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## PLS Presidents Deliver Thanksgiving Turkeys to Chicago's Pacific Garden Mission

CHICAGO, IL—November 27, 2011: PLS continued its long-running support of the Pacific Garden Mission on Chicago's South Side with a Thanksgiving-week delivery that made the holiday more festive for hundreds of people in need. Bob and Dan Wolfberg, PLS Co-Presidents, pulled up at the Mission's loading dock with a truckload of turkeys, which became part of the Mission's Thanksgiving feast.

The Pacific Garden Mission, located at 1458 S. Canal Street, provides food, clothing, shelter and medical care to the needy throughout the Chicago area. On an average night, over 700 homeless men, women and children receive safe, clean and warm shelter at the Mission. During the cold winter months, that number can climb above 900. Everything is provided free of charge to all who enter "the doors that never close."

PLS operates more than 300 financial services centers in nine states. The PLS mission is to provide innovative and convenient financial services delivered with the respect that hard-working consumers deserve.

**Supporting our neighbors in need**

PLS's ongoing support of the Pacific Garden Mission has been recognized with the prestigious Activa Award, presented by Financial Service Centers of America (FISCA) to neighborhood financial services center providers demonstrating outstanding involvement and investment in the communities in which they do business.

"As we gather around our tables on Thanksgiving," said Dan Wolfberg, "the Pacific Garden Mission is working to see that those in the greatest need are able to enjoy a holiday dinner and a warm place to sleep. That's an effort we're proud to support."

"It's our privilege to help our neighbors in need," added Bob Wolfberg. "Not just during the holiday season, but all year round."

"We thank PLS for their generosity, and for helping to make sure that Chicago's homeless are able to enjoy the blessings of Thanksgiving," said Patrick Doolin, the Pacific Garden Mission's Transportation Director, as he accepted the turkeys.



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### About PLS: People. Location. Service.

The PLS Group, headquartered in Chicago, is comprised of more than 300 financial services centers in Alabama, Arizona, California, Illinois, Indiana, Mississippi, New York, Texas and Wisconsin, with more than 3,100 employees. PLS is one of the largest, fastest-growing and most distinguished organizations in the check cashing industry, and is a top performer for Western Union, a money transfer network.

PLS has been listed among *Inc.* magazine's "5000 Fastest-Growing Private Companies in America" for the past three years, and for three consecutive years has been named one of the "101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work for in Chicago" by the National Association of Business Resources. For the past four years, PLS has been named one of Chicago's Largest Privately Held Companies by *Crain's Chicago Business*®, and was a member of *Crain's* "Fast 50" (Fastest Growing Companies). Bob and Dan Wolfberg, PLS Presidents, were finalists for Ernst & Young's 2010 Entrepreneur of the Year Award. In 2011, Bob Wolfberg was recognized by Financial Service Centers of America (FISCA) as its Financial Service Provider of the Year. The company has also been twice honored with the Activa Award from FISCA in recognition of its charitable efforts.

The PLS Group serves customers through its **PLS Check Cashers** stores, which offer check cashing, prepaid Visa debit cards, money transfer services, money orders and bill payments; **PLS Loan Store** locations, which provide consumer short-term loans, auto insurance and tax-preparation services; and **PLS Motor Vehicle Services** facilities, which offer vehicle license and registration services.

### About the Pacific Garden Mission

The Pacific Garden Mission is the oldest continuously operating rescue mission in the U.S. In addition to food, clothing, shelter and medical care, it offers ministry and job training to thousands in need throughout the Chicago area. The Pacific Garden Mission accepts no government funding; all of its operating expenses are covered by donations. To support the Pacific Garden Mission's work, or for more information, call 312-492-9410 or visit [www.pgm.org](http://www.pgm.org)

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