

# Press Release

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## **COMMUNITIES OF HOPE OUTREACH BEGINS**

SACRAMENTO, CA, NOVEMBER 30, 2009: Executive Director of the program, Stacey F. Johnson will begin outreach efforts in support of *Communities of Hope*, a program designed to bring low income communities out of poverty. The program relies on cooperation between government officials, community businesses and community residents.

The AAASM, a 501©(3) nonprofit organization designed to help single mothers living in poverty, developed the plan and submitted the plan for Federal funding but was denied. The Association realizes the need for such a program and has decided to move plans forward, seeking funding from the communities it will service.

The Association Director and family began its outreach to needy families in the Sacramento area by personally delivering 30 turkeys and other food items for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Association's **Fund Drive 2009** began on November 23, 2009 and has already received the cooperation of **General Produce**, a family owned and operated produce distributor located in Sacramento, California. They will donate produce for the AAASM Community Farmers Market. The Farmers Market will provide affordable fruits and vegetables to low income families. An agreement has also been established between the Association and **Harbor Oaks Apartments**, located in Natomas, to provide the Clubhouse as needed to facilitate **Communities of Hope** programs. Most recently, the Association received a generous donation from Sacramento's Vice Mayor, Lauren Hammond, in the support of The Boys to Men Project, a mentoring program for at-risk youth.

For more information about AAASM.org and the **Communities of Hope** program visit [www.aaasm.org](http://www.aaasm.org) or contact the program Director as indicated above.

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