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## **Trinity Rescue Mission's Annual "More than a Meal" Thanksgiving Event Expects to Serve 1,000 or More on Thanksgiving Day**

(Jacksonville, FL) Trinity Rescue Mission in Jacksonville, Florida is preparing for its annual "More than a Meal" Thanksgiving Event for the homeless and hungry in downtown Jacksonville. In addition to providing a traditional Thanksgiving meal, the event expects to include haircuts, clothing and other items for the homeless of Jacksonville. The event will also feature music and door prizes.

Rick Denny, Executive Director at Trinity Rescue Mission, stated, "Our More than a Meal Thanksgiving event at Trinity Rescue Mission has become an annual tradition of love, compassion, smiles and great food on Thanksgiving Day. We always prepare for one thousand guests, knowing that the need in our city is great."

Donations of items for the event are still being accepted. Items that are currently in need include inexpensive reading glasses, \$5 fast food gift cards which will be given away as prizes, cakes, cookies and pies, canned cranberry sauce and drink mixes. Donations of Turkeys, hams, stuffing, yams and canned vegetables are also always needed during the holidays.

Trinity Rescue Mission has served the poor, homeless and hungry of Jacksonville for over 52 years. Denny stated that the long and successful history of this event makes the mission at 622 W. Union Street a popular Thanksgiving Day location.

Denny also stated that community support for this event never runs short. "Many people donate financially or with food donations to make this great dinner possible. Our volunteer workforce for the event is massive. We often fill up available volunteer opportunities weeks before Thanksgiving Day," Denny said. The plentiful supply of volunteers on Thanksgiving Day is a tribute to the hearts of the people of Jacksonville and the surrounding areas. People who set aside their own Thanksgiving holiday to serve others are special people and we are reminded at this time each year that our community is full of generous people who want to love and serve their less fortunate neighbors."

Each year Trinity Rescue Mission serves around 200,000 meals and provides around 90,000 nights of shelter to the homeless in Jacksonville and the surrounding communities. Trinity Rescue Mission is a member of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions ("AGRM") and has earned the status of "AGRM Certified Mission". The mission operates the mission center, a women and children's center, a men's transitional program facility called Freedom Farm in St.

Johns County and a transitional housing program for men transitioning out homelessness and into the Jacksonville workforce.

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