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**St. Vincent de Paul community breakfast raises nearly \$600,000
to benefit hunger and homelessness prevention programs**

PHOENIX (April 30, 2007) – The Society of St. Vincent de Paul hosted the “Called to Care: Transforming Lives” community breakfast April 25 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa to benefit its hunger and homelessness prevention programs. The event, featuring keynote speaker Johnny Basha, vice chairman of the board for Bashas’ Family of Stores, and emcee Gene Ganssle, a veteran actor and new director of the Arizona Student Film Festival, drew over 700 community and business leaders to raise nearly \$600,000.

“We are overwhelmed by the amount of support we received from the community,” said Steve Zabilski, executive director of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. “This event is such an important part of our efforts each year to continue providing the numerous hunger and homelessness prevention programs and services at St. Vincent de Paul.”

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides compassion and support to individuals in need, regardless of race, origin, religion or gender. Through home visits, a transitional housing shelter, five charity dining rooms, medical and dental care, employment services, thrift stores and numerous outreach programs, St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to serving the homeless and economically disadvantaged, while providing volunteers the opportunity to help their community.

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