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**Thinking Outside the Food Basket
- AAM Holiday Gifts Benefit Charities on Behalf of Clients -**

PHOENIX, Ariz. — (Dec. 15, 2009) It's the holiday gift-giving season, and that can mean only one thing: corporate break rooms all over town soon will be brimming with holiday food baskets.

But at least one company will be thinking outside the food basket, as it has for nearly two decades.

AAM, Arizona's premier community association management company, this year is donating \$5,000 on behalf of its clients to Horses Help, a North Phoenix-based non-profit organization that serves the special needs population using a unique collaboration of horses and people. AAM clients will receive a token horse-shaped "stress buster" toy commemorating the donation.

Said AAM President Amanda Shaw, "With so many exceptional non-profit organizations operating under the additional pressure of this tough economic climate, we also would encourage other companies to adopt an organization on their clients' behalf. We decided years ago that we wanted to do something to make a difference in our community, and to show our support for those in need, particularly during the holiday season."

Holiday gifts and donations over the years have included:

- A donation of \$5,000 and hundreds of dollars worth of art supplies on behalf of its clients to Free Arts of Arizona, a non-profit organization that aims to spark creativity in abused, neglected and at-risk children. AAM clients also received a replica of an original piece of artwork created by a Free Arts of Arizona child
- A donation to Teach for America, a non-profit organization benefiting educators teaching in low-income communities across metro Phoenix, along with a token gift of a toy slinky in a small blue box

- A donation to Heifer International's Ram Exchange Program on the Navajo Indian reservation in Northern Arizona. The program helps provide rams to revitalize the reservation's all-important, yet deteriorating, sheep industry. The rams were used to repopulate their herds, which produce wool for the tribe. AAM clients received a small stuffed ram symbolizing the donation
- A contribution to the Arizona Animal Welfare League. Clients received a pet-themed picture frame with a photo of either a dog or cat from the shelter.

"AAM is all about delivering peace of mind to our clients," said Shaw. "If we can also deliver a little extra peace of mind to these special organizations that do so much for the community all year long, then so much the better."

AAM is one of Arizona's most-respected community management firms. With nearly 20 years of experience and more than 350 community associations statewide under management, the experts at AAM deliver total peace of mind to their clients, which range from builders and developers to homeowner boards of directors.

The corporate headquarters are located at 7740 N. 16th St., Ste. 300, Phoenix, with branch offices operating in Chandler, Surprise, Tucson, Prescott and Albuquerque, N.M..