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Homeless rooting for the home team

St. Vincent de Paul guests get a chance to cheer on the Diamondbacks

Phoenix — On Wednesday, August 6, St. Vincent de Paul is keeping its doors open after lunch and turning on the Diamondbacks game for the area's homeless community. The guests at the Henry Unger Dining Room, 1075 W. Jackson St., will be treated to traditional ballpark snacks and beverages, while cheering for the D-backs as they take on the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"The Valley's homeless have it tough," said Steve Zabitski, St. Vincent de Paul's executive director. "They are not sure where they will find their next meal or where they will sleep at night. This is one of the rare times the homeless can forget their problems for a few hours and show some support for an organization that supports them."

When the Diamondbacks rallied in the ninth inning to steal a game from the Milwaukee Brewers on July 3, the fans were on their feet cheering. Not just the fans at Chase Field, but the 200 homeless guests who got a chance to watch the game on the big screen televisions at St. Vincent de Paul's downtown Phoenix dining room.

"It was an amazing game," said Zabitski. "Our guests were cheering and having a good time. The Diamondbacks are long-time supporters of St. Vincent de Paul and it was nice to let the guests help cheer them on to victory."

Who: St. Vincent de Paul

What: Homeless cheering for the Diamondbacks at St. Vincent de Paul

When: Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 12:40 p.m.

Where: Henry Unger Dining Room, 1075 W. Jackson St., Phoenix

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a non-profit organization, dedicated to serving the poor and providing others with the opportunity to serve. Programs include services for the homeless, medical/dental care for the working poor, five charity dining rooms, six thrift stores, a transitional housing shelter and general assistance for individuals in need.