

News Release

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Puppies 'N Love/Animal Kingdom Pet Stores

Homeless families and their pets receive special Thanksgiving meal

Blanco Tacos + Tequila and Puppies 'N Love team-up to feed homeless families and their pets!

Scottsdale — Family Promise of Greater Phoenix is Arizona's only homeless shelter for families with pets and the adults, children, dogs, cats and a little turtle will **all** receive a very special Thanksgiving meal thanks to Blanco Tacos + Tequila and Puppies 'N Love pet stores.



"We have about 31 people here right now and 7 pets. We never turn families away because they have pets. We are so grateful and thrilled that all of our residents, including the four legged ones, are being fed," says Executive Director of Family Promise Ted Taylor.

Puppies 'N Love employees are going to bring various breeds of puppies to the shelter to surprise the families. They are also donating premium dog and cat food to feed the pets, and they will certainly bring food for the turtle too. The special event is

Nov. 23 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. at Family Promise of Greater Phoenix.

<u>Blanco</u> – a Fox Restaurants Concepts restaurant – is providing a huge spread for two-legged residents.

"We understand that the love between people and their pets doesn't end when people fall on hard times, so we are happy to be helping people who are in turn helping themselves and their animals," says Hayden Wolven of Fox Restaurants Restaurant Concepts.

Family Promise is the only homeless shelter in the state where families get to keep their pets on the premises in an animal sanctuary funded entirely by a PetSmart grant four years ago. So far this year, 87 families have been served and graduated from Family Promise including their 37 pets.

"Countless numbers of pets end up in shelters when their owners can no longer provide for them. I have seen families turn away help instead of giving up their pets so the ability to take care of the animals while our residents take care of themselves was a dream come true for us." says Taylor.

Note to media: Great live shot opportunities Wednesday morning to preview the dinner and/or Wednesday night. We welcome media coverage because we'd like to ask the public to drop off dog and pet supplies, such as collars, bowls, leashes and toys. Please call Linda Nofer at (480) 510-2353 if you have any questions.