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Sodexho Foundation providing family evening meal

Scottsdale volunteers make 2,400 'Hugging Pillows' for guests

PHOENIX — How does St. Vincent de Paul care for the needy every day? We do it with the help of longtime supporters like Sodexho Foundation.

On Wednesday, Dec. 19, Sodexho employees will provide and serve a catered holiday meal to nearly 800 guests at St. Vincent de Paul's Dan O'Meara Center, 420 W. Watkins Ave., Phoenix. For the past nine years, Sodexho has supported St. Vincent de Paul's effort to stop hunger in Arizona and across the country by providing food and volunteers for the family evening meal. The foundation also provides an April meal in honor of Servathon, an event that emphasizes the importance of helping the hungry.

Also, all of our dining room guests will receive "Hugging Pillows," which were hand-made by volunteers Jo McCarthy and Marissa Robles, both of St. Patrick Parish in Scottsdale. The two friends made 2,400 pillows in one year and donated them to St. Vincent de Paul. For the last six years, they have been making pillows for our dining room guests. According to McCarthy, this is the last year they will be making the pillows.

Who: Sodexho Foundation/ Scottsdale volunteers

What: Sodexho Holiday meal — employees will provide meal and servers/ Scottsdale volunteers handing out pillows

When: Wednesday, Dec. 19 from 5 - 6 p.m.

Where: St. Vincent de Paul's Dan O'Meara Center, 420 W. Watkins 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.