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The Gallegos Corporation has always committed itself to local philanthropic needs, and the company is not immune to the industry-wide slow down. In spite of this, Gerald Gallegos, Founder and CEO, is committed to helping those in our communities who are less fortunate. With the financial crisis making headlines daily, Gerald wanted to make a difference in our communities... and challenged his employees to step up and make someone's life better this holiday season.

Many of the area food banks are experiencing low inventory and many family budgets are stretched to the maximum. "Because we have been blessed with much over the past years, we would like to take this opportunity to give back to our communities who are in need at this difficult time," Gerald said. He went on to ask each of his employees—numbering near 500 across Colorado, Montana and Idaho—contribute cash or food. He will then match any and all donations, which will then be distributed in the communities where we live and work.

Food banks have specifically requested tuna, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, rice, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit and diapers. It is Gerald's hope that by working together, the company can make a significant impact not only this holiday season, but through the winter season.

"Many families are really struggling right now, and if we can make a positive impact, I will be pleased," Gerald said. "I believe my employees will rally together and make a difference. In addition, I challenge other local contractors to make a difference, and get their employees involved."

The companywide food drive will take place between December 1 and December 17. Each office will donate the food and/or gift cards to local organizations of their choice. Vail will be donating to the Salvation Army Food Bank in Edwards, Aspen to Lift Up in Glenwood and Denver to Food Bank of the Rockies.

Gerald is on the board of several non profits including the Vail Valley Foundation, The Youth Foundation, El Pomar and the Minturn Community Fund. The Gallegos

Corporation was founded in 1970 by Gerald G. Gallegos as a specialty stone masonry company. Since that time, TGC has expanded trades and now also specializes in distinctive residential and commercial projects including quality masonry, plaster/stucco, concrete, art rock, marble/granite work and stone sales.

The Gallegos Corporation is headquartered in Vail, Colorado and has offices in Denver, Telluride, Aspen, Colorado; Sun Valley, Idaho, and Bozeman, Montana.