9am – 3pm.

On Friday, October 26th, Hope Fest will have its annual “Pack the Park” donation drive. We are asking for donated items; gently used clothing, hygiene items, canned food, diapers and stuffed animals to be dropped off at Kino Stadium from 7am until 7pm.

Hope Network, Inc. is a local non-profit organization and is the organizer of Hope Fest that provides help to Tucsonans with the basic necessities of life. This event is held each October as a part of “National Make a Difference Day.” Hope Fest is a 2008 recipient of the National “Make A Difference Day” Award for outstanding volunteerism and the 2010 recipient of the Governor’s Volunteer and Service Award.

Now in its 20th year of service to the community, Hope Fest provides dental care, medical care, groceries, haircuts, clothing and hygiene items to homeless, working poor, and underprivileged families in Tucson. These services are volunteered by willing organizations and businesses in our community. Pima Medial Institute is the title sponsor for this year’s event.

The dental service Hope Fest provides is top-of-the-line care. For many families, dental care is too often ignored because they cannot afford it. Over 175 dental professionals will donate their time and services to Hope Fest. Cleanings, a full exam, x-ray’s and cavity care are all provided to those who need it. If extensive dental work is needed, the patient will be transferred to a dental office where that work can be completed. There’s nothing more fulfilling than giving a person the ability to smile.

Doctors, nurse practitioners, and nurses will also be lending a helping hand to Hope Fest. They will check vital signs, blood pressure and glucose levels, HIV testing, pregnancy testing as well as performing eye and hearing tests. They will also be given free flu shots. Hope Fest improves as well as saves lives for countless individuals.

Hundreds of volunteers, helping agencies, government, social service organizations, faith-based organizations, groups and individuals will unite for a common cause during this amazing event. If you are interested in donating or volunteering at Hope Fest 2012 please go to www.hopefest.com.

Interview Opportunities:
Lisa Chastain, Hope Fest 2012 organizer

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