

Media Advisory

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Water donations needed

St. Vincent de Paul distributing 2,000 bottles a day

Phoenix — It's hot! The triple-digit temperatures are here, and staying hydrated is more important than ever. For the Valley's homeless, staying hydrated isn't just important — it's a daily challenge.

St. Vincent de Paul provides water every day as part of our its regular services, and when the temperature soars so does the need for water. SVdP does everything it can to help, but it cannot do it alone.

"We are already providing about 2,000 bottles of water a day to guests seeking relief at out dining rooms," said Carl Deimeke, St. Vincent de Paul's food reclamation manager. "The season is just starting and we are already running low on water."

To keep up with the demand, St. Vincent de Paul is setting up water donation stations at four of its facilities and calling on Valley residents to help keep the homeless hydrated.

St. Vincent de Paul also is using three of its locations as refuge sites for people to escape the heat and cool down.

"We are extending our dining room hours at the Human Services Campus in downtown Phoenix to allow people to stay inside longer and to take pressure off the Day Resource Center," said Steve Zabilski, St. Vincent de Paul's executive director. "Our Mesa and Sunnyslope dining rooms will also be available as a cooling center."

Who: St. Vincent de Paul Society

What: Seeking water donations, offering refuge from the heat

When: Every day

Where: Locations listed below

St. Vincent de Paul Main Campus (Water donations only)

420 W. Watkins Road, Phoenix
Sunday – Saturday, 8am-1:30pm

Henry Unger Dining Room (Water and refuge)

1075 W. Jackson Ave., Phoenix
Sunday – Saturday, 8am-1:30pm

Chris Becker Dining Room (Water and refuge)

9227 N. 10th Ave., Phoenix
Monday-Thursday, 8am-6pm

Wayne Unruh Dining Room (Water and refuge)

67 W. Broadway Road, Mesa
Sunday-Saturday, 7am-1pm

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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, seven thrift stores, a transitional housing shelter and general assistance for individuals in need.