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## Midwest Poultry Federation and Saint Paul Convention and Visitors Authority Donate 424 Pounds of Turkey to Saint Paul Food Shelf

*Gifts recognize strong partnership between Federation and Saint Paul CVA*

**(Saint Paul) – November 19, 2009** – The Midwest Poultry Federation and the Saint Paul Convention and Visitors Authority began Thanksgiving celebrations early by contributing twenty-five turkeys, totaling 424 pounds, to families served by Neighborhood House on Saint Paul’s West Side. The turkeys will become the centerpiece on the Thanksgiving tables of twenty-five families from across Saint Paul.

“The Thanksgiving turkey is an American tradition and we are thrilled to be able to help that tradition live on for Saint Paul families,” said Steve Olson, Executive Director of the Midwest Poultry Federation. “Our members take great pride in producing a wholesome, delicious food product for families in the U.S. and all over the world.”

Neighborhood House operates the largest single site food shelf in Minnesota.

“Our families will certainly enjoy their turkey dinners this Thanksgiving,” said Armando Camacho, President of Neighborhood House. “We have had record demand on our food shelf this year so we are grateful to both the Midwest Poultry Federation and the Saint Paul Convention and Visitors Bureau for this contribution.”

The gift turkeys recognize a partnership between the Midwest Poultry Federation and the Saint Paul Convention and Visitors Authority. The Federation has been holding its annual conference in Saint Paul for 15 years. The conference will bring 1,800 poultry producers and suppliers to the Saint Paul RiverCentre next March. They have recently committed to hold the conference at the RiverCentre through 2013.

“Midwest Poultry Federation has been a wonderful partner for Saint Paul and for the RiverCentre,” said Karolyn Kirchesler, President and CEO of the Saint Paul Convention and Visitors Authority. “We just love working with them and are excited to present this gift on their behalf.”

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**Picture: Left to Right**

Lara Durben, Midwest Poultry Federation, Merry Beckmann Butikis, Saint Paul CVA, Adam Thompson, Neighborhood House, Trinidad Mendoza, Neighborhood House, Kong Khang, Neighborhood House, Amanda Pasek, Saint Paul CVA