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Haircut, holiday meal and more planned for Cut-A-Thon guests

Valley stylists providing haircuts for the homeless; Marie Callender's serving lunch

PHOENIX — When someone is not sure where he or she will find their next meal, they tend to put off basic needs such as grooming and hygiene. On Sunday, St. Vincent de Paul will help relieve this problem.

During Sunday's lunch at St. Vincent de Paul's Jackson Avenue dining room, 1075 W. Jackson Ave., guests can get more than a hot meal. Barbers and stylists from the Arizona Barber Styling College and various Valley salons will provide between 300 and 350 haircuts to homeless men, women and children.

Along with a fresh haircut, the St. Vincent de Paul guests will be receiving lunch from Marie Callender's volunteers, as they serve their famous potpies and cornbread. Marie Callender's has provided this holiday treat for the dining room guests for the past 16 years.

The event also will include a visit from Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and their helpers as they deliver age and gender specific toys for children and hygiene kits for adults. The kits will include a toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, soap, and shaving items.

"We are very grateful for all of the longtime donors, volunteers and coordinators of this event," said Steve Zabalski, executive director of St. Vincent de Paul. "Sharon Ashby-Robinson has organized quarterly cut-a-thons since 1992, and Marie Callender's has provided lunch during the December event every year. It's always a special day for our guests."

Who: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

What: Haircut-A-Thon and Marie Callender's serving lunch

When: Sunday, Dec. 9

10 a.m. — 1 p.m. — Haircuts

11 a.m. — 12:45 p.m. — Lunch by Marie Callender's

11 a.m. — 1 p.m. — Santa Claus visits with gifts

Where: Henry Unger Memorial Dining Room (on the Human Services Campus)
1075 W. Jackson Ave., 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/dental care for the working poor, five charity dining rooms, six thrift stores, a transitional housing shelter and general assistance for individuals in need.