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'Experience' a real game of life

St. Vincent de Paul helps people understand homelessness

PHOENIX — Anything can happen in life, and a little bad luck can turn any American dream into a nightmare. Many of St. Vincent de Paul's clients are struggling from a setback, while others are an accident away from homelessness. To help people understand homelessness, the Society has created The St. Vincent de Paul Experience.

The Experience is a game where players go through exercises to help them realize how easily a minor incident can turn into a crisis. During the game, the players will experience a financial hardship — maybe a medical bill, car problem, or a job loss. To avoid homelessness, the players will utilize the services provided by St. Vincent de Paul. They might seek pretend job training, free medical support, or help paying a utility bill. The goal is to get the help needed and avoid homelessness.

The game is pretend, but the scenarios and services are real. The Experience will help people understand how easily homelessness can happen, and help them realize some of the things St. Vincent de Paul is doing every day to prevent it.

The game is scheduled to be played on April 19 at St. Vincent de Paul's Dan O'Meara Center, 420 W. Watkins Road, Phoenix. The game will be played from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., and takes 45 minutes to play. The Experience is ongoing and participants can start the game at any time.

Who: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

What: St. Vincent de Paul Experience. Learn about the Society and what we do on a daily basis.

When: Saturday, April 19 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The game takes about 45 minutes to play.

Where: Dan O'Meara Center, 420 W. Watkins Road, 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.