

### Our Youth Are Our Future



In today's world, one of the most serious problems facing established volunteer organizations is how to ensure their continuation. In the past, there existed many successful volunteer organizations that were heavily involved in community outreach.

Organizations have historically flourished with large membership numbers that always included several influential community leaders.

Today, many of these organizations have all but disappeared and for those that have remained, membership consists of retirees, regularly losing membership to death and to advancing age. St. Vincent de Paul also faces similar issues, since a large number of our membership is made up of retirees. However, we are moving proactively to resolve this dilemma.

Understanding that there are huge generational differences between the young and the old, our efforts have concentrated in welcoming groups of young volunteers. These volunteers can come together to perform the same acts of charity that older members do, but the young are doing these services their way and in the company of others their same age. The poor and marginalized are receiving the assistance that they need, and the young are satisfied in what they are accomplishing and are doing it in an atmosphere of friendship and companionship.

Youth sometimes don't relate to poverty or don't realize the seriousness of some situations. Issues that are important to older volunteers often seem

trivial to the younger volunteers. However, when young volunteers see serious issues that they may have trivialized in the past, they are forced to realize the gravity of the situation that hopefully will change their perspective on life. A young, single mother, with a young child, who is the same age as the volunteers, who has no money or place to stay, would strongly relate to a young volunteer. Such a tragic situation may begin to put life issues into perspective, for what is important in life.

These are important lessons that cannot be taught in a classroom and hopefully, will create an ideology that will remain with them the rest of their lives.

We have two all-youth Conferences: The Annunciation Catholic School Vibrant Vinnies and the St. Rose/Good Shepherd/ St. Philip Benizi Jr. Vincentians. We also have grammar school and high school students and college and university students who all volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul. They feed, help with the clinic, work in our urban garden and collect donations. These volunteers come from diverse groups and sources, and we are grateful to each of them.

It is with certainty that I can predict that most of these young volunteers will return as continuing members and leaders of future St. Vincent de Paul organizations. They are taking part in "On-The-Job" training program and their skills will continue to be needed in the future. For in Christ's own words "The poor will always be with you."

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### WITH DR. MAURICE LEE

J&A

Dr. Lee, who last year was one of our thousands of volunteers, says he is looking forward to making our clinic an even greater resource for the community.

Dr. Maurice Lee, the new medical director of our clinic, sat down with us to tell us about himself and his plans for the future of St. Vincent de Paul's clinic. He has a long history of volunteerism and vast experience working at community clinics.

### How long have you been involved with St. Vincent de Paul and how did you get involved?

I was a volunteer physician for a year before I was hired as the medical director. I've always volunteered. When I graduated residency, I started working for a low-income community clinic, but it wasn't enough so I wanted to be able to volunteer elsewhere. I had started a free clinic during residency and I wanted to keep that kind of care up, so this was perfect. I knew about St. Vincent de Paul because of its great reputation, so one day I came in and asked to serve my community.

### You have a very interesting story. Could you share a little bit about your experience in Ecuador and how it shaped you as a doctor?

It was probably one of the most rewarding times in terms of personal growth. It taught me that I have to take a step back and let things happen and that I don't necessarily need to have all the answers. I was there, in a small town in Ecuador's coastal rainforest area, for a little more than two years. I had finished my undergraduate degree and had worked for a little bit, when I decided to join the Peace Corps as a health volunteer. It was when I came back that I went to med school. I thought it had been hard when I left here to go there, but I had no idea leaving there to come back would be so much harder.

We focused on helping people work to the top of their abilities, as opposed to telling them what they can and can't do. We really encouraged them to figure out how high they can soar. That was really the biggest thing that happened there. Really, it was doing whatever the town needed. We built a basketball court and painted murals. I worked with all the population, including kids, teens and adults. It was a fun time: the food was great, the people were great and even the weather was great.

### What's your vision for the future of this clinic?

Well, I'm lucky because the clinic has been run really well and I'm just kind of stepping in and crossing t's and dotting i's. I don't really have to do any sweeping changes or anything like that. Just in the tradition of this clinic, I want to make sure that the care we're giving is up to the standards that you would get in any office so people who come here are not getting any less care because they come to a free clinic. The other part of it, is that I want to make sure that we try to fill any needs that aren't met in the community. Right now, for example, wound care is what is most needed so I want us to excel in that. In the future, the needs might change so we need to change too. Whatever care the community needs, we want to be able to provide it. I also want to make sure the staff, whether it's volunteers or employees, are proud to say they work here and that the patients don't feel ashamed they came here and that they feel they got the best care.



Dr. Maurice Lee, the newly appointed medical director of our clinic, has always been interested in using his skills to help those who might not be able to afford getting care elsewhere.



During 2014, our medical clinic provided almost 8,000 appointments and more than \$4.2 million worth of medical and dental care.

# BEA Summer Summer Action Hero. © ())

As temperatures rise, so do the basic needs of people who are struggling in our community. Join us in our fight against hunger by providing lifesaving water, food and assistance.

This year, CBS 5 and the Arizona Rattlers are joining us and inviting you to become a Summer Action Hero. Donate, host a drive or come to an Arizona Rattlers game! Buy your tickets to the May 16th home game by visiting SummerRelief.org and a portion of the proceeds will benefit our summer relief efforts. Then come down to the arena for a FREE family fun event before the game and meet some of your favorite CBS faces, Stryker, the Rattlers' mascot, and the Sidewinders!

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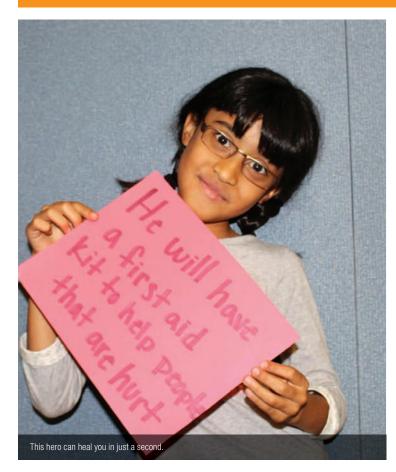


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The SVdP hero will not only protect you physically, but will care for you as well.

### **The Perfect SVdP Super Hero**

When we set out to create our very own super hero to support our Summer Action Hero campaign, we quickly realized no one would give us better ideas than our very own Dream Center children. We gathered the kids and asked them, if they could create a brand new super hero, what abilities and attributes they would give him or her. **This is what they had to say.** 





Our hero will have the power to give shelter to those who need it.





### Advice for a Younger Me: If Only I had Known...

Mike Bell is the director of SVdP's transitional shelter, Ozanam Manor, and has been working for the organization for almost 30 years.

After almost 30 years of working at Ozanam Manor, St. Vincent de Paul's 49-bed bridge shelter, I struggle to put to words how much I have learned and experienced here. I started as a case manager and eventually became the director of the program. Looking back, I sometimes wonder what words of wisdom I would give myself on the day before I started the job. Here are some of them.

### 1. "Don't be afraid"

Or even better, be afraid, but do it in a way that suits you and have faith that things will turn out OK.

### 2. "Believe in yourself"

As a new case manager at Ozanam Manor, I had not yet had much experience with homeless people. When the director asked me to lead the alcohol recovery group, I didn't feel that I could lead or inspire any group, much less people from such a different background from mine. To this day, I even have trouble with any sort of social events that involve lots of noise and people around with whom I need to speak. My anxiety made me worry that our residents, struggling with alcoholism, would resent the fact that I was there and hadn't walked in their shoes and that they would end up rejecting me. I imagined how other people who had lots of experience with alcoholics, or were simply more comfortable with strangers, would handle this much better than I could.

But in the end, I learned that I can make a difference and that everyday I was helping the group overcome addiction.



Mike speaks to one of the residents during an afternoon in February.

### 3. "Listen Well"

In the years since I started, I have learned to be myself and listen well. When other people are encouraged to talk, they are far more inspired than they would be listening to me. Listening is fulfilling to me if I can relate what others say to an idea that is meaningful to me. For example, with the alcohol recovery group, I was fascinated by the idea of a self in which a person had lost confidence in himself being assisted by a higher power and the support of a group. I think my rapt attention inspired the members of the group to share their experiences and wisdom they had acquired and be supported in their recovery.

#### 4. "Things are always better than they seem"

The negative things that I imagine happening at Ozanam Manor while lying in bed in the middle of the night usually bear no resemblance to what actually happens the next day. Fears are fears, not reality.

#### About the author:

Mike Bell is the director of Ozanam Manor. He is married and has a daughter who lives in Brooklyn, NY. With a bicycle and the light rail as his main form of transportation, Mike bikes around 25 miles per week.

## **Continuing the Legacy**

## Young Vincentians change lives one food box at a time

While most teenagers use Saturday mornings to catch up on much-needed sleep, two Mesa high school students spend it getting food boxes ready and going on home visits to ensure neighbors in need have food on the table and other basic necessities.

Felicia Kerns, a sophomore at Mountain View High School, and her cousin Gillian Vaugh, a freshman at Xavier College Preparatory, have been volunteering at one of St. Vincent de Paul's community pantries for years. The girls, along with their mothers, are in charge of home visits one Saturday every month.

St. Bridget in Mesa is one of more than 80 SVdP pantries, also called "conferences," based out of Catholic churches in central and northern Arizona. In 2014, almost 7,000 volunteers went on more than 48,000 home visits and delivered 6 million meals through emergency food boxes.

On a Saturday morning in March, Felicia and Gillian made six home visits to deliver food after preparing boxes to especially fit the needs of the families. Some of them included diapers and even books if there were young children or teenagers in the family.

"There is nothing like the good feeling you get knowing you're giving back and doing something for people who need it," Felicia said. Last year, the pair became some of the youngest-ever Vincentians, as they completed the Ozanam Formation Experience Classes, the cornerstone of the Vincentian vocation.

"I love doing this, because we're so blessed and we have been given so much, so for us it's important to give back as well," Gillian said. "But it's also a lot of fun. Doing this with my cousin and spending time with her is amazing." In fact, Gillian and Felicia are the third-generation in their family to become Vincentians. The tradition was started with their grandparents, and their daughters soon followed. Patti Kerns, Felicia's mom, said she hopes when the girls have kids, they will also be involved in volunteering.

"This is what our mom wanted," she said. "One Christmas, my sister and I

thought we would surprise them with serving and they could not have been

A client embraces Felicia after receiving her food. The box included fresh vegetables, meat, non-perishable items.

more excited. Now here we are, with our daughters!" Most people are surprised when they see how young Gillian and Felicia are, they said, but the responses are always positive. Sometimes, the foursome is joined by some of the girls' friends, who are curious to see why they choose to spend time volunteering.

"Our friends all think this is amazing," Felicia said. "They realize there's no better feeling that giving back, and that we are also having fun while doing it."

The experience not only gives the pair a glimpse at the harsh reality some people face day to day, but also teaches them a valuable lesson in service and leadership, Paula Vaughn, Gillian's mom, said.

"Some people think we force our daughters to serve, but they love it," she said. "I just think this opportunity will benefit the girls so much, in many ways."

On their way to delivering food, the girls like to listen to music, sing and talk. As soon as they arrive at the house they are visiting, they spring into action and get all food from the trunk and bring it inside.

"I'm not going to lie, it can make you feel kind of sad sometimes to see how hard some people have it," Gillian said. "But there's really nothing like knowing that food, a book, or whatever else, will help someone."



While their mothers call clients to assess their needs, Gillian and Felicia put together the food they will need and put it in carts to more easily get them to the car.



Gillian Vaughn, 15, and her cousin Felicia Kerns, 17, spend one Saturday each month going on home visits with their mothers. Gillian and Felicia are some of the youngest Vincentians at St. Vincent de Paul.



Gillian and Felicia visited six homes on a Saturday in March to alleviate the needs of hungry neighbors in Arizona.



Members of Tau Psi Omega and Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority helped with various cleaning projects at our downtown Phoenix Dining Room.

## ASU STUDENTS IN ACTION

On a Saturday morning in February, more than 50 ASU students came to our downtown Phoenix campus to work on the garden, serve lunch to more than 200 guests, and completed other cleaning and organizing tasks.

A month later, another 50 ASU students returned to our downtown Phoenix campus, as well as our Mesa dining room, to participate in the largest student-run service project of the year, Devils in Disguise. The students helped with lunch service, trimmed bushes, gardened and helped set up our new barbershop.

It was wonderful to see them in action!

Arizona State University continues to bless us with student volunteers who work relentlessly to help us in various projects.



More than 50 ASU students volunteered at our Phoenix Dining Room during the annual student-run day of service.



Students helped setting up our new barbershop so our guests can get access to free haircuts.



ASU students helped out during lunch service at our Phoenix Dining Room.



ASU student Amara Kamara spent his morning prepping the garden's compost.



Members of Lambda Theta Nu Sorority helped out with lunch service inside our Phoenix dining roon



Adrian Ramos and Luis Ricardo Perez, members of Tau Psi Omega Fraternity.



ASU student and Lodestar Day Resource Center coordinator Chynna Bivens worked on our urban farm. Since last summer Chynna has recruited volunteers for the garden and often oversees the garden activity.



Lauren Griffith and Elizabeth Sanchez Vasquez, members of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority.



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## **PIZZA FRIDAY** A Delicious Treat for Guests



ASU students Matthew Mudd, Tyler Hart and Ashley Young volunteered on a Friday afternoon and made healthful pizzas for our guests.

More than three years ago, St. Vincent de Paul board member and ASU professor, Dr. Phil Mizzi had a dream: making and serving fresh and delicious pizza to guests in our dining room.

When he presented a plan to install pizza ovens at the industrial kitchen in our main campus, no one knew if it would ever come to fruition. Now, not only is the kitchen equipped with the ovens thanks to generous donors, but Pizza Friday has extended from each third Friday of the month to every single one.

The pizzas are not only a treat, but they are also meant to demonstrate to kids that healthful eating can be fun and delicious. The thin crust pizzas are made with multigrain dough and topped with fresh vegetables.

These healthful pizzas are served during our Family Evening Meal on the first and third Fridays on the month, and at our Phoenix Dining Room on the Second and fourth Fridays. Food Services Manager Jerry Castro said the guests couldn't be happier with the pizzas. "Phil Mizzi is a wonderful example of a volunteer wanting to do more for our guests," he said. "Healthy, fresh and delicious pizzas are a reality, and I am able to witness the love professor Mizzi and all our volunteers have as they make the pizzas."

It is also a fun activity for our volunteers. Laurel Gracey and five other ASU students spent hours perfecting pizzas during a Friday in late March. The students volunteered as part of a leadership class.

"This has been a great experience and everyone is so nice," Laurel said, "but most importantly, it's actually really fun to make pizzas."



Matthew Mudd and Tyler Hart sprinkle cheese on a pepperoni pizza. All pizzas are prepared at our main campus and then distributed to other locations in time for dinner service.



Daniela Brandlin gets the dough ready for the pizza.



Laurel Gracey (right) and Ashlan Garvey work on the pizzas before getting them to the ovens.



Matthew Mudd gets ready to pull a pizza out of the oven.



Tyler Hart shows off one of the freshly baked pepperoni pizzas. The pizzas will then be transported to Phoenix Dining Room, where guests get to enjoy them.



### **Intern Spotlight: Faith Olson**

Faith Olson does not get to relax once it's 4:30 p.m. and she leaves her full-time position as Job Opportunities coordinator at St. Vincent de Paul's Ministry to the Homeless program. In fact, for her, the day is far from over.

As a student at Estrella Mountain Community College, Faith attends night school three times a week.

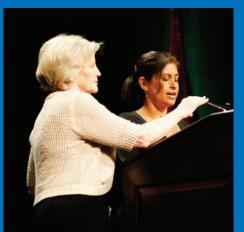
After completing her Associate's degree, Faith plans on transferring to Arizona State University and eventually getting a Master's degree in criminal justice. Since September, Faith has been at SVdP helping our guests secure employment. As a Notre Dame AmeriCorps intern, she has to complete 1,700 hours of work by the end of July.

"When I found out there was a job opening through AmeriCorps to work one-on-one in assisting the population who are in great need, I truly wanted to become a part of it," she said. "Luckily, (Ministry to the Homeless Coordinator) Janie Perdue decided I was a good fit, so here I am." This isn't the first time Faith has worked with the homeless, as she had experience through her church. Twice a week, Faith goes through an orientation with the people who sign up for the job program to explain what the goals are: to help them with resume creation, prepare for interviews and to get employment. To that end, Faith also attends networking events to find potential job opportunities for guests and she tours some shelters in the Valley to meet the people who might benefit from the program.

Working and going to school full-time can be difficult, she said. "It's during mid-terms and finals that it's most complicated because you want to study, but you also want to be here for your clients," she said. "But I think I have found the right balance."

She has. Faith started as a part-time student and has continued to add classes to her schedule until she was enrolled full-time. For the Job Opportunities program, Faith works with up to eight people a day. For them, there are four computers available to polish their resumes and apply for jobs online.

"The main point of the program is for guests to get that one-on-one support," she said. "They get personalized help. This is not just a cookie-cutter program where one size fits all. Each person gets attention based on their needs."



Faith Olson goes to night school three times a week and works full-time as the Job Opportunities coordinator at our Ministry to the Homeless program every day. She has been able to find just the right balance to apply the knowledge she learns at school to her work at SVdP and vice versa.

Some of the guests' needs include first passing the GED test. For them, Faith and Peter, the GED tutor, develop a personal strategy and offer resources such as online courses and prep books.

"The focus is, what can we do to help you pass this test?" she said. "We don't want to focus on what they already know."

Olivia is one of the guests who decided to work toward taking the GED test before looking for a job. When she first came to St. Vincent de Paul, Faith said, Olivia felt like she would never pass the test. Now, a few months later, she has passed the English and science portions of the test and is preparing for social studies and math.

The success she has had in this position wouldn't have been possible without the knowledge she gets from school, Faith said. At school, she learns about working with people from different backgrounds, especially those who were incarcerated. At St. Vincent de Paul, she applies that knowledge.

"It's really opened my mind on how to interact and how to better help each person," Faith said. "Without the schooling I've been getting, I don't know how well I would be performing here."

With a 100 percent success rate (as long as guests commit to the program), Faith said she has learned many lessons from her work at SVdP. The biggest is perhaps a different perspective.

"They are not 'the homeless,'" she said. "They are Robert or Mario... They each have a story and they are human. A lot of people don't see them. They ignore them. What I have learned is to recognize their humanity."

Olivia was one of the speakers during our 2014 Annual Restoring Hope Fundraising Breakfast. To see her speech, please visit our YouTube page at:

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"Somebody said 'Well, why do you keep volunteering?' and I said 'Well, when there's nobody hungry and no little kid goes through tonight without food or sleep, I'll be happy to hang up my shoes and read a book.'"

"Every two years I have to go get an MRI test and it always shows the same thing: disc number five is completely wrecked. I get therapy, but every day I feel like I have less strength in my legs. My daughter even has to help me get in the shower. But here I am! Some mornings, when I'm dizzy from all the medicine I take, I think 'God give me strength, because I need to go volunteer.' And he does."





"The best part of my job? Well, I once saw one of my kids, Roberto, read for the first time. He was 3 at the time and he came up to me and started saying 'Miss Cynthia, I'm reading!' His mom started crying, you know? Volunteers keep saying to me: 'I can't believe how smart these kids are.' And they truly are."



If you would like to see other photos in this series, please consider following us on Instagram at instagram.com/svdpaz. #AllinThisTogether

Every day at St. Vincent de Paul we feed, clothe, house and heal those in need. This exchange, however, is not one-sided and we end up getting as much, if not more, than we give. The Society of We're All in This Together looks to show just that. Differences make us who we are, but it's our common goal to better this world that unites us. These are just a few of the stories of the people behind our organization: staff, volunteers and guests. Because many of our guests are pictured here, we decided to omit names to respect their privacy.



"I started this year on the right foot! The doctor at the clinic just told me I've been approved to get my medicine for high-blood pressure and even gave me some information on affordable insurance. What I had to pay to get insurance through my job was so much that I had to opt out, but I know I need to get it soon, so hopefully this will help. I am so thankful that I promised myself I would come back as soon as I get better and volunteer."

"Well, it all started with me coming to get meals here, and then I thought 'I should become a volunteer!' But now, I'm going to be doing it less, because guess what? I got a fulltime job! I'm going to be doing security over in Cave Creek. Who would have thought? And now look at me, I'm doing very well."





"March 21st will mark three years of me being sober. I was in prison for most of that time, but even there you can get the stuff I was using, but I stayed away from it. I feel proud because I owe it all to God. He is the one who guided me. I'm just grateful. A lot of people don't see that kind of grace in their lives and I pray for them to find it. God put me here for a reason and he's got something planned for me in the future. I just need to figure out what it is."

## 14-YEAR-OLD PLANS AND Holds fundraiser for SVdP



John Conroy planned, promoted and held a fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul's transitional shelter, Ozanam Manor, after reading about the program online.

### John Conroy may only be in eighth grade, but he is already impacting lives.

On a Saturday morning in March, the 14-year-old St. Francis Xavier student held a fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul's 49-bed transitional shelter, Ozanam Manor, at Funugyz, a sports grill in Peoria. He did the planning and promoting all on his own. His original lofty goal was to raise \$300. He ended up raising almost \$500. "It was an amazing experience," he said. "This is probably the biggest project I've ever done."

Part of the school's curriculum, the Arrupe Project encourages students to raise money for worthy causes. The eighth graders start by completing chores or other work for friends and family and earning \$10. The school matches that amount through grants and the students then use those funds to organize fundraisers.



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To get more people involved, John decided to put together two gift baskets to give away during the fundraiser.



John had the support of his parents, Cate and Tim, during the event.

The first step for John was figuring out which charity he would choose. A previous volunteer, he knew right away he wanted to donate to St. Vincent de Paul.

"I was going through the different programs that the organization has, when I found Ozanam Manor," he said. "It really spoke to me because I thought it was just great what they do for older homeless people." The shelter offers housing to an especially vulnerable group of adults: those older than 50 and the disabled.

Once he decided on Ozanam Manor, John learned which items the shelter needs more: pillows, toiletries and bedding. He will use all the money to buy the items and deliver them personally. There, he will get a tour of the shelter and meet some of the residents.

Mike Bell, the director of Ozanam Manor, said he was really impressed with John's generosity. "I'm very pleased and a little amazed that John found us," he said. "Our guests typically have no income when they come to us and they will really appreciate the toiletries and nice bedding."

Just after noon on the day of the event, John said he was a little nervous because he did not know how many people would show up. He didn't need to be worried. His dad's friend agreed to host the event at his restaurant, and to donate a percentage of the proceeds to his fundraiser.

Sitting nearby, his parents watched John in action as he visited with patrons and asked if they wanted a ticket for one of his two raffles of gift baskets full of goodies.

Cate, his mom, said it was quite an experience, not just for John, but for the whole family. "John grew so much out of this process," she said. "He learned so much from it and he couldn't be happier to be helping St. Vincent de Paul. We couldn't be prouder."

After the successful event, John can't wait to bring his donation to Ozanam Manor. "The fundraiser was mind blowing," he said. "But the part I'm most excited about is actually delivering them. Hopefully they will help."

They definitely will.

### The Society of a Thousand Thanks

One of the greatest privileges of serving in Arizona is being able to work with a generous community of people who care about the well-being of our state. Our friends not only host food drives and send volunteers, they donate generously to support our work.



**Clobal Village Champions Celebrate Annual Christmas in January at Dining Room** Early in the year, Global Village Champions Foundation Inc. hosted the very special event, Christmas in January, at our Phoenix dining room. The co-founders of the organization, Yank Barry and his wife Yvette spoke at the event, which was emceed by NFL Hall of Fame nominee Nick Lowery. Global Village Champions donated 150,000 meals to St. Vincent de Paul, making it possible for us to continue feeding our neighbors in need. Thank you to all the speakers and organizers!



### **Insight Foundation Makes Learning Possible**

Insight Foundation recently made a generous donation of 15 laptops to our Dream Center. Thanks to them, our Dream Center children enjoy volunteer-taught computer lessons each week and develop much-needed skills in technology.

#### Another Great Year for Friends of the Poor Walk

Duncan Family Farms held its annual Friends of the Poor Walk, raising over \$25,000 for SVdP this year. Started in 2011, this event has become a family tradition for its employees. Everyone participates, from the farm owners to young participants who come to the walk with their piggy banks filled to the brim. We are truly touched year after year, by their generous support and how much the event has grown!



### Tour Inspires Toyota Financial Services to Give Generous Donation

After an exciting tour of our main campus and some volunteer activities, the Toyota Financial Services team decided to donate \$2,500 to help fund the Family Evening Meal and Dream Center programs. Thank you to Toyota for being such a generous partner!

## FINANCIAL SERVICES



#### High School Students Decide to Give Back

Students from Bourgade High School gave their time to help us put together 800 hygiene packs for our Ministries program. It's wonderful to see young people get excited about volunteering and seeing them impact their communities!



**Sundt Supports St. Vincent de Paul** The Sundt corporation team took a tour of our main campus in February and gave us a gift of \$3,000 to help our dining rooms continue to provide almost 4,200 meals daily. Our work would not be possible without the generosity of corporations like Sundt.

#### Let It Roll Gives SVdP Kids Chance to Enjoy Bowling

In April, Let it Roll hosted a night of fun for our Dream Center kids. With partnerships such as this, SVdP can give our children the chance to experience many new things. The Let it Roll team also volunteered in late March during Family Evening Meal and is organizing a month-long fundraiser to support us.

SVdP's Donor Relations Coordinator Todd Cooley with Stacy Anderson, Let it Roll's managing partner.



## The Society of a Thousand Thanks

### Valley Youth Theatre Treats Dream Center Kids and Their Families to a Night of Fun

On a Friday evening in February, Valley Youth Theatre had a special treat in store for almost 100 of our kids from the Dream Center and their families: a private performance of The Emperor's New Clothes at absolutely no charge. VYT also hosted a clothing drive and donated a portion of the ticket proceeds to SVdP. We look forward to continuing this wonderful partnership!





**Celebrity Fight Night Teams Up with SVdP to Help People in Need** Summers in Phoenix can be grueling for all of us, but particularly to those who don't have easy access to water. In fact, lack of drinking water can cause life-threatening illnesses for people who are homeless or don't have safe shelter. Thanks to a donation by Celebrity Fight Night, and

Left to right: Nancy Walker, Sean Currie, Jerry Colangelo, Hope Leibsohn, Harvey Mackay, John Langbein, Mark Cavanaugh, Jimmy Walker, Jerry Castro, and Dale Jensen.

#### Quicken Loans Employees Volunteer at SVdP

In March, around 20 Quicken Loans employees volunteered in the kitchen at our main campus. It was a great start to a new relationship between SVdP and Quicken Loans as employees decided to volunteer on a regular basis and look for other ways to support our organization!

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