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The Society of the **Superhero**



Resonating within the walls of St. Vincent de Paul this summer is the slogan, “Be a Summer Action Hero!” Even the children in our Dream Center have been creating what they think would make the ultimate Super Hero.

It’s not one that can leap tall buildings with a simple thrust but one that could shoot food with a “food gun” into the mouths of the hungry. Maybe that dream will actually come true some day. I remember reading comic books as a kid

and thinking, “Wow, isn’t that something?” Many of the things I read when I was younger have actually come true. Who knows? Anything is possible!

God has blessed our society with many Super Heroes. Our founder, Frederic Ozanam, must be grinning from ear to ear when he looks down from above on the many good works that are happening and all the Super Heroes that are participating.

Every one of our donors is a Super Hero! No matter how small or how large the gift, each one has helped to relieve the suffering of someone else, someone special. Our donors make what we do as Vincentian volunteers possible. Each “Thank You” that we receive belongs to you and we are accepting it in your name.

Summer can be a very difficult time for many with higher bills, higher food costs, children home from school, and the need for water. The drives sponsored by so many different groups help lessen the pain suffered



by so many. Those conducting a drive – be it food, water, diapers, etc. are Super Heroes, to all those that will be assisted.

Our employees are Super Heroes! They work tirelessly to carry out the mission of Feed, Clothe, House, and Heal! They do it by showing dignity to each one who walks through the door.

All of our Vincentian brothers and sisters and our wonderful volunteers are Super Heroes day in and day out! Every conference has numerous volunteers who walk with Pope Francis to go to the poor.

Our greatest Super Heroes are those we are privileged to meet in their homes each day. It is each and every one who shares their story. They are the HEROES because they are leading each of us on our journey towards holiness.

Thank you, Super Heroes, and may you continue to be blessed in many, many ways.

Mary Ann Hunter

Mary Ann Hunter, 1st Vice-President
Phoenix Diocesan Council

NOTE: Frank, Barrios, our Phoenix Diocesan Council President, is recovering from surgery.



PROVIDING TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS

Normally empty after dinner service, St. Vincent de Paul’s downtown Phoenix dining room was bustling on a Friday night in May, as nearly 200 people lying on mats and blankets sought refuge from the rain and prepared to spend the night there.

It marked the first night St. Vincent de Paul’s downtown Phoenix dining room opened its doors to welcome guests and serve as a temporary shelter. The dining room, located on the Human Services Campus, a collective effort among different organizations that work with the homeless population, and the Lodestar Day Resource Center have helped replace the Men’s Overflow Shelter, which closed April 1.

By the time the doors opened at 6:45 p.m., a steady line of men and women had formed. All of them were greeted by a warm “Welcome to St. Vincent de Paul.”

Christie, who previously slept in the East lot, a parking lot next to Central Arizona Shelter Services, was one of the first to arrive. She was accompanied by a couple of good friends.

“Out here we make our own little families and we help each other out,” she said. “When you’re out there, sometimes you have only one blanket for three or four people so you learn to stick together.”

Christie, who has been homeless for four years, had been sleeping in the East lot for two years. Originally from the Valley, she was an executive secretary for more than 10 years before losing her job and finding herself on the street. “I am so looking forward to being able to stay indoors,” she said. “Right now, I average five hours of sleep each night, and that’s always interrupted. I am so grateful for this.”



Photos clockwise from top-left: **1.** Guests get ready for bed during the first night the dining room opened its doors as temporary shelter. **2.** A guest prays after preparing her bed for the night. **3.** Mats are lined up in our Phoenix Dining Room after dinner service. Each night, 100 women and disabled or elderly men spend the night there to seek refuge from the grueling summer heat.

Until November, at least 100 women and disabled or elderly men stay at St. Vincent de Paul each night. On nights with extreme heat, the dining room opens its doors to men as well, with approximately 250 guests.

Jerry Castro, SVdP’s dining rooms manager, began preparing the space for the guests early Friday. He said he wanted to make sure guests were safe and comfortable at this new temporary shelter. “It was just amazing to see how great our guests were,” he said. “By 9:30 p.m. everyone was asleep.”

After St. Vincent de Paul and the Lodestar Day Center were approached about it, Jerry said it was an easy decision to try to help out. “I thank God we’re able to provide for our guests,” he said. “As a campus, we want to help out in any way we can, and we are blessed everyone is working together to better our community.”

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 100 DAYS OF SUMMER

As temperatures rise in Arizona during the summer months, so do the basic needs of people who are struggling in our community.

Several community partners stepped up this year to help us with summer campaigns to provide lifesaving water, food, and assistance.



With attributes such as a first aid kit to help sick people, and a super green thumb to grow food right away, Vinny and Paulina are a genuine Dream Team.

Be a Summer Action Hero

CBS 5 and the Arizona Rattlers teamed up to tackle hunger! On May 6th, CBS 5 hosted a phone bank to encourage the audience to support us and make donations. Ten days later came the culmination during the Arizona Rattlers game. A portion of ticket sales was donated to our food bank to help us feed hungry neighbors, and fans were encouraged to attend a free family fun event before the game with CBS personalities, the Rattler's mascot Stryker, and the Sidewinders cheerleaders.



Arizona Rattlers fans supported our campaign and attended a free family event before the May 16th game. Stryker was there to meet the fans and have some fun.



To keep the Action Hero theme going, we invited some of our friends from Heroes United AZ, who joined us at the event.

Our Be a Summer Action Hero campaign continued after the Arizona Rattlers game with summer-long food drives, and individual donations. To support the campaign, we set out to create our very own super hero. After getting some valuable feedback from our Dream Center kids, who told us what attributes and powers they would like to see in a super hero, we asked our favorite group of super heroes, Heroes United AZ, to help us. They took the kids' ideas and designed our very own Dream Team: Vinny and Paulina.

The duo visited our Dream Center in June, and spent some valuable time with the children, who couldn't have been more excited.



Fans met CBS 5 personalities and participated in fun activities before the game.



The Big Haul for St. Vincent de Paul, a 100-day-long campaign, has one goal: to collect 100,000 pounds of food. You can help support our food bank by holding a food drive or making a donation.

The Big Haul

The Big Haul for St. Vincent de Paul, a summer-long campaign, was launched in late May with one goal: to collect more than 100,000 pounds of food from companies and individuals.

"Summer is a particular challenging time for hard-working families trying to make ends meet. Children are out of school and high utility bills stretch food budgets to the limit," said Steve Zabalski, St. Vincent de Paul's executive director. "With our community's help, we can provide much needed food boxes to these struggling families." Local companies are encouraged to participate and impact their community by hosting food drives and fundraisers.

Porkopolis, a modern barbeque restaurant in Chandler, is one of the companies who joined The Big Haul. To encourage customers to support the campaign, Porkopolis offers a great promotion: bring five or more canned goods and receive \$5 off the bill. "Our business aligns with feeding people, so we knew we wanted to participate," said Angella Hamilton, one of the restaurant's owners. "It's definitely a good thing to do for our community."

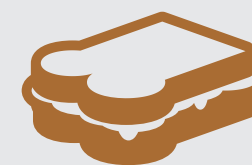
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Summer Lunch Drive

Hungry families throughout the states turn to us every summer for help, as they see utility bills increase and costs of food becomes too much with children out of school. Although St. Vincent de Paul offers assistance year-round, summers are particularly difficult as donations dip low.

This year, 12 News, Bashas', Food City, Telemundo and La Voz joined forces with us to help our neighbors in need with a month-long statewide Summer Lunch Drive, which began July 1.





Katrina draws inspiration from punk, anime and comics for her fashion creations.



Katrina and Desire, her mom, selling some of her original designs at St. Vincent de Paul's thrift store. Katrina has been sewing since she was five.

YOUNG DESIGNER SHOWCASES FASHION CREATIONS at Flagstaff Thrift Store

At age 5, when Katrina was hard at work patching up some of her stuffed animals, she never imagined that 11 years later she would be selling her own fashion creations.

On a Saturday in June, Katrina and her mom Desire arranged some of her unique designs, inspired by punk, Japanese and Korean fashion, on a table at St. Vincent de Paul's Flagstaff thrift store. By the end of the day, she had sold almost 10 pieces. She couldn't have been more excited. "To start with plushies and end up with actual clothing has been so amazing," she said. "I normally get shy about selling my clothes, but I've also gotten a lot of compliments on them, so I wanted to try."

Mary Ann Hunter, vice president of St. Vincent de Paul's Flagstaff pantry and first vice president of St. Vincent de Paul's executive committee, was behind the event. She has known Katrina and her mother for more than 10 years, as the pantry continues to help them however they can.

She said it all started when the thrift store offered Katrina clothes they would not be able to sell because of defects, so she could transform them. When she saw the results, Mary Ann asked Katrina if she would like to sell the designs at the store. All proceeds went to Katrina and her family. "This is all part of our programs to support systemic change," she said. "We are doing everything we can to support Katrina because we believe in her." After the first sale's success, Mary Ann gave Katrina more clothes to take home so she could continue with her project.

A few years ago, Katrina said, none of this would have been possible. By third grade, a product of lifelong health issues, Katrina had to leave public school and enroll in online education. "She was born two months earlier," said Desire, her mother. "Within months she had been diagnosed with chronic asthma, which brought major complications."

Desire, who is diabetic and has received cancer treatment, said Katrina has had to deal with a collapsed lung, pneumonia and Respiratory Syncytal Virus. At 11 years old, she was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis, a scarring of the lung. As a result, Katrina has had to spend most of her life indoors.

For a long time, gloves and hand sanitizers hung outside Katrina's and Desire's home, as Katrina was too vulnerable to outside environment. Finally, relief came a couple of years ago when Katrina's doctor noticed she was getting better and allowed her to start going outside more frequently.

"Now people are noticing her, and her style and her clothes," Desire said. "But Katrina is much more than that, she's also an amazing artist." Mother and daughter moved to Flagstaff 15 years ago, and were at the time practically homeless. The only place Desire had to turn to was her faith, which led her to St. Vincent de Paul. There, she found the help she needed to get back on her feet. Since then, Desire has volunteered at the thrift store whenever possible. "Katrina grew up with St. Vincent de Paul," she said. "It's just such a strong bond." Desire's pride shines through. "At 16, my girl is wise and mature," she said. "I'm more than happy: I'm blessed to have a daughter like Katrina."

As for the future, Katrina hasn't made up her mind. Maybe she would like to take some fashion classes in college, but she might find another passion by then. Whatever it ends up being, she knows she can count on St. Vincent de Paul for support.



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Our Newest Thrift Store NOW OPEN IN PHOENIX

We recently opened our newest and largest thrift store at 35th Avenue and Thunderbird. We celebrated the grand opening with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony and were honored to have Senator Kimberly Yee present to commemorate the event.

The new 11,200 square-foot store, which is the eighth St. Vincent de Paul thrift store in the Valley, carries furniture, clothing, artwork, appliances and other household items.

SVdP thrift stores generate funding for our services, including food pantries and charity dining rooms in Phoenix. Shopping at our thrift stores is one of the many ways you can join us in helping your neighbors in need.



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Shopping at a St. Vincent de Paul thrift store is always an adventure. From hidden treasures to the most practical items, you're bound to find something that will make you smile. We have 18 locations throughout central and northern Arizona to serve you. And, when you're happy, we're happy. Your purchases help fund our programs for those in need. So get shopping!

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(480) 812-1156
Cottonwood
2101 E. Fir St.
(928) 639-3000
Flagstaff
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Celebrating Volunteers

We held our first Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon of the year in April as a way to highlight volunteers who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the community. We presented our Lifetime Achievement Award to Larry Seeger.



Alex Juarez from Centurylink was the keynote speaker of the event.



Cynthia Bach, Hayden Hall and our Executive Director Steve Zabalski. Hayden, a junior at Veritas Preparatory Academy, developed a hands-on math course for our kids at the Dream Center.



Urban Farm Director David Smith, resident gardener Tony Kasowski and Rachel Mondeau. Rachel was recognized for her volunteer work at our main campus' garden.



Food Reclamation Manager Mary Thomas presented an award to Frank Costillo and Jesus Coronado for their relentless work at our food bank.



Fresh Perspectives Coordinator Jaryd Shield and Stacey Kelly. Stacey, a frequent Dream Center volunteer, led two Fresh Perspectives projects that transformed the lives of two families.



Randy Voigt, a longtime volunteer, was the inspirational speaker, as well as an award recipient.



Tamara Cox and Maryann Ricketts. Maryann is a dedicated volunteer at our Mesa dining room.

Photo below: Bob Russell, namesake of the Bob Russell Lifetime Achievement Award, presented the award to Larry Seeger.

Larry has been volunteering at our Phoenix Dining Room during breakfast service for more than 15 years. Larry said he and his family were ecstatic when they heard the news.



Photo above: Larry Seeger, who volunteers three times a week at SVdP's Phoenix dining room during breakfast service, is in charge of making and serving coffee.



Larry Seeger Named Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

Moving briskly through St. Vincent de Paul's dining room on a warm June morning was Larry Seeger. He went up to every table, and with a big smile, gestured toward a jug of steaming coffee in his right hand. "Hey Seeger, your coffee is the best," a guest told him.

Three times a week, Larry arrives in our dining room at 6 a.m. ready to get to work. Now, 20 years later, he has been presented with the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award during a luncheon in April.

By his side, three sons, four grandsons and two daughters in-law watched him go on stage to receive the award. They couldn't have been prouder. "They were all so happy for me,"

Larry said. "I have a great family." Whenever he can, Larry encourages his children and grandchildren to volunteer alongside him.

Larry, who grew up in San Jose, Calif. and joined the Marine Corps straight out of high school, was the youngest of seven boys. Since he was young, he said, he could never stay put, so it was a natural transition for him to volunteer after retirement. After the Marines, and while he was finishing his degree at San Jose University, Larry worked for Sears. He became a store manager in 1973, when he was transferred to Yuma. "The day we got there it was 110 degrees," he said. "It only went up from there! Welcome to Arizona, right?"

From Yuma, he moved to Phoenix and then Honolulu. Once he retired, he knew he wanted to return to Phoenix. To keep busy, he worked in the neighborhood, mowing lawns and being a handyman, until a friend invited him to volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul. He hasn't looked back since.

Part of his duties included driving a little bus to Sun City to pick up dining room guests. "These people in Sun City are just beautiful people," he said. "The best part of my job was being able to spend time with them."

For a while, he was employed with SVdP, but after undergoing a heart operation, he decided to scale it back to volunteering. Even now, there is no stopping Larry. "I have to be on the go," he said. "That, and the people are what keep me coming back."

Hayden Hall

High School Junior Named Volunteer of the Year



If you stop by St. Vincent de Paul's Family Dining Room during a Tuesday evening, you will find a group of children tucked in a corner of the room, eagerly watching their teacher write on the whiteboard. This class, led by Veritas Prep Academy junior and Paradise Valley resident Hayden Hall, has a motto: "Math is awesome."

A year after developing the math program for SVdP's Dream Center, an activity center where kids participate in a literacy program, get tutoring and help with homework, Hayden received an award for his commitment to the organization during a luncheon in late April.

During the event, Steve Zabilski, the organization's executive director, talked at length about Hayden's dedication. "Hayden is one of the brightest, most committed volunteers we've ever had," he said. "It's amazing to see what he has accomplished in a year."

Hayden, who had been volunteering at SVdP since he was in 7th grade through the volunteer organization Boys Team Charity, said he's always loved math because it's the ultimate international language. "My grandpa is from India and he says when he moved here, math was really his way to connect," he said. "I think that if one thing is constant, it's math."

After spending time volunteering at the organization and working with kids at the Dream Center, Hayden approached Zabilski with his idea of starting a math program. It all worked from there: he planned lessons, organized them and coordinated with Dream Center manager Cynthia Bach.

Now, he is there every Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. He spends the first hour working with elementary school students and the second hour teaching middle school and high school students.

It was Bach who nominated Hayden for the award. She said she wanted to recognize all he's done for the kids. "Hayden makes sure every child he tutors fully understands they can accomplish and succeed in math to the fullest extent," she said. "Great volunteers make a great difference. That's him."

Hayden's dedication to his community shines through. Last spring, he found out he was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award. "That was just an incredible honor," he said. "I had no idea it was coming. It was really amazing."

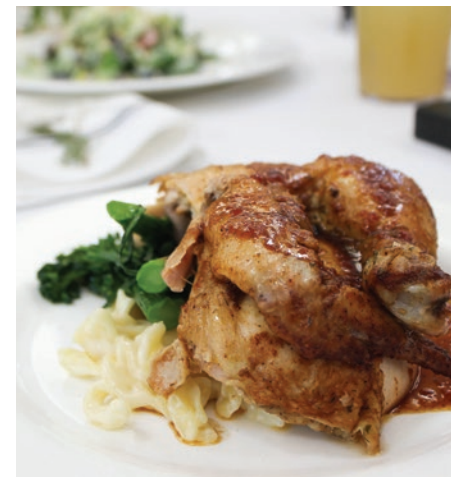
For eight weeks during the summer, Hayden spent time at Stanford University completing an intensive math program. He said he hopes to apply some of the knowledge he gains there to his next year of teaching at SVdP.

He is committed to spending his senior year volunteering every week. He does it, he said, to see the impact the classes have on the kids.

Recently, Hayden heard one of his students, a third-grader named Frida, say that because of his influence, she wants to go to college and become a math teacher.

"When I see the spark in the kids' eyes when they finally understand a problem, or the interest that arises when I show them something new, that's when I realize how empowering this is," he said.

When he heard he was going to receive the award, Hayden could hardly believe it. "I was honored that Miss Cynthia nominated me," he said, "but at the same time, the award really should go to the children that come here and work so hard and are able and ready to learn."



SVdP Next Phase Family Dining Room Becomes NEW FOX RESTAURANT DURING KITCHEN TAKEOVER

Families in Phoenix were in for a big surprise and a rare treat on Wednesday, Aug. 12, as they entered our Next Phase Family Dining Room. Fox Restaurant Concepts, a Phoenix-based company inspired by 'remarkable dining experiences,' partnered with St. Vincent de Paul to transform the dining room into its newest restaurant.



And a remarkable dining experience is exactly what these diners received. Families sat down at tables covered in white table linens and artfully arranged fresh flowers in mason jars. Two musicians played relaxing folk music, as families enjoyed their meal. A 3-course dinner was served restaurant-style and included items such as Watermelon and Heirloom Tomato Salad, Roasted Atlantic Salmon and Braised Beef Short Rib. After dinner, children were invited to get creative at a cupcake decorating station manned by several Fox Restaurant staff.

General managers, chefs, pastry chefs and servers from Fox Restaurants around the Valley took over our kitchen early in the day, as they prepped the food and decorated the dining room for the evening meal.

Amidst running back and forth between the kitchen and dining tables, David, a server from Culinary Dropout said, "I do service for a living. Some service is more meaningful than others, and I'm just honored to be here."

However, the gratitude at this event seemed to go both ways. Ruth, one of approximately

300 diners, brought her two children to dinner. She said upon walking into the room, she became teary-eyed at what she saw.

"Ever since the beginning of this year, I've been having a hard time and to know that there are people out there that really want to give their time and effort to people like me and my kids—it gives me hope. It makes me happy, because at least I know there are those out there who care for people that are less privileged. I'm happy I was able to enjoy this."

This event is the first of a "Restaurant Takeover" initiative at St. Vincent de Paul, and we're inviting restaurants of all sizes to take over future meals in our Family Dining Room.

"Our dining rooms have always been about more than just providing food," said SVdP Executive Director Steve Zabilski, "This restaurant takeover gives the families a unique experience and something to celebrate at the end of a long, hard day. It also shows that the community cares so much about them that they would bring the restaurant to them."



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Going Beyond a HAIRCUT

A steady line formed on a Sunday in June inside our Phoenix Dining Room, as more than 200 guests eagerly awaited their turn to sit on a barber's chair and receive a haircut.

Professional barbers and stylists, as well as some students, volunteer their time four times a year during St. Vincent de Paul's Hair-Cut-a-Thon. The event, now in its 22nd year, helps restore the guests' dignity and self-image.

"The mission of the event is simple, we want our guests to feel good about themselves," said Jerry Castro, manager of the dining room. "Guests get their hair shampooed, their beards trimmed, a good haircut and a hygiene kit to take with them."

The event in June is particularly important as guests gear up to survive in Phoenix during the summer months' grueling heat. A neat haircut can definitely help with that, and most guests look forward to it.

"Everybody was so grateful," Jerry said. "Some guests have even gotten to know the barbers, who have been volunteering for so many years now. It truly is a community effort."

As he was sitting in the chair, in the middle of his makeover, a guest told the barber he had changed his mind and would rather get rid of his moustache. He wanted it all gone, he said, so he would feel fresh for longer. Once the barber had finished, and he looked at himself in the mirror, the guest couldn't help but smile and say thank you.

Visit our blog to view a two-minute video of one of our guests getting a transformative haircut: stvincentdepaul.net/svdp-blog

Photos clockwise from top-left: **1.** A clean haircut is particularly important for our guests as they prepare to combat the grueling Arizona summer. **2.** More than 200 guests attend each Hair-Cut-a-thon, where professional stylists and barbers volunteer their time to give them a clean look. **3.** A guest smiles after his haircut is done. The event looks to help guests with their self-image. **4.** A guest gets a trim during our quarterly Hair-Cut-a-thon event. The event started 22 years ago.

A mom and daughter work on Father's Day cards for those we serve. Hundreds of people of all ages attend each of our Hearts and Hands events.



Hearts and Hands Combines Fun, Volunteerism

On the first Saturday morning in June, hundreds of people sat at our Family Dining Room in our main campus. They were not eating. Instead, they sat drawing, gluing, and working together to create various crafts just in time for Father's Day and Fourth of July.

The Hearts and Hands events add a very important dimension to our "Feed, Clothe, House and Heal" mission: love. On the first Saturday of each month, school-aged children and their families spend time at our main campus learning about our organization and the importance of philanthropy through fun arts and crafts projects.

"As an opportunity for children and adults to learn the value of volunteering, Hearts and Hands is an event which combines creativity and service," said Norma Carrillo, the program coordinator.

Norma, who plans the event and takes volunteers on a tour of our campus after each session, said Hearts and Hands is a great way to remind the people we serve that they are loved and they matter.

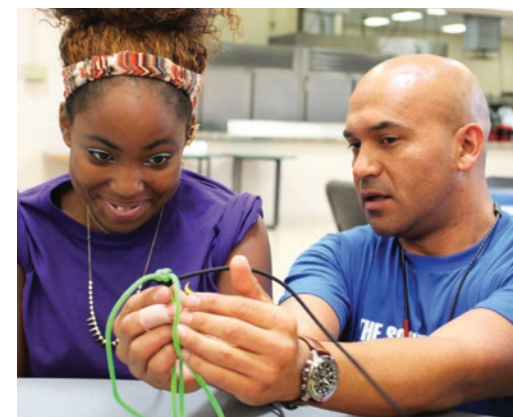
Our guests, who receive these decorations and cards with heartfelt messages on them, feel encouraged and cared for, Norma said.

People of all ages are welcome to participate in Hearts and Hands. Specific projects, of a higher difficulty level, are available for teenagers, and adults can become Project Leaders. These volunteers are an essential part of the program, and are ideal for those with mentoring or teaching experience.

"Hearts and Hands participants come together to remind the individuals we serve here they are not faceless people to us," Norma said, "and that even the smallest of hands can create a great amount of love."



People of all ages are welcome to attend Hearts and Hands. The event is a perfect chance to teach children about philanthropy.



Some of the Hearts and Hands projects are designed for teenagers, with a higher degree of difficulty.



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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.



Torgenson Law Combines Team Building and Philanthropy

As a team-building exercise, Torgenson Law held an internal golf tournament in mid-April, and donated the proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul. It's the start of a wonderful new corporate relationship!



NRG Global Giving Day at Svdp

On May 12, as part of the company's Global Giving Day, a group of employees and management staff from NRG spent the day volunteering at our main campus. The team worked in the garden, the kitchen and assembled hygiene packs. In addition, NRG made a donation of \$1,000 to our organization, and continues to support and volunteer with us.

Talking Stick Resort Gives Back

Casino Arizona – Talking Stick Resort's Charity committee has agreed to be a sponsor of our annual Restoring Hope Community Breakfast, which will take place on Nov. 20. The resort will contribute \$35,000 for the breakfast, and \$15,000 for the medical and dental clinic, for a total of \$50,000. This will have a significant impact on those we serve and will allow many children and families to receive services in our medical and dental clinic.



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Humana Health Care Gives Back

Humana Health Care's commitment to the community continues to grow as employees volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul. They have spent time in our dining rooms, and our food bank. The corporation is also reviewing an overall strategy to become more engaged with our organization by hosting food drives, donating and volunteering.



Flagstaff Community Backs Meat the Need Drive

After volunteers at our Flagstaff pantry realized there was a shortage of protein to distribute to those in the community who are in need, they rallied to collect as much meat as they could. The community answered the call and donated 1,450 pounds of food which helped stock the pantry's shelves.



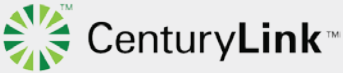
Lady's Guild Supports Dream Center Kids

Our Lady's Guild of our Lady of Joy Parish in Carefree made a generous donation of \$1,500 to the Dream Center and spent an evening volunteering at the activity center. We are blessed to have their support!



CenturyLink Food Drive Benefits SVdP

From June 1 to June 12, CenturyLink hosted a food drive at its corporate and field offices. Employees donated more than 4,500 pounds of food and \$2,514. The national headquarters will match the local efforts for a total of \$4,024.



DriveTime Supports SVdP in a Variety of Ways

In June, DriveTime summer interns spent a day volunteering in our kitchen helping us with cleaning, meal preparation and other projects. Additionally, DriveTime supported The Big Haul for St. Vincent de Paul with a food drive. To make it fun, the Phoenix home office and the Mesa facility competed to see who would collect more food. In total, DriveTime donated almost 2,000 pounds of food! We are so thankful for their generosity and support.



Golf Tournament a Hole-in-One for SVdP

The 14th annual Golf-Fore-Charity event, hosted by the Knights of Columbus at our Lady of Joy Parish in Carefree, was a resounding success. Played at Troon and Desert Highlands, 168 golfers participated in the tournament, of which our organization is the primary beneficiary. From the event, we received a donation of \$125,000. We are so grateful to all those involved, including the event sponsors: Gila River Casinos, Desert Storage, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, Macy's, U-Haul, Arizona Coyotes, Border States Electric, Chubb Insurance and Schumacher European. We can't wait until tee time next year!

Above: Golf committee members Jim McNamara and Jim Trichintella present a \$125,000 check to SVdP Executive Director Steve Zabalski, and SVdP staff members Susan Junker and Dixye Wilson.

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Toyota Financial Services Charity Fair Supports SVdP

In May, Toyota Financial Services invited St. Vincent de Paul to attend its Charity Fair and showcase the organization and recruit volunteers. It was a wonderful opportunity to share our mission and different opportunities with Toyota employees!



First Tour De Paul a Resounding Success

The inaugural Tour De Paul was held on April 17, and 25 new community members toured our main campus, volunteered in the kitchen, and enjoyed a luncheon provided by our kitchen staff before taking a shuttle back to the Arcadia Neighborhood. This new program invites communities, community groups, and corporations to our main campus to experience and learn more about St. Vincent de Paul. It has had wonderful results and we look forward to hosting more Tour De Paul volunteer days!



Republic Media and Walmart Come Through with Pallets of Water

With chart-topping temperatures this summer, proper hydration is a crucial need for homeless guests. Thanks to Republic Media and Walmart, pallets of water arrived just in time to refill our supply.



SVdP at Lake Havasu Gets Ready for the School Year

Our Lake Havasu pantry and thrift stores are hard at work during the summer months to get ready for the school year by providing children in need with school supplies. Every year, they provide nearly 200 children with all the necessary school supplies to return to school confident and ready to learn!

Truly 360 and Google Help SVdP Go Virtual

Between April and June, Truly 360 and Google completed a virtual tour of our main campus in Phoenix. The virtual tour will be available to the public through Google Maps. The project was valued at more than \$46,000. Thank you to Truly 360 and Google!



Larry Miller Toyota Gives Back with Day of Service

In April, more than 100 Larry Miller Toyota employees volunteered at our main campus during the company's annual Day of Service. They spent the day in our urban farm, kitchen and putting together hygiene kits for our clients!



Charles Schwab Supports SVdP in a Variety of Ways

During its Volunteer Week, Charles Schwab employees made more than 10,000 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, as well as donated \$2,000 for our Be a Summer Action Hero campaign, and another \$2,000 to support our mission of feeding, clothing, housing and heal our neighbors in need. Thank you to Charles Schwab for being such a tremendous supporter!



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