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Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Honeysuckle White® Turkey Gear Up for Feeding Detroit's Needy on Thanksgiving Day

Detroit, MI (November 11, 2004) -- The Capuchin Soup Kitchen anticipates it will be serving approximately 900 individuals for its Thanksgiving meal, to be held at the Soup Kitchen's Connor Street location, 4390 Connor St., 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Mayor Kilpatrick is expected to greet and to help serve the soup kitchen's guests

"It's an important meal for us," Father David Preuss, Executive Director of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, explains. "Holidays can magnify an individual's situation, even under the best of circumstances. If you are poor or in need, the reality of your situation becomes all the larger on a holiday. The Capuchin Soup Kitchen ministers to the poor every day. But on Thanksgiving, that daily meal now takes on greater importance. The Soup Kitchen is grateful to Honeysuckle White turkey More to Share program for its continued generosity in donating 5,000 pounds of turkey. It's a tremendous help to our ministry to the poor."

Brother Vincent Reyes, Pastoral Minister to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, agrees. "The Thanksgiving holiday meal is a day to give thanks. We are grateful to Honeysuckle White turkey, along with Kroger Grocery Stores, for their on-going support. Together, we are reaching out and making a difference in people's lives. Our guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen will be giving thanks as well. For most, this is the only meal they will receive Thanksgiving Day...but it will be received with gratefulness and happiness."

"It is important and meaningful to us as a company to assist the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in feeding those in need who otherwise may not have turkey at Thanksgiving," said Lorena Rull of the Honeysuckle White turkey More To Share program. "Hunger is an ongoing problem, and charities such as the Capuchin Soup Kitchen need not only food items, but money and volunteers as well. Our donation is a starting point, and we challenge other businesses and individuals in the Detroit area to also help fight hunger however they can."

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen will also be distributing Thanksgiving baskets to over 1,200 Detroit families. It is estimated that over 5,000 individuals will be fed through the basket distribution.

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen is a Capuchin ministry and is part of the Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order, which is headquartered in Detroit and serves Capuchin ministries worldwide.

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