

# **Charity adds thrift store to its services in S. Phoenix**

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SOUTH PHOENIX - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been known for its charity for decades. It has met the needs of the hungry and needy all around the Valley.

Now in south Phoenix, St. Vincent de Paul has added a new dimension to giving with a thrift store to provide residents with affordable clothing, furniture and household goods.

The store is one of several services offered at the 420 W. Watkins location, just north of the Rio Salado. The thrift store opened Valentine's Day.

"We had a store here, but it was only for the needy, without a cash register, just vouchers only," said Norma Salas, communications manager for St. Vincent de Paul. "And it became where we needed one (thrift store)."

The store is at the charity's main facility and carries items that have been donated. In addition to furniture and clothing, linens, dishes, appliances and books are available for purchase.

Funds raised by sales are invested back in St. Vincent de Paul programs that serve the working poor, homeless and other assistance programs.

Besides accepting cash, the store also accepts vouchers from needy families from parishes throughout the Diocese of Phoenix.

To donate or for more information, call (602) 266-4673.

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