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LOS ANGELES COVENTION CENTER AND ARAMARK HAND OUT 2,000 TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING

*Mayor Villaraigosa, Councilmembers Jan Perry, Herb Wesson, and AFL-CIO's Maria Elena Durazo
Helped Distribute Turkeys to Families In Need*

November 25th, 2008 (Los Angeles, CA)—The Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) and ARAMARK, the convention center's exclusive food services provider, handed-out 2,000 turkeys to local Los Angeles families in need in the spirit of Thanksgiving. The 10-14 lbs. turkeys were donated by ARAMARK and were given to residents who received a ticket/voucher in advance of the event through the Offices of the Mayor and Councilmembers.

"In the spirit of thanksgiving, we are blessed with the opportunity to reach out to our community during these trying times. To the Los Angeles Convention Center, it is not only important what happens inside our facility, it is also of our sincere interest and concern what takes place in our immediate surroundings, our community and its people," said Pouria Abbassi, P.E., CEO & General Manager.

"On behalf of ARAMARK Corporation, I'm very grateful to be here," said Jack O'brien, President of Aramark Convention Centers. "We're coming into a special time of year, and many of us look forward to Thanksgiving, because we have much to be thankful for. Of all days, Thanksgiving is no time to be hungry," added O'brien.

Others present that volunteered their time to help with the turkey give-away included: Paul Tazar, Director of Business Development, Aramark; the Los Angeles Police Department; the City of Los Angeles, General Services Office of Public Safety; and the Los Angeles Convention Center's Security Officer team.

"Let us not forget that many people throughout our nation and the world are facing much difficulty with little hope. It is therefore a privilege to have partnered with Aramark in giving away 2,000 turkeys to families in our community alongside our great Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, our District 9 Councilwoman Jan Perry, our District 10 Councilmember Herb Wesson, and representing AFL-CIO Joint Federation of Labor Maria Elena Durazo," added Abbassi.

The Food Services Division of Los Angeles Convention Center will also donate 200 turkeys to the families who were impacted by the recent Sylmar fires, and will cook and transport 1,100 meals for the Salvation Army Red Shield on Wednesday, November 26th, 2008 at 6:15 in the evening. The Uniforms Division of ARAMARK Corporation sponsored the Salvation Army dinner engagement.

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About the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC)

The Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) is one of the most technologically advanced convention and exhibition centers in the world. LACC attracts over 2.5 million annual visitors and is renowned internationally as a prime site for conventions, trade shows and exhibitions. With its towering emerald architectural design, the LACC is a well recognized Los Angeles landmark. An integral economic component to the Southern California area, total sales from client secondary spending tops \$1.1 billion annually, generating and sustaining over 12,000 local jobs. LACC is a model environmental-friendly facility. Its solar panels are capable of meeting the electricity needs of an estimated 100 homes, and it's recycling, energy efficiency, and water conservation programs help to conserve the environment. LACC is enrolled in the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) Green Power Program (environmentally-friendly renewable energy resources such as hydroelectric, geothermal, solar, biomass, and wind energy) at a level of 30% of the facilities consumption. The Los Angeles Convention Center is registered with the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) as a member of the Los Angeles and National Chapter and holds the prestigious USGBC LEED certification for existing buildings. LACC is also a proud recipient of prestigious environmental and industry awards including several Planner's Choice Awards presented by Meeting News magazine, multiple Prime Site Awards from the Facilities and Destinations magazine, recognition for model emergency care programs, and was invited to partner with the Environmental Protection Agency's National earth conscious WasteWise Program. For more information about the Los Angeles Convention Center, please call (213) 741-1151, ext. 5319 or visit www.lacclink.com.

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