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CREDIT UNION FOOD DRIVE BRINGS ATTENTION TO YEAR-ROUND ISSUE

Phoenix, AZ, July 5, 2005 – Feeding the hungry is an issue that never takes a vacation. In the summer months, local food banks often have difficulty keeping up with demand as donations received during the popular holiday giving season begin to dwindle.

Throughout the entire month of July, Arizona Central Credit Union is sponsoring a food drive to benefit local food banks statewide, including St. Mary's Food Bank, Tucson Community Food Bank, Northland Family Food Bank in Flagstaff, and Pinetop Women's Shelter in the White Mountain region.

Both members and non-members of Arizona Central Credit Union are invited to stop by any credit union branch to make a donation. To find the location nearest you, visit www.azcentralcu.org or call (602) 264-6421 or toll free 1-866-264-6421. The most needed items include tuna, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, rice, cereal, pasta, beans, and juice (plastic bottles only). Contributions will be accepted until Friday, July 29.

ABOUT ARIZONA CENTRAL CREDIT UNION

Arizona Central, founded in 1939 on the credit union philosophy of "people helping people," is a not-for-profit financial cooperative serving more than 77,000 member/owners. Current credit union assets are in excess of \$425 million. Member's deposits are federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration.

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