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### **Convoy of Hope rolls into Colorado Springs to assist the needy through the Springs Rescue Mission**

Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Mechanical Contractors Association of Colorado, in conjunction with the Mechanical Service Contractors of America (MSCA), the Rocky Mountain Pipetrades District Council 5, and the highly skilled tradesmen and women of United Association (UA) locals 58 and 208 are giving back to the community through the Convoy of Hope and the Springs Rescue Mission.

Based on the generous donations from the groups listed above plus other MSCA members, a tractor trailer stocked full of over 36,000 pounds of needed supplies will be unloaded for distribution on October 7, 2011 at 2:30 pm at the Springs Rescue Mission located at 5 West Las Vegas Street in Colorado Springs. Items include food, clothing, household goods, hygiene items, and baby care products which can benefit the homeless, working poor, families and individuals struggling to make ends meet in the midst of our very difficult economic times.

MSCA Executive Director, Barbara Dolim stated, “MSCA is an association that strives to help and support the communities where our members work and live. We are very excited about the support we can bring to the Colorado Springs area during our 26<sup>th</sup> annual MSCA educational conference being held October 9 through October 12 in this great city. This year’s educational conference theme of “*putting people first*” fits in perfectly with us giving back to the community. This is our second year of partnering with Convoy of Hope assisting companies to reach out



into their communities and the world. We are delighted to once again team up with Convoy of Hope and provide support for those less fortunate than many of our members through the Springs Rescue Mission.”

Dave Davia, CEO/EVP of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Colorado, commented, “During the hard times we are all experiencing in the construction industry and with our economy in general, it is very heartwarming to see our contractor members and the labor forces of the UA once again step up to the plate to support the people in our community who desperately need our help. We are looking forward to putting some smiles on the faces of the needy through the Springs Rescue Mission and Convoy of Hope. We are grateful the MSCA chose to host its annual educational conference in our community; and thankful that the spirit of giving is alive and well within our respective groups giving us all the inspiration to join together to benefit others.”

Convoy of Hope has served over 47 million people over the past 16 years with food and supplies to people in need around the world through children’s feeding initiatives, community outreaches, disaster response and partner resourcing. In 2010 alone, Convoy of Hope served over 8 million people in the U.S. and around the world and now brings its special brand of helping the needy to Colorado Springs. For more information about Convoy of Hope visit [www.convoyofhope.org](http://www.convoyofhope.org), or call 417-823-8998.

Springs Rescue Mission has been making a real difference in the lives of the homeless, working poor and struggling families in Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Region since 1996. They are a group of dedicated people who call themselves neighbors helping neighbors. They provide critically needed food, clothing, household supplies and services and continue their good work to help others through both cash and gifts-in-kind. Unfortunately, the need for help continues to grow as America works its way through these challenging times. All gifts-in-kind donations are given to those in need free of charge while they have the resources to give. “We are deeply grateful to the skilled and caring professionals of the MSCA and Mechanical Contractors Association of Colorado and its affiliates, who made this generous donation through Convoy of Hope possible,” Springs Rescue Mission CEO Rev. Joe Vazquez said. “In this difficult economy, resources are shrinking to provide a safety net of food and supplies for our neighbors in need. The latest census figures show that 13.5% of El Paso County residents live in poverty. Donations like these, especially when combined with the ongoing support of so many faithful friends in the Pikes Peak Region, keep the goods



and services of Springs Rescue Mission flowing to those who need it most.” For more information about Springs Rescue Mission visit [www.mysrm.org](http://www.mysrm.org), or call 719-632-1822.

Mechanical Service Contractors of America is the leading national trade association for HVACR contractors, providing education, marketing and labor/management services to assure its members deliver quality performance, value and expertise for all building system needs. MSCA contractors perform service, maintenance, replacement, retrofit and repair work resulting in enhanced reliability, tenant satisfaction, and efficiency. MSCA’s contractor qualification program, MSCA STAR, recognizes contractors who have met the highest standards of excellence in the industry and employ highly-skilled UA STAR certified technicians. MSCA has more than 1,400 members and is a subsidiary of the Mechanical Contractors Association of America. For more information about MSCA, visit [www.msca.org](http://www.msca.org) or call 800-556-3653.

The Mechanical Contractors Association of Colorado is a management association representing owners and managers of firms involved in heating, air conditioning, refrigeration, plumbing, piping and mechanical service throughout Colorado. The Mechanical Contractors Association of Colorado and its labor force members are involved in numerous programs to support the communities of Colorado including:

- The Helmets to Hardhats program – putting military veterans to work in the trades
- Wounded Warriors – honoring our brave soldiers at Fort Carson and sponsoring events since 2009 in conjunction with the Home Front Cares organization
- Homes for Our Troops – members of the Colorado Association of Mechanical and Plumbing Contractors and other generous companies and associations affiliated with the construction industry constructed a specially adaptive home for a brave soldier who was severely injured in the service of his country.
- Colorado State University – building industry/construction education program and the mechanical work required in the building of the new Preconstruction Center at the university.

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