

# Media Advisory

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### Keeping the Homeless Dry

#### St. Vincent de Paul Opening Dining Room to House Overnight Guests

PHOENIX — Due to the flooding of the overflow shelter last night, St. Vincent de Paul has announced they will open their building on the Human Services Campus to provide sleeping accommodations for homeless individuals beginning this evening. The lobby, chapel and large conference room will be used. The building will open at 6 p.m. for overnight guests. Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) will be providing manpower and needed bedding supplies.

"We want to provide a safe and dry place for the homeless to get out of the monsoon rains," explained Jerry Castro, manager of dining rooms for St. Vincent de Paul. "We expect to be open for three or four days, depending on the weather."

The Lodestar Day Resource Center will also be opening their facility for overnight guests until the problems in the overflow shelter are resolved.

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