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CITY EMPLOYEES COMPETE FOR BEST CHILI *FUND RAISER SUPPORTS ROCKFORD RESCUE MISSION*

Rockford, IL. November 15, 2011 – City of Rockford employees will host a “Chili Shoot Out” at the Millennium Center, 220 S Madison, today between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

The event, in its second year, allows city employees an opportunity to support the Rockford Rescue Mission through the donation of a non-perishable food item and their admission fee. Each city employee in attendance acts as “judge” tasting each of the specially prepared chili recipes and voting for their favorite. Awards will also be given for most creative booth design.

“A group of employees came to me last year and proposed a social event for employees that would also allow them to give back to their community,” explained Human Resources Director, Julia Scott Valdez. “All I had to say was ‘Yes’ and they ran with the idea. The event was such a success they asked to do it again this year with more of a focus on providing funds for the Rockford Rescue Mission.”

The employees volunteer their time to coordinate the details of the event, including food barrels for donations, items for a silent auction, and a 50/50 drawing. All proceeds will go to the Rockford Rescue Mission.

“As much as anything else, this event allows our employees to enjoy their lunchtime in the company of their co-workers, eat some great chili, all while supporting the Rescue Mission. We are very proud of our staff for making this cause their own and working so hard to make it a success,” stated Mayor Larry Morrissey.

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