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### *Easter bunny visits Society of St. Vincent de Paul 2,500 Easter baskets distributed to children*

**PHOENIX, AZ** – The Easter bunny made a visit to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Family Dining Room on March 24, distributing nearly 2,500 donated Easter baskets.

Employees from St. Joseph's Hospital, Catholic Healthcare West, and the law firm of Jennings, Strouss & Salmon made or purchased most of the baskets. Others who contributed included the Laureate Alpha Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, Girl Scout troops from the East Valley, and Glennie Scott, a long-time volunteer at the Society.

Cindy Nelson, a resident of Scottsdale, made two dozen baskets for children. She works near the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's main campus and has been making baskets for more than 10 years. "It's so rewarding to know that children will get these baskets," she said. "I have fond memories of Easter when I was a little girl, and I just want to provide a little excitement for the kids who would otherwise go without a basket."

Baskets also were distributed at the Society's four other dining rooms in El Mirage, Sunnyslope, Mesa, and 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 and dental care for the working poor, five charity dining rooms and general assistance for individuals in need.*