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## IMAGINE EATING THANKSGIVING DINNER ON THE FLOOR

Volunteers, Blue Jackets Wives, and Team Mascot Will Deliver Tables to Families on Nov. 25

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Not every family in central Ohio can gather around a table for Thanksgiving dinner. MAP Furniture Bank (MAP) will work with volunteers and local sponsors to provide tables and chairs to 125 local families in time for Thanksgiving.

MAP's fourth-annual "Tables for Thanksgiving" event will take place on Nov. 25, 2008 at 118 S. Yale Ave in Columbus. 130 community volunteers, including player wives and Stinger from the Columbus Blue Jackets, will work together to deliver a kitchen table and chairs to area families in need. Joining Stinger will be Amanda Murray, Linda Boyd, Guro Stypet, Kristiyna Simova, and Zuzana Novotny.

"This event brings light to the sad fact that many families will share their Thanksgiving dinner on the floor. We want to provide a memorable holiday for as many families as we can," said Jim Stein, president of MAP.

The families selected for this event were referred by MAP's partner agencies or nominated by WCOL listeners. Each family will receive one table, four chairs, a set of china and Thanksgiving dinner free of charge and they keep the donated items after the event.

Tables for the event were donated by area colleges and hotels. Columbia Gas, Keller Williams Consultants Realty/Keller Williams Classic Properties, Sysco Central Ohio, Daniel and Missy Lorenz, Eastmisnter Presbyterian Church and Campbell, Hornbeck, Chilcoat & Veatch, LLC are providing financial support for the event.

**About MAP Furniture Bank:** MAP provides free furniture to neighbors in need. Nearly 80 percent of client families earn less than \$10,000 annually and are dealing with severe life challenges ranging from previous homelessness to mental disability. For more information, visit: [www.mapfurniturebank.org](http://www.mapfurniturebank.org) or call (614) 272-9544.