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St. Vincent de Paul's Director of Shelter Services Named Piper Fellow

Phoenix – Richard “Mike” Bell, the Director of Shelter Services for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been named a Fellow of the Virginia G. Piper Trust.

Mike, is the Director of Ozanam Manor, a transitional shelter for homeless individuals who are mentally or physically disabled, or are age 50 and above.

During his fellowship, Mike will participate in three professional development programs: a five-day seminar at the Center for Creative Leadership in Colorado Springs, a “5 Day MBA” seminar by American Management Associates in San Francisco and a course in program evaluation at ASU’s Center for Nonprofit Leadership and Management. He also plans to research and write about best practices in ending homelessness, including visiting several best practice programs and attending an annual conference on homelessness.

The Piper Fellowship Program provides professional development, growth, and renewal for nonprofit leaders. The awards are intended to give professionals in the nonprofit field a minimum of one month to a maximum of two months work-release time plus expenses for study and travel. Recipients are encouraged to draw on educational and professional resources from across the nation.

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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.