



Friends of St. Anne Ministry

By providing loans of durable medical equipment to low-income individuals who cannot afford to purchase it, the Friends of St. Anne Ministry is helping the disabled and elderly remain independent and mobile. Each year, hundreds of wheelchairs, as well as canes, crutches, and shower chairs are provided to members of the community.

Shifting Gears

Shifting Gears is a mentoring program to foster pride and self-esteem in low-income youth. Students attend classes to learn basic bike repair skills and bike safety from adult volunteer supervisors. At the end of the program, participants may take home one of the bikes they've fixed. They are also provided with a helmet, lock and headlight. Other repaired bikes are given to homeless clients for employment-related transportation.

WISH LIST

backpacks	men's pants
comfortable shoes	new socks
deodorant	new underwear
diapers	phone cards
disposable razors	tools
gasoline debit cards	toothbrushes

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international organization with more than 120,000 members in the United States, and 650,000 members in 135 countries. It is dedicated to serving the poor and providing others with the opportunity to serve.

St. Vincent de Paul has more than 3,000 members in 86 parish-based chapters, called Conferences of Charity, located throughout central and northern Arizona.

Other Programs and Services offered at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul include:

HOME VISITS: St. Vincent de Paul volunteers make home visits—a cornerstone of the Society since it was founded. These personal home visits provide more effective assistance to those in need. Food boxes, limited financial assistance with rent or utilities, referrals and encouragement are offered

FEEDING THE POOR: Hot meals are prepared and served to the homeless and working poor in five dining rooms and at 20 non-profit agencies throughout the Phoenix area. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of food are processed for distribution to the needy in the form of food boxes.

HELPING THE HOMELESS: Homeless individuals are assisted with showers, haircuts, hygiene products, clothing and job referrals. Disabled individuals or those older than 50 are housed in our transitional shelter, Ozanam Manor.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE: The Virginia G. Piper Medical & Dental Clinic provides access to medical and dental care to families that have no access to medical service. Durable medical equipment is loaned to the elderly and disabled.

THRIFT STORES: A number of thrift stores are operated in the Phoenix area as well as central and northern Arizona. They are a place where people in need and the general public can shop for low-cost clothing, furniture, and household items



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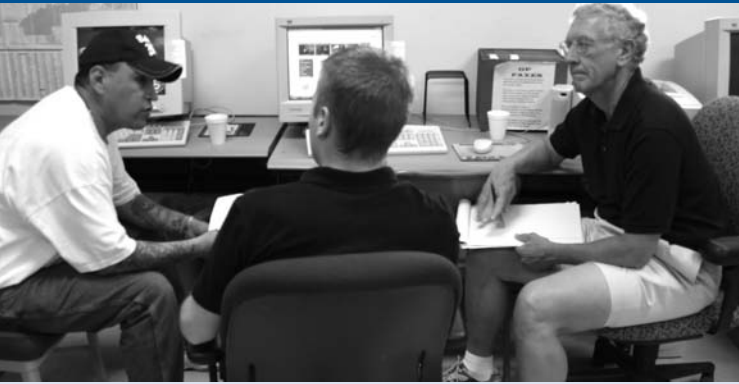
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SPECIAL WORKS MINISTRIES offers hope and help.



Special Works Ministries offers a range of one-on-one services to the poor and the homeless through direct client contact.

Services are provided to various groups living on the margins of society, such as the homeless, recently incarcerated, and the working poor. These programs have two goals: to meet the needs of the homeless and to prevent homelessness from occurring.

The homeless and those newly released from jail or prison find assistance, hope, and encouragement as they work to get back on their feet and make positive changes in their lives.

Working-poor families who struggle to make ends meet, or are facing a financial crisis, are given support and assistance to overcome barriers and improve their economic position.

Dozens of volunteers keep Special Ministries going, serving as interviewers, mentors, and many other roles to provide assistance, in the spirit of respect, love and dignity.

Ministry to the Homeless

Each day more than 100 homeless people come to the main campus at St. Vincent de Paul, where volunteer mentors assess their needs and provide the services and referrals to help them get off the street and back on their feet. Identification, transportation assistance, showers, haircuts, clothing, and toiletries are provided.

Opportunity Program

The Opportunity Program helps many of our clients get ahead in the job market. The job training and mentoring program offers tools to compete in the job market, including assistance with resume writing, job search, interviewing skills, and a voice mailbox. During the program, clients volunteer in various areas on our main campus to gain job experience and a letter of recommendation. Each year, more than 50 people graduate from the program, and find jobs and stable housing in the community.

Family Assistance Program

The goal of the Family Assistance Program is to prevent homelessness for families who are otherwise sustainable, but are facing a financial crisis. The program provides one-time assistance with rent or utility costs to families with children to help them stay in their homes.

Helping the Working Poor

Those who find it hard to make ends meet are becoming more financially independent through the Helping the Working Poor Program. Approximately 100 families per year work with a case manager and a mentor to create a family budget and set spending priorities. Job training and job readiness assistance is also provided; and participants can get assistance with childcare, transportation, and other costs related to seeking better employment. In addition to families, about 50 individuals are also helped by the program each year.

Transient Aid Center

The Transient Aid Center (TAC) serves as a guardian angel for non-residents who become stranded in the Phoenix area while on their way to another destination. TAC helps more than 1,200 people each year to get home to their families, through gas vouchers, bus tickets, or other forms of assistance.

Ministry to the Incarcerated

Ministry to the Incarcerated offers those who are recently released from jail or prison the support they need to reestablish their lives. Volunteers offer assistance with finding housing, employment, and other needed services. It also assists more than a thousand family members each year with mentoring, emotional support, and direct financial assistance to avoid homelessness while a family member is incarcerated.

