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## **St. Vincent de Paul sets Called to Care: Transforming Lives Breakfast**

PHOENIX — “Making ends meet” is a common expression heard at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. There are numerous individuals and families in the Valley that are not making ends meet. Due to an unfortunate situation, they are unable to buy food or clothes, find a job, pay bills or get back into mainstream society. For these people, St. Vincent de Paul is providing the basic resources needed in life, and helping them transform their lives.

St. Vincent de Paul prepares 3,500 hot meals every day for its five Valley dining rooms and for 18 additional nonprofits. For the hungry, making ends meet means visiting one of the dining rooms to enjoy a hot, nourishing meal.

To a family who can not visit a dining room, making ends meet means receiving one of the 220,000 food boxes Vincentians deliver every year to the hungry throughout central and northern Arizona.

In the Special Works Ministries, making ends meet is receiving the basic necessities in life. It is providing a warm shower, clean clothing, and hygiene supplies every day for more than 100 guests. It is helping clients find jobs and stable housing or helping families avoid homelessness by providing rent or utility assistance.

At Ozanam Manor, making ends meet means getting off the streets and receiving a second chance at life for an especially vulnerable group of people — disabled adults and those older than 50. In 2007, more than 140 people received assistance at the transitional shelter from professional case managers, staff members, and mentors. They received job skill development, resource referrals, and created written plans to achieve their goals of living an independent life once again.

Making ends meet has many different definitions at St. Vincent de Paul, but one true meaning would be giving people renewed hope.

**On April 10, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will host its Called to Care: Transforming Lives Community Breakfast from 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. in the McArthur Ballroom at the Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa. During the breakfast, guests will learn more about how St. Vincent de Paul restores hope in the Valley’s hungry, homeless and working poor on a daily basis. They will also hear from some of the people who have received our help to make ends meet and transform their lives. The breakfast will feature keynote speaker Johnny Basha, vice chairman of the board for Bashas’ Family of Stores, and emcee Gene Ganssle, a veteran actor and director of the Arizona Student Film Festival.**

**If you would like to attend the Called to Care: Transforming Lives Community Breakfast, please contact Leslie Zschokke at (602) 261-6837.**

**WHO:** Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
**WHAT:** Called to Care: Transforming Lives Community Breakfast  
**WHERE:** Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa – McArthur Ballroom  
2400 E. Missouri Avenue, Phoenix  
**WHEN:** Thursday, April 10, 2008  
7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. Registration  
7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Breakfast and Program

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