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## **Giving Tree Thanks Solar Store for Outdoor Lighting**

**Tucson, Ariz. – February 26, 2008** – One of the projects for The Giving Tree, in Tucson, is called Project FEED (Feed Everyone Every Day). It operates a biweekly feeding program on an empty lot, Thursday and Sunday evenings, on 22nd St. between Swan and Columbus for anyone in need – currently about 200 people. The program provides hot meals, food boxes, and clothing - as well as personal and spiritual guidance, referrals for housing, shelters, crisis centers and individual assistance for job placement.

The program hosted Christmas events on three nights this year. Each night it served a hot meal and gave away an emergency food box. During that time, more than 2,000 new children's toys were distributed and the meals blossomed to about 700 on Christmas day.

Since the program takes place outdoors, it can quickly become very dark. The Solar Store helped to brighten the nights, (as well as other holidays, such as Thanksgiving and Halloween) with several portable lighting units that lit up the entire lot, allowing children to see their various gifts. Several people offered the use of their cell phones so the guests could call loved ones during this special season.

“We are so grateful for the solar panels that The Solar Store provided,” said Libby Wright, Director, of The Giving Tree. “Without their help, we would have not been able to properly serve food or give out gifts to children. The lighting was a blessing.”

### **About The Giving Tree**

The GIVING TREE OUTREACH PROGRAM is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization focused on breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty - especially for children. We are committed to helping homeless and needy children, families, elderly and disabled individuals.

### **About The Solar Store**

The Solar Store, located at 2833 N. Country Club, continues to offer a growing array of services, in part fueled by the new Federal tax cuts on solar energy. For more information about The Solar Store, please call 520-322-5180 or visit the website at <http://www.solarstore.com>.

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