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## LOCAL LOS ANGELES CHARITY PLAYS SANTA FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

MANHATTAN BEACH, CA — December 17, 2015 — According to the USDA, 1 in 4 children in Los Angeles struggle with hunger on a daily basis, higher than the national average. Homelessness in Los Angeles has gone up 11% in the past year alone. The Sheehan Adopt-a-Family Project (SAF), a 5 year old 501(c)(3) local charity, (www.safproject.org) is doing something about it.

SAF will work again this year with the Los Angeles DPSS Adopt-A-Family Program to provide at least 25 local low-income families (more than 150 people) with toys, clothes and food this holiday season. SAF is proud to be partnering again with the Viking Charities (<a href="http://www.vikingcharities.com">http://www.vikingcharities.com</a>), one of the Southland's leading charities for disadvantaged children.

On Saturday, December 19 from 8am-11am & Sunday December 20 from 8am-11am at the Barker Hangar in Santa Monica, SAF along with The Viking Charities and 300 members of the L.A. Sheriff's Department will assemble 1,560 packages, each containing one week's worth of food for families in need.

Monetary donations can be made at <a href="http://www.gofundme.com/safadoptafamily2015">http://www.gofundme.com/safadoptafamily2015</a> or by mail to SAF at 1590 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite D 360, Manhattan Beach, CA 90404. For in-kind donations, please contact Melissa at <a href="mailto:safprojectorg@gmail.com">safprojectorg@gmail.com</a>.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Adopt-A-Family Program (<a href="http://www.ladpss.org/dpss/vs/adopt.cfm">http://www.ladpss.org/dpss/vs/adopt.cfm</a>) makes a significant difference for local families in need through the generosity and contributions of individuals, groups and organizations.

The Sheehan Adopt-a-Family Project (SAF) is a 5 year old 501(c)(3) charity (<a href="www.safproject.org">www.safproject.org</a>) that adopts at least 25 Los Angeles families each holiday Season through the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Adopt-a-Family Program. SAF is proud to be partnering again with the Vikings Charity (<a href="http://www.vikingcharities.com">http://www.vikingcharities.com</a>) one of the Southland's leading charities for disadvantaged children. Please contact SAF at <a href="www.safproject.org">www.safproject.org</a> on Facebook <a href="www.safproject.org">www.facebook.com/</a> <a href="SheehanAdoptAFamily">SheehanAdoptAFamily</a> and Twitter <a href="@safadoptafamily">www.safproject.org</a> on Facebook <a href="www.facebook.com/">www.facebook.com/</a>