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Blanket donation aides Valley homeless through cold temperatures

The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust donated 600 blankets

In response to the latest cold front that has plunged the Valley into freezing overnight temperatures, the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust has donated 600 blankets to St. Vincent de Paul. Some of the blankets donated by the Virginia G. Piper were given out immediately.

Blankets are among the various items given to homeless individuals and families in St. Vincent de Paul's Ministry to the homeless, which serves more than 125 people a day. SVdP volunteers provide homeless guests with clothes, a shower and food. In addition to basic needs, volunteer mentor our guests to help find a more permanent solution to homelessness.

With the onset of cooler temperatures, St. Vincent de Paul has been assisting a growing number of homeless people. The number of homeless families and individuals in need will likely increase as winter approaches.

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