Take Charge America Employees Prepare Nearly 250,000 Meals in 2013 for Disadvantaged in Greater Phoenix

Volunteers achieve major milestone for St. Mary’s Food Bank for second year in a row

PHOENIX – (Dec. 30, 2013) – Employees at Take Charge America prepared nearly 250,000 meals for St. Mary’s Food Bank in Phoenix in 2013, a culmination of monthly volunteer days where employees donated their free time on Saturdays to assist those who are less fortunate.

Seventy-seven employees and their family members participated in the volunteer effort, giving nearly 500 hours of service at the food bank over the course of the year. Take Charge America volunteer activities are spearheaded by the TCA Volunteer Committee.

“Volunteerism is at the heart of the Take Charge America culture,” said Drew West, chair of the TCA Volunteer Committee. “It’s truly gratifying to come together as an organization to battle issues like hunger and homelessness. A group of our size and with our commitment can make a real difference for those who are less fortunate in our community.”

This milestone comes on the heels of Take Charge America’s volunteer work in 2012 when employees packaged a record 250,000 meals for St. Mary’s recipients.

Employees’ service at St. Mary’s is part of a larger company-wide volunteer initiative to serve the community. Staff also contributed their time and talents to projects organized by Take Charge America, assisting non-profits in the HandsOn Greater Phoenix network.

The TCA Volunteer Committee is in the process of planning additional volunteer projects in 2014.

About Take Charge America, Inc.

Founded in 1987, Take Charge America, Inc. is a non-profit agency that provides financial education services, including credit counseling, housing counseling, student loan counseling and debt management. It has helped more than 1.6 million consumers nationwide manage their personal finances and debts. To learn more, visit www.takechargeamerica.org or call (888) 822-9193.

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