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ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT TO BENEFIT LOCAL SOUP KITCHEN

(TRADITIONS OF AMERICA AT SILVER SPRING NEIGHBORS COLLECT FOR
DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD)

Mechanicsburg, PA – March 13, 2009 – While the media is flooded with stories of investors losing millions, the fact that many don't even have the resources to provide food for themselves is not lost on one local group. Homeowners at a 55+ community located in Silver Spring have decided to turn a social event into an opportunity to help meet this growing need. Neighbors and friends at Traditions of America at Silver Spring will meet on Tuesday for their routine potluck dinner, but this time they will also be collecting to benefit Harrisburg's Downtown Daily Bread soup kitchen.

"Living in a community like this is something that many of us have worked towards for a long time," beams homeowner Carol Gansell. Together with neighbor Phyllis Campbell, Gansell helps coordinate some of the social activities within the active lifestyle community. Among the frequent happenings since Gansell moved into her new home last summer is a periodic potluck dinner held at the community's sales center, which she suggests has been a great way to have casual fun with all of her new neighbors. "As fortunate as we all feel," says Gansell, "we're aware that others have no place at all to call home. This seemed like the perfect opportunity to provide support for those in the area who need it most."

The group will be collecting non-perishables and kitchen supplies to fill the pantry at Downtown Daily Bread, and hopes that others in the area will open their hearts as well. Those wishing to contribute can bring canned goods or checks made out to Downtown Daily Bread to the sales center at Traditions of America at Silver Spring, located at 15

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Presidents Drive in Mechanicsburg. The sales center is open daily 11 – 6, and donations will be collected until Friday, March 20.

Traditions of America staff is not at all surprised by the generosity of these homeowners. Company Principal, Timothy McCarthy, is familiar with the phenomenon. “Our homebuyers develop quick friendships in our lifestyle communities. It’s not unusual for those friendships to spill over into doing good for the greater community,” he states.

More information regarding Traditions of America at Silver Spring can be found at www.TraditionsofAmerica.com.

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Traditions of America, based in Radnor, Pennsylvania, with a successful record for over 20 years, is dedicated to developing Lifestyle Communities and building the finest carefree homes for people age 55 and better. Recognized as a national award-winning leader in the growing industry of developing such communities, the firm has built communities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Traditions of America is currently selling homes in four Pennsylvania communities – Liberty Hill (State College area), Traditions of America at Hanover (Hanover Township), Silver Spring (Mechanicsburg) and Liberty Hills (Pittsburgh area).

Downtown Daily Bread (DDB) is a soup kitchen located in the Boyd Building of The Pine Street Presbyterian Church in downtown Harrisburg. It provides hot, nutritious meals for the needy and the homeless of the city. The meals are served daily between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. The soup kitchen was opened in March of 1983 out of concern for local hunger needs.

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