

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 420 W. Watkins Road, Phoenix AZ 85003

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Sodexo Foundation donates holiday treat to needy families

Management company to provide food, volunteers during SVdP's family evening meal

PHOENIX – The holidays not only provide an opportunity to give back to the community, but a chance to create memories and bonds that will inspire service throughout the year to come. On December 20th, Sodexo employees will share in this experience by providing dinner for St. Vincent de Paul's family evening meal. More than 100 families will enjoy a festive dinner catered by Sodexo, which will include glazed ham, oven roasted potatoes and holiday sweet corn as well as cookies, cakes and ice cream for dessert.

St. Vincent de Paul's family evening meal – served at the Dan O'Meara Center in south central Phoenix – is exclusive to families. Volunteers serve each family as if they were in a restaurant, providing families with an opportunity to spend quality time together. After dinner, many children visit Building Bridges, a section of the room where children can select books for parents or volunteers to read to them and get help with homework. Sodexo has provided meals and volunteers for the family evening meal for eight years. Their annual volunteer day expanded into two service days which include the holiday meal and an April meal in honor of Servathon, an event that emphasizes the importance of giving back to the community and highlights the need for volunteers. In addition to meals and volunteers, Sodexo Foundation works throughout the year to raise money, donate food and provide general assistance to charities working to stop hunger.

WHO: Sodexo
WHAT: Holiday Meal – employees will provide meal and volunteers
WHEN: Wednesday, December 20th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: St. Vincent de Paul's Dan O'Meara Center, 420 W. Watkins Road, Phoenix

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides more than 3,200 meals daily to the hungry and homeless populations throughout the Metropolitan Phoenix area. For information on food and item drives, please call 602.261.6837. To learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 602.261.6886.