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MAYORS EXAMINE CAUSES OF HUNGER, HOMELESSNESS: *The U.S. Conference of Mayors to Release 2008 Hunger and Homelessness Survey*

Annual Survey Results Announced In Miami, FL
Friday, December 12 – 10:30am

Washington, D.C. – In the midst of a struggling national economy and a growing demand for emergency services, The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) will release results of its 2008 Hunger and Homelessness Report at a **Press Conference on Friday, December 12 at 10:30am during the 4th Annual Miami Cares Day in Miami, FL.**

The survey will include results from twenty-five of America's major cities (listed below) that highlight causes of hunger and homelessness in metropolitan centers in the United States. For the past 22 years, The Conference of Mayors has reported on the shortage of emergency services – food, shelter, medical care, income assistance and energy assistance – in our nation's cities.

Miami Cares Day is observed in an effort to provide services to hundreds of homeless individuals with the goal of engaging them in the continuum of care and helping eliminate chronic homelessness in the city. In one day, volunteers, community sponsors and partners join in efforts and expertise to assist these individuals that are often forgotten. The event runs from 9:30 am to 1pm.

WHO: Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, President, USCM
Philip Mangano, Executive Director, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

WHAT: PRESS CONFERENCE to release results of the 2008 Hunger and Homelessness Report

WHEN: Friday, December 12, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Miami Rescue Mission
NW First Avenue between 20th and 21st Streets
Miami, FL 33127

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