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Deluxe Corporation donation helps homeless

Ozanam Manor residents to benefit

PHOENIX — At one time or another, everyone needs to take a break. And Thursday's (Dec. 20) holiday party at St. Vincent de Paul's Ozanam Manor, 1730 E. Monroe St., gives residents a chance to relax and celebrate life.

Ozanam Manor, a transitional shelter, offers a second chance at life for a group of people who are often forgotten. It serves a vulnerable segment of the homeless population — physically or mentally disabled adults and those older than 50 — by helping them move toward the path of independent living.

Through its services and programs, the shelter gives residents the hope and support they need to successfully return to mainstream society. With assistance from professional case managers, shelter staff members, volunteers, and each other, the residents develop a written plan to achieve their goals. They receive job skills development, resource referrals, group activities and mentoring in a stable community environment.

"They took me off the streets, fed me, clothed me, and sheltered me when no one else would," said Robert who lived at Ozanam Manor for 14 months. "I've come a long way with their support and guidance."

The party is open to all Ozanam Manor residents, former residents, mentors and volunteers. Activities begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. The holiday celebration was made possible by a generous \$2,000 donation from Deluxe Corporation Foundation.

"The party is a time when the residents don't have to think or worry about the problems in their lives," said Maribeth Schmidt, a case manager at Ozanam Manor.

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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.