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The Society of Seventy Years of Service



On April 26 of this year, St. Vincent de Paul celebrated 70 years of service in Arizona. We began our work at St. Mary's Catholic Church in downtown Phoenix. Several dedicated church members saw overwhelming poverty in Phoenix and decided to do something about it. After the depression of the 1930s, Phoenix was plunged into historical poverty. In some areas, this poverty resembled the poverty that a developing country faces. Families were found in shantytown conditions, living in cardboard boxes.

We were not the first to take on poverty in Phoenix. Priests such as Father Albert Braun and Father Emmett McLoughlin had already brought Catholic faith and service

to areas of extreme poverty. But there was little doubt that much more needed to be done.

In 1950, St. Vincent de Paul opened its first thrift store located at 730 E. Washington Street, to distribute clothes to the poor. As the Valley's poor and homeless grew in numbers, arrangements were made with a small diner across from St. Mary's Church in Phoenix to accept our vouchers for meals to feed the hungry. On November 20, 1952, we took over "Johnny's Restaurant," located at 435 W. Washington Street. This location became our first Charity Dining Room in Phoenix. In 1954, we moved our dining room to a larger facility located at 119 S. 19th Avenue.

We continued to grow and expand our services. Today we have 17 thrift stores in Arizona and five dining rooms across the Valley. In 2015, we provided 10,000,000 meals through our dining rooms and food boxes. We have come a long way from our humble beginnings in 1946.



St. Vincent de Paul's first Charity Dining Room, formerly Johnny's Restaurant, located at 435 W. Washington Street. The dining room had a seating capacity of 36.

Unfortunately, poverty is still with us, and sadly the numbers are ever increasing. Just as those men in 1946, who decided to step up and do something, we must also step up and find solutions to the current situation we are living in. We must step up and volunteer, and we must find the resources that allow us to fight the poverty that is so prevalent in our community.

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international non-profit organization dedicated to serving the poor and providing others with the opportunity to serve. The Phoenix Diocesan Council has been assisting central and northern Arizona families since 1946. Programs include services for the homeless, medical and dental care for the working poor, charity dining rooms, thrift stores, a transitional housing shelter and general assistance for individuals in need through 85 parish conferences of charity.

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Investing in the Community

Phoenix leaders and well-known figures empower and strengthen those in need

Every year, we are blessed and grateful for the thousands of individuals who support our work and spend time with those we provide services to, in order to make a positive impact on their lives.

Among these individuals are influential figures and leaders in Phoenix who deeply care about the well being of our state. Their commitment to sharing about the need encourages others to get involved in our work and we are thankful for their support and compassion.

Never Give Up

For the past nine years, our Monday morning speaker series called 'Never Give Up,' has inspired and encouraged our Phoenix dining room guests week after week. Jimmy Walker, founder and chairman of Celebrity Fight Night, created the program and helps enlist local top-notch speakers who share stories of their own struggles and offer advice and hope to our guests. Earlier this year, we were honored to have a special visit from Larry Fitzgerald, Arizona Cardinals wide receiver. After sharing a message of hope, Larry answered questions from the crowd. Thank you to all those who have been a guest speaker for Never Give Up – your words and presence mean a great deal to those we serve.

Champions for the Homeless

Kansas City Chiefs Hall of Fame football player Nick Lowery has been an active supporter of St. Vincent de Paul for ten years. Through his organization, Champions for the Homeless, Nick brings well-known former NFL players and local musicians to our Phoenix dining room for special events. The former NFL legends serve food, provide encouragement, raffle off prizes, and sign autographs during the events. This year, Champions for the Homeless added two new events, Christmas in July and a special Veteran's Day meal where a donated mural was unveiled in the dining room. Special thanks to Nick and all of the athletes who have spent time in our dining room spreading love and hope to our guests over the years.

Community leaders that support special events at SVdP

This year, we were honored to host a special "Celebration of Life" service for the late Meadowlark Lemon of the Harlem Globetrotters, at our Phoenix dining room. Meadowlark Lemon was a great supporter of SVdP and regularly visited our dining room as a motivational speaker for Never Give Up. His example has lived on in others. During this event, several special guests attended, including former and current NBA players, including Devin Booker, the Harlem Globetrotters, Mayor of Phoenix, Greg Stanton, and Phoenix Suns radio broadcaster announcer Al McCoy, to name a few. We are always deeply appreciative of the great support we receive from community leaders, as they encourage others to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most in Arizona.



Jimmy Walker stands with Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald, as he shares a message of hope and encouragement during Never Give Up in our downtown dining room.



Former NFL players and Kansas City Chief Hall of Fame player Nick Lowery sign autographs for dining room guests.



Phoenix Suns radio broadcaster Al McCoy asks Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton to share a few words during the Meadowlark Lemon 'Celebration of Life' ceremony at our downtown dining room.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 2016 FOOD DRIVES



Be A Summer Action Hero

This summer, we partnered with CBS 5 and Walmart for our annual "Be a Summer Action Hero" campaign, to raise awareness and support for families served by SVdP. Throughout the month of June, we invited the community to participate in the campaign by donating non-perishable foods at Walmart locations in central and northern Arizona. The campaign culminated with an all-day phone bank at CBS 5.



FOX 10 with Safeway and Albertsons

Thanks to the wonderful support of FOX 10, Safeway and Albertsons stores are continuing their great support of St. Vincent de Paul with their second annual Holiday Food Drive. The month-long drive began December 1 and is generating record pounds of food donations for home deliveries carried out through our food pantries. We salute and thank FOX 10, Safeway and Albertsons for this effort that will help change the face of hunger in Arizona.



Turkey Tuesday

This year, during our annual Turkey Tuesday event, 12 News' Bruce Cooper and Caribe Devine went head-to-head in a friendly competition with Mark Curtis and Vanessa Ruiz to see who could collect the most turkeys in the nation's largest one-day turkey drive. At the end of the day, the real winners were the thousands of families who received the turkeys and were able to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner thanks to the tremendous generosity of our partners and community members. Thank you to 12 News, Bashas' and Food City for making all of it possible!



Summer Lunch Drive

As temperatures rise during the summer, so do utility bills. This coupled with children being out of school, means struggling parents have to make the impossible choice of putting food on the table or paying bills. That's why we partnered with 12 News, Bashas' and Food City again in July for our Summer Lunch Drive. Thank you to 12 News, Bashas', Food City and all those who participated in the campaign to help feed those in need!



Million Can Crusade

KNIX Radio Morning Show Stars Ben and Matt, Barrel Boy, and Brooke, just concluded the 9th Annual "Million Can Crusade." The Million Can Crusade has grown to be the standard-bearer of St. Vincent de Paul food drive events, thanks to loyal listeners of this nationally honored team at KNIX. We want to extend a heartfelt thanks to KNIX, Safeway and Albertsons for their incredible support in helping to feed those in need during the holidays.

EDUCATED AND HOMELESS: CHERYL'S STORY of SURVIVAL

At the height of her career, Cheryl was a case manager working for a mental health agency in Juneau, Alaska. She had two degrees from Northern Arizona University – in sociology and psychology. She was extremely knowledgeable in dealing with domestic violence issues, substance abuse and working with at-risk youth. In fact, Cheryl was so passionate about helping the most vulnerable in her community, she was also a foster parent to at-risk children.

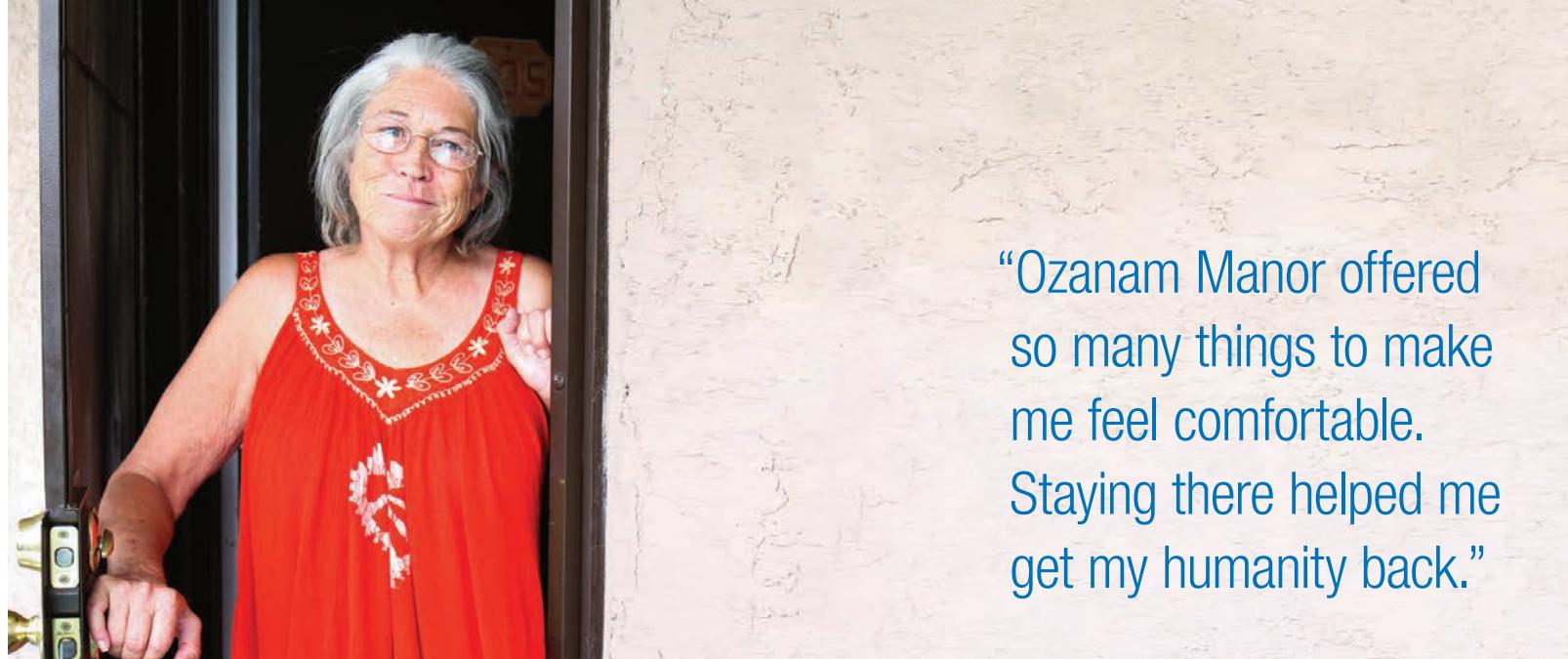
"During this time, I became a 'jack of all trades,'" she says, "It was very challenging, but I absolutely loved this work. I even set up a prevention program to go out to rural villages in Juneau to help people with medical and substance abuse issues. It was very fulfilling work."

But like many residents living in Juneau, over the years Cheryl began to suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder (S.A.D.), a type of depression that's related to seasonal changes. In Alaska specifically, residents suffer from the low amount of natural light during the long winter months. Types of treatment for this type of depression include light therapy or geographic relocation.

Cheryl started treatment for S.A.D. but unfortunately, her symptoms, including anxiety, apathy, mood swings, and manic episodes, had already started affecting her work. She found it hard to keep up with her normal work hours, and ultimately, she lost her job.

Determined to continue on, Cheryl quickly found a new job as a wellness coordinator at the University of Alaska. But her severe symptoms of depression only worsened, and she wasn't able to stay at this job either. The cycle repeated with another job, until Cheryl decided to make a major change.

She moved back to Arizona with her son. At the time, she knew this was the right decision, as her mother and both sisters lived in Phoenix. She had no idea of the tumultuous times that were ahead of her.



"Ozanam Manor offered so many things to make me feel comfortable. Staying there helped me get my humanity back."

Cheryl explained that at traditional shelters, residents are required to leave the shelter early in the morning and are unable to return until the evening. So she had to spend her days walking around Phoenix. At Ozanam Manor, she was able to finally stay inside. There was one benefit that Cheryl truly loved about Ozanam. "I always tell this to people, and it's so weird, but one of the things that made me the happiest, was I had a window by my bed. I have always needed a window to look out and see the light and the world. I was so happy with that window."

Cheryl also loved that she could once again take a bath. She could wake up in the morning and make coffee. She was able to work in the garden. And she says, to top it off, she had a wonderful and caring case manager. "Ozanam Manor offered so many things to make me feel comfortable. Staying there helped me get my humanity back."

During her stay, Cheryl stayed on top of her health issues, visited her doctors, worked on finding the right medication and filled out the proper paperwork to continue her disability filing process. In February of this year, she left Ozanam Manor and was placed in an apartment through ABC Housing. She now lives in a one-bedroom apartment in central Phoenix and has created a cozy home for herself.

Cheryl is so grateful for SVdP's support at such a difficult time in her life and wants to give back.

"I want to focus on helping people again, even if it's just volunteering. I've been so blessed and I want to pay this forward."

After a year of searching, Cheryl found a job in her field that seemed to be just right for her. She helped a local organization provide grant money to social service agencies. She even found that her manager was very understanding of her mental health issues.

Cheryl was making ends meet, but barely. Then she began suffering from physical health issues – chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and a pinched nerve in her neck. Her medical bills began piling up and, like many who live check to check, Cheryl lost her apartment. A month later, she lost her job. She and her son began staying with family and friends temporarily until she could find another job. She looked for a new job for over a year with no luck, all the while struggling more and more with her mental and physical illnesses.

Finally, Cheryl decided she needed permanent help and filed for disability. She and her son were living with her mother at this point, both sleeping in the living room. But her mother's landlord would only allow one extra person to live in her small house. Cheryl told her son to stay, and she would figure out where to go. With no income or savings, her only option was checking into a shelter. "I literally went from middle-class America to a homeless shelter. I had nowhere else to go at that point. I was in shock," she says.

Because of her severe health issues, she was able to get a bed at a local shelter immediately. On her first day there, she began the process of researching and applying for programs that would be able to help her. She began eating breakfast and lunch every day at St. Vincent de Paul's downtown Phoenix dining room. She was determined to get back on her feet and into her own home again.

Unbeknownst to her, things were going to get worse before they got better. After a conflict, she had to leave the shelter and for the first time in her life, Cheryl did not have a bed to sleep in. "I ended up sleeping in the parking lot for ten days. It was a terrifying time; I didn't feel safe being a woman sleeping on the street. It was also raining, and I started getting sick." But her persistence in applying for programs early on finally paid off. Cheryl was accepted in SVdP's Ozanam Manor shelter. "I was so grateful to St. Vincent de Paul at this point, they had provided me with meals and now, housing," she says.

WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T BUY HAPPINESS?

Every thrift store purchase benefits those who need it most.

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!

THRIFT STORE LOCATIONS:

Apache Junction
2540 W. Apache Trail
(480) 380-4515

Kingman
218 E. Beale St.
(928) 753-4399

Mesa
2352 W. Main St.
(480) 644-0887

Prescott
935 Fair St.
(928) 771-9696

Bullhead City
780 Marina Blvd.
(928) 758-3108

Lake Havasu City
761 N. Lake Havasu Ave.
(928) 453-1399

Payson
1006 S. Beeline Hwy
(928) 474-4476

Surprise
12851 W. Bell Rd.
(623) 875-5004

Chandler
963 W. Elliot Rd.
(480) 812-1156

Phoenix
8231 N. 7th St.
(602) 861-2634

Mayer
10376 S. Highway 69
(928) 493-8126

Prescott
935 Fair St.
(928) 771-9696

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Flagstaff
2113 N. East St.
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FARM to FORK

Healthy Food Recipe Series

In case you missed it: In each issue of the Vincentian Connection, we share a new healthy recipe created by SVdP Head Chef Chris Hoffman, who will be using produce harvested from our Urban Farm. In addition to the recipe, you'll also learn the health benefits of the fresh ingredients, provided by our Family Wellness Program.

COOKING WITH: Brussels Sprouts

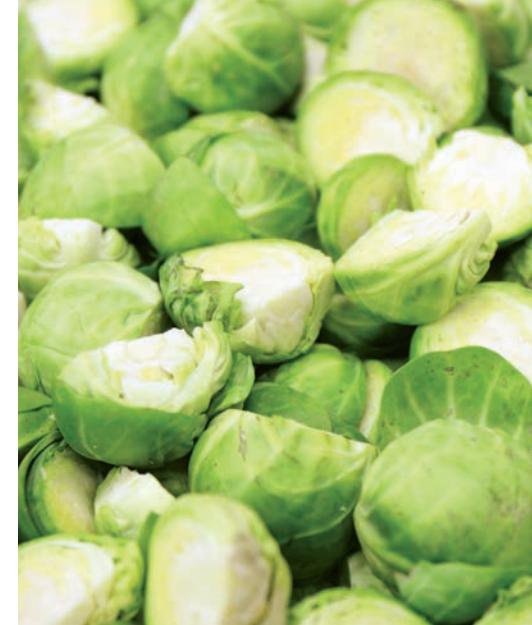
Learn How to Make Pan-Seared Brussels Sprouts with Bacon and Onion

As we work to address food insecurity in our community through our food pantries and dining rooms, we also place a priority on health and wellness. We do this holistically through the combined efforts of our Urban Farm, dining rooms and Family Wellness Center. Just as we do with those we serve, we hope to encourage you to use fresh ingredients to make simple, healthy dishes at home.

This month, as many gather together for special family meals, we are featuring a delicious side dish of Pan-Seared Brussels Sprouts with Bacon and Onion. Brussels sprouts are a traditional cruciferous winter vegetable. They provide high levels of vitamin C and vitamin K and a modest amount of dietary fiber. They are commonly cooked by boiling, steaming, stir frying, grilling or roasting.



Brussel sprouts provide high levels of Vitamin C & Vitamin K



CHEF CHRIS' HOLIDAY SIDE DISH IDEA:

PAN SEARED BRUSSELS SPROUTS with BACON AND ONION

Serves 4



INGREDIENTS

4 strips of thick-cut bacon
2 tablespoons butter
1 pound of Brussels sprouts, halved
½ large onion, chopped
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

PREPARATION

Cook bacon in a large skillet over medium-high heat until crispy. Remove the bacon and place on a paper towel-lined plate, then roughly chop. In the same pan with bacon fat, melt the butter over high heat. Add the chopped onions and Brussels Sprouts. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the sprouts are golden brown. This will take approximately 8-10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste, and toss the chopped bacon back into pan. Serve immediately and enjoy!



St. Vincent de Paul Celebrates 70 YEARS of Serving in Arizona

Join us in looking back through the years



Healing the Community



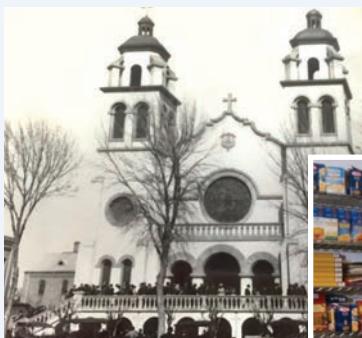
In 1977, at the site of the 9th Avenue and Madison Dining Room, a free Medical and Dental Clinic was created with assistance from St. Vincent de Paul volunteer Sal Immordino. This clinic primarily served patients who were homeless.

In 1994, the Medical/Dental Clinic was restructured and relocated to its current location on our main campus, where the focus has shifted to treating the uninsured and working poor. Thanks to the help of hundreds of volunteer medical professionals, including dentists, physicians, nurses and pharmacists, we have been able to offer more services to our patients and the healthcare community.

Providing Safe Shelter



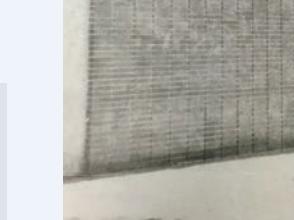
In 1984, the St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter at 221 S. 9th Ave. sheltered a total 7,500 individuals. Every day, clients were given a change of clothes, a shower, clean bed, and a morning and evening meal.



In 1946, members of St. Mary's Church, along with their pastor, started the first 'conference of charity,' also known today as a St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

Today, there are 83 volunteer-run food pantries in central and northern Arizona. Trained volunteers, also known as Vincentians, go on home visits to deliver food boxes and find out if an individual or family has any other needs that need to be addressed.

The Home Visit



While the original homeless shelter no longer exists, we now have a Ministry to the Homeless program located on our main campus where homeless guests are welcomed daily with showers, clothing, shoes, counseling and referral services. In addition, we operate Ozanam Manor, a transitional shelter for adults experiencing homelessness and are either over the age of 50 or have disabilities. This year, we also operate a temporary overnight shelter in our downtown dining room. It gives 250 individuals a safe place to sleep each night.



Feeding the Hungry



On November 20, 1952, Johnny's Restaurant (seating capacity 36) in downtown Phoenix became the first SVdP Charity Dining Room. In 1954, the dining room moved to an abandoned church building on 9th Avenue and Madison and had a seating capacity of 400. Through the efforts of journalist and SVdP volunteer Henry Unger, word of this charity dining room began to spread.

Today's downtown Phoenix dining room is named in honor of Henry Unger and still feeds hundreds of homeless individuals every day. It's now located at 1075 W. Jackson Street on the Human Services Campus. We also operate four additional dining rooms across the Valley, serving approximately 4,000 meals a day to hungry families and individuals.

"TIME CAPSULE" TALK WITH JERRY CASTRO AND DR. KEN SNYDER

Twenty years of dental care for patients in need. Over ten million meals served last year to struggling Arizona families. Seventy years of St. Vincent de Paul in Phoenix...

The numbers themselves are heartwarming, yet the stories behind them add inspiring context to our mission. In the midst of our 70th anniversary, we caught up with Jerry Castro, Food Services Director, and Dr. Ken Snyder, Dental Clinic Director, for their personal reflections and a look to the future.

How did your service here begin? What's changed and what's stayed the same over the years?

Dr. Snyder: I was in private practice and traveling to lead dental workshops when someone told me SVdP was looking for a children's dentist. I really didn't know much about SVdP at the time but, the next day, on my way to teach a dental program, I looked up at a stoplight and saw an SVdP truck. It was God's signal grace to follow up on the tip I'd been given.

One constant I've seen since day one is the servant's spirit that resides here. Whether in the dining room, within management, and of course through our volunteers, everyone 'walks the talk' and supports the mission. That's what keeps me here. Twenty years on, the Dental Clinic has grown from a half day per week to a full capacity clinic. Our staff has taken on so many new things that I don't question whether we can do it or not – we always respond.

Jerry Castro: I was a warehouse teamster 30 years ago when a colleague noticed the new truck I had purchased. His had broken down and he asked to borrow mine to finish food pantry deliveries. That's how I got started at Sacred Heart Parish in South Phoenix, and I've been with SVdP ever since.

The love volunteers apply to serving is steadfast. So many people have a passion to help the homeless – I see it in their faces. Our dining services have expanded over the

years with many fruitful collaborations. St. Joseph the Worker helps with our Mesa dining room, and various church groups raise money so we can give guests backpacks with supplies and gifts when they attend Christmas meals. We recently started a new shelter in our Phoenix dining room which houses 250 guests overnight. The board gives us great support so we can continue adapting to our environment's challenges.

What are your aspirations for the next five years?

Jerry Castro: We'd like to see more dining and pantry sites in the East and West Valley, and further North too. Maryvale has needs we'd like to serve more fully. There are conferences serving families and delivering food there, though providing hot meals daily is a goal.

Dr. Snyder: We receive 2,000 names per quarter and through our lottery selection, we can only see about 200 patients. With upcoming changes, the Medical Clinic will move downstairs and dental will inherit the entire upstairs space, which will help us reach our goal of serving more patients.

I'd also like to see our staff achieve their full potential. They're so talented. This year our clinic was awarded the Henry Schein Cares Medal, a national honor for expanding healthcare access to the underserved. Our donors and volunteers made this happen, and it's great justification of their faith in this organization. We truly have a championship team across St. Vincent de Paul, with all the right players.



(Top) Dental Clinic Director Dr. Snyder poses for a photo with a young patient at the start of his long-term career at St. Vincent de Paul.

(Bottom) Food Services Director Jerry Castro poses for a photo with a volunteer in our dining room.

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ANNUAL RESTORING HOPE

Fundraising Breakfast

At our Annual Restoring Hope Fundraising Breakfast on November 18, we saw the infinite potential of hope and love through the stories of Victor and the Jaimes family.

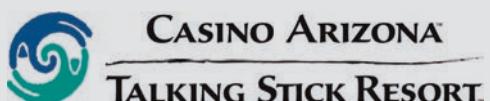
Victor became the first in his family to attend Arizona State University, thanks to our One at a Time Scholarship Program. Victor loves theatre and hopes to become an educator after earning his bachelor's degree.

With the creation of the Dream Center five years ago through the kindness of the Parker family and Next Phase Enterprises, the Jaimes family came to us through the family dining room that serves family dinners and provides educational programming to children every weeknight. Through their involvement with the Dream Center, their children have blossomed and excelled in school.

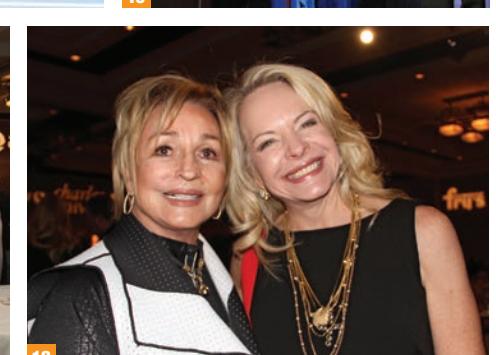
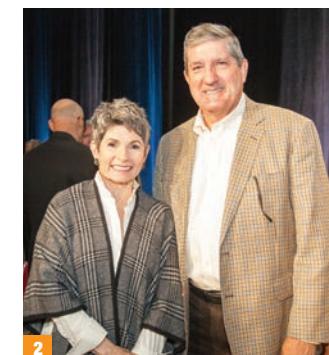
St. Vincent de Paul supporters, Rob and Melani Walton announced a \$1 million commitment to support the expansion of our Rob and Melani Walton Urban Farm at St. Vincent de Paul as part of our \$16 million Building a Resilient Community capital campaign. We are grateful for their support and that of the Diane and Bruce Halle Foundation, the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, the Scaramella Faith Foundation, the Del E. Webb Foundation, the BHHS Legacy Foundation, the Phoenix Suns Charities, Thunderbirds Charities and other donors who have committed more than \$13 million toward our \$16 million goal to expand and enhance our efforts to feed, clothe, house and heal those in need in our community.

Mike Parker inspired the audience with a commitment of \$250,000 to support our continued efforts to serve our community. His gift along with those of other donors resulted in a \$500,000 matching gift to challenge our guests to give generously.

We are so thankful to all who attended the event this year.



We were honored to have Talking Stick Resort, one of the Valley's most respected and successful community corporate partners in Arizona, as our presenting sponsor. With the support from the Gaming Board Chairperson, Ms. Crystal Banuelos, we would like to thank the Gaming Board and Management organization for Casino Arizona Talking Stick Resort, and the wonderful people of the Tribal Council for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Community.



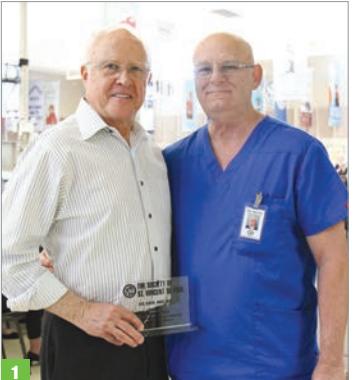
1. From left: Emily Hopwood, John Misner and Mark Curtis of 12 News.
2. From left: Ardie Evans and Phil Francis pose for a photo at the Restoring Hope Breakfast.
3. The Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix, delivers the invocation at the Breakfast.
4. From left: The Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix, and Lori and Russ Scaramella.
5. Bruce and Diane Halle pose for a photo at the Restoring Hope Breakfast.
6. SVdP Chief Philanthropy Officer Shannon Clancy speaks at the Breakfast.

7. From left: Craig Coppola, Sharon Harper and Dr. Oliver Harper pose for a photo at the Breakfast.
8. From left: Silvio Delgado, Cynthia Bach, and the Jaimes children; Lizbeth, Jaime and Frank.
9. Arizona Governor Doug Ducey in attendance at our Annual Restoring Hope Breakfast.
10. 12 News Anchor Mark Curtis speaks at the Restoring Hope Breakfast.
11. Mike Parker shares about the Dream Center during the Breakfast.
12. From left: Mike Parker, Ana Parker and Nicole Parker pose for a photo at the Restoring Hope Breakfast.

13. Special guest Renee Morgan Brooks sings *We Can Be Kind* at the start of the program.
14. Rob and Melani Walton, of the Rob and Melani Walton Foundation, announce a generous gift at the Restoring Hope Breakfast.
15. From left: One at a Time scholarship recipients Victor Arevalo and Marcelino Quiñonez speak at the Breakfast.
16. From left: Rob Walton, Melani Walton, Richard Warren and Linda Warren.
17. From left: John Shrimaffer and SVdP Executive Director Steve Zabinski pose for a photo.
18. From left: Sharon Dupont McCord and Nan Howlett pose for a photo at the Breakfast.

Celebrating **VOLUNTEERS**

We held two Volunteer Appreciation Luncheons this year as a way to highlight volunteers who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to St. Vincent de Paul and to the community. We presented our Bob Russell Lifetime Achievement award to Jimmy Walker, chairman and founder of Celebrity Fight Night. We presented our Andy Andreano Lifetime Achievement Award to Louise Pennartz, long-time volunteer at Wings of Peace.



SPRING HONOREES

1. Dental Clinic Director Dr. Ken Snyder presented an award to Dr. Robert Hurt for his great work in our dental clinic.
2. Corporate Development Officer Todd Cooley presented Jade Abarre with an award for his dedicated partnership and support to SVdP programs.
3. Pat Spica from Charles Schwab was the keynote speaker of the event.
4. Community Drives and Events Manager Jamie Bethune nominated Makenna Breading-Goodrich for a Volunteer Appreciation Award for her generous water drive donation.
5. Dream Center Supervisor Cynthia Bach nominated and presented awards to three volunteers for their dedicated service in the Dream Center. From left: Christiana Moreno, Daniel Monreal, Reyna Aizu and Cynthia Bach.
6. Medical Clinic Director Dr. Maurice Lee and his team presented an award to volunteer Erin Tharalson for her service in the clinic.
7. St. Vincent de Paul Executive Director Steve Zabilski (right) and Bob Russell (left) co-presented the Bob Russell Lifetime Achievement Award to Jimmy Walker (center), chairman and founder of Celebrity Fight Night, for his incredible partnership with St. Vincent de Paul.

FALL HONOREES

8. Urban Farm Director Dave Smith presented an award to Mark Perkins for his many hours of volunteer service in SVdP's Urban Farm.
9. Corporate Development Officer Todd Cooley presented an award to Lori Pouillard of Mass Mutual for her committed service to SVdP as a corporate partner.
10. Kitchen Manager Lee Henry presented an award to Becky Patterson and her family for their dedicated service in the kitchen and dining room during the summer months.
11. Food Warehouse Manager Mary Thomas presented an award to the Corpus Christi food pantry volunteers for their great service in helping those in need in their community. From left: Mary Thomas, Marcia DePrator, Dave DePrator, Hilda Celaya, Carmelita Madison, Charlie Lanzolita, and Sandy and Ron Zobrist.
12. We were honored to have a special guest in the audience during the luncheon. State Senator Catherine Miranda shared an encouraging message with luncheon attendees.
13. Vincentian Support Services Manager Renee Gero presented an award to Dottie Sullivan, who manages and runs SVdP's annual holiday Adopt-A-Family program.
14. Chris Becker Dining Room Assistant Manager Joseph De La Cruz (center) presented awards to volunteers Pat Fenlon (left) and Jerry Yarbrough (right), for their committed service in the dining room.
15. Kris Anest from Charles Schwab was the keynote speaker of the event.
16. Mesa Dining Room Manager Tami Cox (center) presented volunteer awards to Dennis Scranton (far left), Nancy Scranton (right), and Patty Vincent (far right), for their long-time and service in the east valley dining room.
17. Food and Community Drives Manager Jamie Bethune presented an award to 14-year-old volunteer Austin Dorsey for his support during the Million Can Crusade food drive in 2015. Austin raised \$2,000 during the campaign to help feed those in need.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



JIMMY WALKER

NAMED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

Fifteen years ago, Jimmy Walker, founder and chairman of Celebrity Fight Night Foundation, became interested in volunteering at St. Vincent de Paul when his daughter Jennifer was working in the ministry. He began serving at our downtown Phoenix Dining Room and brought in clothing donations. As time passed, Jimmy offered to host a Bible Study for guests in the downtown dining room.

During the Bible Study sessions, he began to notice a recurring theme among the guests – many were discouraged or felt hopeless. This is how the “Never Give Up” program was created. Jimmy started bringing in community leaders once a week to the downtown dining room, so they could share messages of hope and encouragement with the homeless guests.

“If I can make a difference in one life each week, it is worth it,” says Jimmy.

Nine years later, the Never Give Up program is still going as strong as ever, with visits from guests such as Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald (see cover), and even a special visit from international opera singer, Andrea Bocelli.

Jerry Castro, SVdP director of dining services, has worked alongside Jimmy throughout this partnership. “Jimmy Walker always thinks of everyone first and how he can be of help to those in need. Because of Jimmy, Monday mornings are very special at our Phoenix Dining Room because of the messages of hope, encouragement and love being shared with our guests,” he says.

Over the years Jimmy has helped bring other beneficial projects to fruition at SVdP, such as the Fight Night Water Truck that delivers water and supplies to homeless individuals across Maricopa county, and the building and dedication of the Meadowlark Lemon Basketball Court at the downtown dining room.

LOUISE PENNARTZ

NAMED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT

Louise Pennartz was brought to St. Vincent de Paul in an unconventional and special way. Twenty-one years ago, while going through a very difficult time due to her Multiple Sclerosis, she began having a dream that a beautiful voice was telling her that if she helped others, she would also be helped. Her husband urged her to speak with their priest about it.

“When meeting with Father Louie, he told me I was being given an inspiration from God and that I needed to figure out what I was going to do with it,” she says.

So she began to research the needs in her community. Louise found that there wasn’t a charity dining room in Glendale, but there were many hungry individuals that weren’t able to travel far to reach other established dining rooms.

“I met with Chris Becker at St. Vincent de Paul and he told me that if I found a place to serve, they would help me.”

With the support of friends and other community members, Louise opened the ‘Wings of Peace’ dining room in 1995. Honoring our promise, SVdP partnered with Wings of Peace by providing the meals.

Wings of Peace has been serving 250 meals every Tuesday for the past 21 years and during those years, Louise has only missed 11 Tuesdays.

“I am very proud of my angels [volunteers] and of what they do to help all those in need of a good hot meal. We serve anyone who is hungry, no questions asked. It fills my heart with joy to see people eating. Even if we serve one person, we’re doing what we’re supposed to do,” she says.



GIVE TO ARIZONANS AND GET BACK FROM ARIZONA

The state of Arizona provides an incredible incentive for taxpayers who donate to certain qualifying charities like St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks to the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit, you can donate up to \$800 and get it right back on your Arizona tax return.

HOW DOES IT WORK?



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Donate to St. Vincent de Paul to support needy families in Arizona.



Step 2

File your taxes and claim the credit by using AZDOR Form 321



Step 3

Receive your tax credit! (up to \$800)

How is a credit different from a deduction?

A deduction reduces the amount of your income upon which the tax is determined. A credit reduces your tax liability as if you had already paid the tax. Read the examples below to see the difference!

Tax Deduction Example

Mary and John earned \$50,000 this year. They made an \$800 gift to ABC Charity. Although ABC Charity is a nonprofit 501(c)3, it is not a Qualifying Charitable Organization for the tax credit. Mary and John can take a deduction for their gift which, after itemizing deductions, reduces their taxable income by \$800. Their tax liability is now based on \$49,200.

Tax Credit Example

Betty and Ralph earned \$50,000 this year. They made an \$800 gift to SVdP which is a Qualifying Charitable Organization for the tax credit. Their Arizona tax liability based on \$50,000 in earnings is \$1,680. They can take an \$800 credit against their tax liability reducing it to \$880.

\$1680 Betty and Ralph's original AZ tax liability

-\$800 AZ Charitable Tax Credit

\$880 Betty and Ralph's final AZ tax liability

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KIDS DOING GREAT THINGS FOR SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL



KEGAN

Doorstep Donations: Delivering Food Boxes to Be Filled

During a service project earlier this year, third grader Kegan decided he wanted to host a food drive to benefit the SVdP food pantry at his church. When it came time to start the food drive, Kegan did something slightly different and innovative. Instead of setting up a donation box in front of his house or at his church and asking others to bring in food, he brought the food drive to them. Kegan wrote a note explaining his mission and attached it to several grocery bags. His mother and sister then helped him drive around his neighborhood, dropping off a 'donation bag' on each neighbor's doorstep. The response was overwhelming. Almost every house filled their bag, and many more than one bag. Even sweeter? Many neighbors wrote encouraging messages to Kegan, such as "We're proud of you!" and "Great job Kegan!"

At St. Vincent de Paul, we're blessed to see individuals and families of all ages serve the community in our many programs.

We encourage volunteers to become more involved no matter how young or old they may be. In the end, we are fortunate to have such an incredible and varied volunteer base.

Even more so, we love seeing children of all ages using their passions to get involved. Every now and then, a child comes along who thinks outside of the box to help others through an innovative project or idea.

We'd like to give special thanks and highlight a few who have gone above and beyond in helping their neighbors in need in Arizona.



AUSTIN

Teen Dons Barrel Boy Costume with Mission to Feed Hungry

Life hasn't been easy for 14-year-old Austin Dorsey. Austin was born with a heart defect and other medical and physical conditions that meant every day of survival was a blessing. But these health issues haven't stopped him from spreading love everywhere he goes. Being a huge country music fan, over the years Austin has attended many 102.5 KNIX concerts. At each concert he was thrilled to see Barrel Boy, who quickly became his personal hero and friend. Wanting to give back to the community, Austin and his family decided to partner with KNIX during their Million Can Crusade food drive that benefits SVdP. But Austin went one step further when it came to raising funds and asking for food donations. He joined his hero, Barrel Boy, at events, and became 'Barrel Buddy.' Last year, as Barrel Buddy, Austin raised \$2,000 for Million Can Crusade and raised even more this year!



JACEY AND CIENNA

Delivering Food With Heartfelt Prayer

It started with a goal of receiving Religious Emblems in their Girl Scout troop. But for Jacey and Cienna, both 13, their service project led to something even greater – a call to their peers to join them in their work of being 'prayer warriors.' This summer, Jacey and Cienna volunteered for the first time at SVdP's food pantry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. They packed food boxes in the pantry and joined the other volunteers to deliver the food. During the home visit, the girls had a chance to sit down and talk to the mother who had requested food and found out that she was battling cancer. She hadn't been to church in some time, so Jacey and Cienna asked if they could pray with her right then. "She was crying a little bit, but we could tell they were tears of joy. That's when we realized we wanted to come back and pray more with her," says Jacey. They came back to the home two weeks later and prayed the Rosary with the mother. They were so moved by the experience, they decided to start a "Mini Vinnies" group at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, encouraging other teens to join them in packing food boxes at the pantry and seeking out more individuals in need of prayer.



JOYFUL SUDS

"Joyful Suds" Drive

The SVdP food pantry at St. Raphael in Glendale hosts annual drives during back-to-school time, Thanksgiving and Christmas. But one special drive they will always remember and hope to reinstitute happened one year ago. Mariana Mosqueda, a senior from Apollo High School was volunteering in the pantry and noticed while packing food boxes that the pantry had run out of laundry soap. She became very disappointed and shared that when she was younger, her family had lost a significant amount of income and that small purchases, such as dish soap and laundry detergent were hard to come by. She wanted to help make sure this didn't happen to others.

This is how "Joyful Suds" was born. Partnering with more teens from the high school, including Apollo High Key Club vice president Karen Botello, and youth from St. Jerome, the food pantry collected more than 1,000 empty water bottles. It only took one day, but they were able to sanitize, fill, and re-label the water bottles with laundry and dish soap. They had so many in fact, that the pantry was able to share with other nearby SVdP food pantries.



KIDS DOING GREAT THINGS IN LAKE HAVASU

Three sisters commit free time to helping the less fortunate in their community

If you ever stepped into the St. Vincent de Paul Lake Havasu thrift store or participated in one of their holiday drives over the past three years, chances are you may have met Amanda, Alexa or Ashleigh. The three sisters began volunteering at the pantry together with an overall mission of helping the less fortunate in their community. Sarah Thomas, general manager of the SVdP Lake Havasu Thrift Store, says the teens have been an incredible blessing to the organization. "These girls have hearts that want to give back and it shows in the way they volunteer their time," she says.

From sorting and pricing thrift store merchandise, to running the cash register, planning promotions and helping to organize drives, the girls have done it all. Before they partnered with SVdP, Amanda (16), Alexa (16) and Ashleigh (14), say they had volunteered at different community events, but were looking for something new and long-term. Their mom suggested SVdP. It was a small decision, but one that has had a huge impact on those living in Lake Havasu. "Sarah is teaching us how to run a business that benefits our community," says Amanda.

In addition to volunteering several hours at the thrift store, the girls are also passionate about helping to organize the back-to-school and Christmas drives hosted by SVDP. Ashleigh,

Photos: **1.** Amanda (left) and Alexa volunteer in the St. Vincent de Paul Lake Havasu thrift store.
2. Alexa (left) and Ashleigh wrap presents for the annual Christmas gift distribution.

SERRANO'S RESTAURANTS

Serve Food With a Side of Compassion

East Valley Restaurant Chain Serves Homeless Free Meals in Mesa Dining Room

The family members behind east valley restaurant-chain, Serrano's Mexican Food, have always rolled up their sleeves to work hard, get their hands dirty and jump in when needed. Originally from Sonora, Mexico, the grandfather of the current owners, Albert, and his brother Luis, owned a dry goods store, a mine, and a ranch in the early 1900s. During the Mexican Revolution, they faced persecution and moved to Tucson, Arizona. It was in Tucson that they found jobs at a clothing retailer and learned the ins and outs of the business.

In 1919, they heard about a new town north of Tucson that was beginning to prosper. This town was Chandler. They quickly moved north and opened their first clothing store in Chandler's main square, called Serrano's Popular Store. They eventually opened more locations in the east valley and this business lasted for 60 years. Due to a change in the clothing business in the late 1970s and with the rise of shopping malls, husband and wife Ernie and Eva Serrano made the decision to change their business concept to a restaurant in order to survive the changing business climate.

"Mom was a great cook," says Eva's daughter Theresa, one of eight siblings who now run the five restaurants. "She always cooked huge meals for the entire family, and we had wonderful recipes on both sides of the family."

In 1979, the Serrano family opened their first restaurant in Chandler on Arizona Avenue. Because they were so well known in the community already, the restaurant was busy right away. In the beginning, Ernie and Eva's eight children pursued other careers, but always helped out in the restaurants when needed, whether it was being a bartender, hostess, dishwasher, server or manager. "Mom and Dad worked so hard in the beginning," says Lisa, "they opened and closed the restaurant seven days a week." Over the years, the family began opening more locations in the east valley, to include Tempe, Mesa and Gilbert. And one by one, each sibling started coming back. "That was one thing about our Dad, he always wanted to keep all of his chicks in one place. He was happiest when we were all around him," says Theresa.

Although each sibling has their own niche in running the current business, from back of house management to accounting, they all readily agree that they frequently trade hats in order to get the job done. But running a successful business wasn't the only mission of the Serrano family.



Ernie Serrano, current co-owner of Serrano's Mexican Food Restaurants, unloads food in preparation of serving approximately 350 homeless individuals during St. Vincent de Paul's lunch service in Mesa.



Every Serrano family member owns a bracelet inscribed with the words "Faith Family Food," to remind them of their core values.



This summer our Mesa Dining Room closed due to a fire and we resumed service temporarily at Paz de Cristo, a kitchen with an outdoor dining area. When co-owner Ernie Serrano noticed how hot it was at Paz, Serrano's purchased and donated four floor coolers to use during our lunch service and make guests more comfortable.

The Serrano family siblings pose for a photo with mother, Eva Serrano, in the restaurant's corporate office. From left: Rick, Lisa, Eva (Mom), Stephanie, Theresa, Jamie and Lorraine. (Not pictured: Father, Ernie Serrano Sr., who passed away in 2009, and siblings, Billy and Caroline)

oming from a strong faith-based background, the family has always greatly valued giving back. The red bracelets that each family member wears inscribed with "Faith, Family, Food" attests to this belief. "We were blessed and we felt like we needed to give back," says Ernie, one of three sons. "Not having a plan in mind, we called St. Vincent de Paul." That's when the Serrano's Restaurant 'Kitchen Takeover' began in our Tessa Dining Room. Once a month, the siblings and other staff members brought food to the dining room, including freshly made tortillas, meat, beans, rice and house-made salsa, and started serving 350 to 400 homeless individuals.

thirteen years later, they are still serving free meals to the most vulnerable in Mesa. "Giving back is huge for us. It's what we are. And it's what we were taught growing up. Even with Mom and Dad, there were times when they couldn't give, but they gave anyway. That's how they raised us," says Theresa.

“There are so many people out there without food. And that’s our business – food. To us, food is a ministry. It’s our way of giving thanks to God and giving back to the community.” Just as Serrano’s restaurants have become a mainstay in the east Valley, they have now become a mainstay at St. Vincent de Paul. Volunteers working in the Mesa Dining Room look forward to the one day a month they know the restaurant will be serving food and many have become good friends with the family members. “It’s a really great crew on Wednesday, we’ve been serving together for years. We’re like family,” says Ernie,

We are truly blessed to have a compassionate and community-focused partner and hope to work alongside them for many years to come. If you're interested in serving at our Mesa Dining Room, located at 67 W. Broadway Rd., sign up online today at stvincentdepaul.net!



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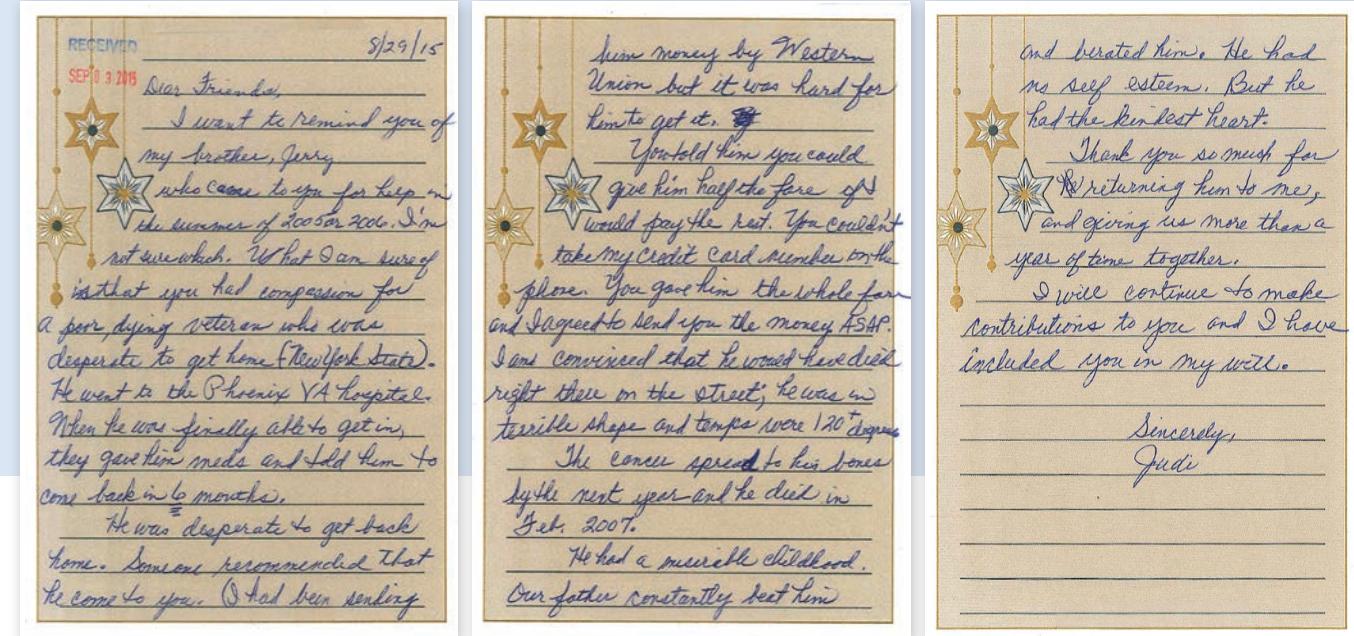
As an example, Helen, an 80-year-old widow and St. Vincent de Paul volunteer, recently established a \$50,000 Vincentian gift annuity. For her age, the annuity rate is 6.8%, meaning she'll receive \$3,400 annually for the rest of her life. And, she may take an income tax deduction of about 50% of her gift this year. Best of all, her gift will support St. Vincent de Paul's work for generations to come. Annuity gifts start at \$10,000.

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LEGACY CIRCLE: A TIME TO CELEBRATE



When we receive a call or note from a person letting us know that they have included St. Vincent de Paul in their will or estate plans, we feel truly blessed. While we are grateful for their gift, the true blessing is that we are able to thank them and celebrate with them while they are still with us.

Awhile back, we received a letter from Judi in New York. Accompanying the letter was a gift—it was her story as to why she felt moved to include St. Vincent de Paul in her will.

Her brother, Jerry, a veteran, was suffering from cancer. He came to Arizona hoping to get treatment through the VA. The cancer worsened and he found himself alone, staying in a motel, with no way to get home. Judi would wire him money to help pay for the motel, but her hope was that he would find a way to get home, and soon.

Someone suggested to Jerry that he contact St. Vincent de Paul. What happened next changed both his and Judi's lives. Jerry received a return call from a friendly SVdP volunteer with our Going Home program who talked with him, without passing judgment, and instead comforted him and gave him hope that he would return home.

SVdP reached out to Judi to make sure she would be ready to accept her brother when he returned home and to let her know that SVdP would provide the funds needed for Jerry to return home.

What a day it was when Jerry returned. He reunited with his daughter and met his five year-old granddaughter for the first time. Jerry died only a few months later. Judi was so grateful to have her brother home during his last days and said that without SVdP that never would have been possible. For that reason, she wants to make sure that others have such life-changing opportunities and has included SVdP in her will.

Because Judi shared her intentions with us, we were able to reach out to her and thank her. She told us more about her brother and herself and we feel that both are part of our SVdP family.

If you have considered leaving SVdP in your estate plan, please let us know so that we can thank you and celebrate with you. It is truly the gift that keeps on giving.



For more information on leaving a legacy gift, or to let us know you have included St. Vincent de Paul in your estate, please contact **Donna Rodgers** at 602.261.6884 or drodgers@svdpaz.org.

The Society of a Thousand Thanks

One of the greatest privileges of living 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.



Italian Association Forges New Festival Partnership with SVdP

In March, we were honored to partner with the Italian Association to help host and volunteer at their annual Italian Festival. We set up a booth in order to share about our work and mission with the nearly 13,000 attendees. We also provided nearly 60 volunteers to work the event to help ensure a smooth festival. Ultimately, the Italian Association gave St. Vincent de Paul a gift of almost \$9,000 from the net proceeds of the event, which helped to feed, clothe, house and heal families in our communities. We are looking forward to this coming year's event, which will be held on March 25-26. A special thank you to the Board of the Italian Association for this new partnership!



Mass Mutual Gives Generously and Feeds Hundreds

Mass Mutual began a new corporate relationship with SVdP this year. They started by generously donating \$30,000 and planned a host of activities to help support SVdP's mission. To date, they have promoted an "In-house Peanut Butter and Jelly Day," by making nearly 2,600 sandwiches for sack lunches that are handed out to SVdP's homeless guests. They have also volunteered in our dining rooms. During one volunteer experience, Mass Mutual volunteers made over 135 pizzas. Thank you Mass Mutual for this new relationship – you've truly made an impact.



U-Haul Feeds Families and Provides Special Gift of Storage

For many years, U-Haul has been supporting SVdP, and this year is no exception. In addition to generous financial gifts, they have increased their support by donating SVdP storage units so that we have the capability of storing furniture items for our Fresh Perspective's program and toys for our annual Palomino Christmas event. They also gave a special gift of turkeys to families in our Family Dining Room (pictured) earlier this year. Thank you, U-Haul for your tremendous gift of time, talent and monetary contributions. 'U-Make' our world worth living in!

Sonic Drive-In Hydrates Those in Need During Summer Months

A relatively new partner of SVdP, R.D. Martin of Sonic Drive-In has graciously agreed to support those we serve with his locally owned franchises. From relay races to restaurant takeovers, there are many ideas being brainstormed for future events, but the partnership ultimately started with a monthly donation of 100 cases of Sonic bottled water. This evolved into a gift of \$3,000 to help fund our annual Turkey Tuesday event. We are so grateful for this new relationship and generous support from R.D. Thank you for helping us keep our guests hydrated for so many months during the summer!



Humana Healthcare Continues Giving Back

From volunteering in our "Humana Playground" located on our main campus, to serving our guests at a recent SVdP Volunteer Appreciation luncheon, we are so honored to have our long-standing relationship with Humana. Under the leadership of Jade Abarre and Zoilabella Calo, we are fortunate to have the ongoing support of such a wonderful partner; their dedication is unparalleled. Thank you Humana!



Knights of Columbus Gives Gift of Mobility

We are thankful to Arizona State Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of 12 wheelchairs to SVdP earlier this year. These wheelchairs were donated to our Medical Equipment Loan Closet program, which helps those in need acquire medical equipment they would not be able to otherwise afford. Members of the Knights of Columbus presented this 'gift of mobility' during our Family Evening Meal and one of our guests, Maria, was able to receive her chair during the presentation.



CenturyLink Annual Food Drive Benefits SVdP

CenturyLink is a donor that reaches out to the community on many levels through the multiple programs and services they provide for SVdP. Their annual 'Backpack Buddy' campaign has evolved from a regular food-drive to a monetary drive, which yielded an excess of \$21,000 of financial support for SVdP. And, that's only one campaign! Thank you CenturyLink for the opportunity to continue partnering with you.

The Society of a Thousand Thanks

Buffalo Wild Wings Feeds Families and Raises Funds

Our new partnership with Buffalo Wild Wings has blessed us with an evening of feeding the families during our Family Evening Meal with savory chicken wings. The children were particularly thrilled with an opportunity to be served by their employees. It was an enjoyable experience for all involved and is only one part of BWW's support. During their monthly "Eat Wings Raise Funds" fundraising event, 10 percent of their sales are donated to SVdP.

Thank you BWW, for your support and the fun way in which you demonstrate your philanthropic goals and objectives.



Little Caesars Mobile Love Kitchen Visits Dining Rooms

Thank you to Little Caesars for serving hundreds of families and individuals this summer through their mobile kitchen on wheels, which they call "Little Caesars Love Kitchen." Staff members drove to different SVdP dining rooms throughout the month of June to provide hundreds of free pizzas. Thank you to all the Little Caesars members and our volunteers for providing this special meal to our dining room guests!

Raising Cane's Gives Back in More Ways Than One

Who knows the number of chicken tenders sold in the Arizona market—it must be in the millions! That is equivalent to the love that we feel from the support of the Raising Cane's franchisees, their management team and family. They have not only funded multiple programs and services for SVdP in excess of \$30,000, but they also volunteer in many areas. Most notably, they volunteered in our downtown Phoenix Dining Room on Easter Sunday, gardening, providing "salon service" and serving nearly 2,000 meals to the homeless. As a new corporate partner, Raising Cane's enthusiasm is contagious and greatly appreciated.



Toyota Financial Services Meets SVdP's Needs

Our friends at Toyota Financial Services have been incredibly kind not only with their financial support of those we serve, but also by volunteering on a regular basis. Anytime we've called upon them, whether in need of backpacks for our children in the Dream Center or to support our annual Turkey Tuesday event, they have always stepped up to help fill a need. More importantly, they have always done it with gratitude. The passing of Neil Patel, one of our dearest Toyota Financial friends and supporters, has not diminished their support but rather, strengthened their resolve. Thank you Toyota Financial Services—your support is a reminder of why we do what we do to help those less fortunate.



Charles Schwab Supports SVdP in a Variety of Ways

Charles Schwab employees are not only experts in financial advice, but also experts in the world of philanthropy, and we have been fortunate to partner with this Fortune 500 Company. "Schwabbies" made 13,500 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches this year and gave a financial gift of nearly \$30,000. From gardening to pizza making, you can almost always spot a Charles Schwab employee on our campus and in our dining rooms. At a recent Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, guest speaker Kris Anest from Charles Schwab described what volunteering means to her and the company. Also at this luncheon, Schwab employee Hugo Calel graciously donated two over-sized murals to SVdP. Through service, compassion, art and culture, Charles Schwab truly understands the love of humankind.

The Society of a Thousand Thanks

TRIBUTES

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Walmart Fights Hunger Through Generous Donation

As a part of Hunger Action Month, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation hosted several events across Arizona to support community efforts to fight hunger. SVdP was honored and thrilled to be a recipient of one of these generous grants. Thank you to Walmart for being such a pivotal partner in helping us fight hunger in our community.



Bechtel Corporation

This year, Bechtel employees embarked on a new way of supporting SVdP. In September, 18 employees from Bechtel did a “home makeover” through our Fresh Perspectives program for a family in South Phoenix. From painting the entire home to furnishing it with furniture, art work, kitchen supplies, bedding, etc., the outcome was truly an ‘HGTV’ experience. The gratitude from the family was so heartfelt that all who participated were in tears upon the big reveal. Thank you Bechtel – we are blessed to have your support!

Shea Homes Hosts Food Drive for To Feed Less Fortunate

Shea Homes is home-building developer with a heart larger than its communities. Shea's first act of kindness was hosting a food drive open to all of their communities, employees and associated vendors. The drive yielded 6,132 pounds of non-perishable food! We were thrilled with how many extra people we would be able to feed because of their support. But there's more -- they matched the pounds of food with a dollar-matching component of \$6,132. Thank you Shea Homes!



Plush & Loom Gives Rest Through 'Buy One Give One' Program

We are very excited about a new partnership with local online mattress company Plush & Loom -- who believes in good, comfortable sleep at an affordable price. Plush & Loom's initial gift to SVdP was 100 mattresses, but they will continue their partnership by donating one mattress to SVdP for every mattress sold. Thank you Plush & Loom!

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Mary Ann Kneip - Birthday
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Christopher Becker - 66th
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Bridgeman
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James Alexander

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Danny Duke

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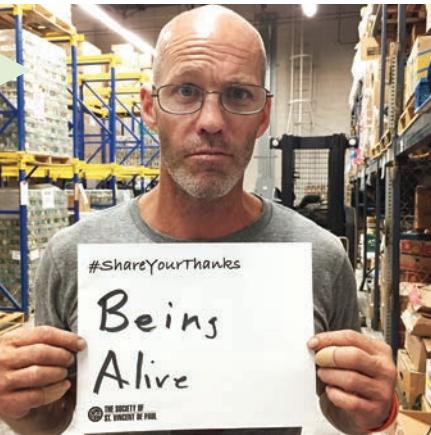
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MEGAN KAISER

Former dining room guest and current Adopt-A-Family sponsor

"I'm grateful for second chances. To me, second chances mean being able to make up for mistakes that I've made in the past and being able to reconnect with people I may have hurt, being able to move forward with my life, being able to give back in the future and do everything in my life that I originally wanted to do. I found that once I showed that I really changed and I wanted to move forward and be a different person, everyone in my life was open to reconnecting and everything has been great since."



KEVIN DUNCAN

Dining room guest and kitchen volunteer

Kevin volunteers in St. Vincent de Paul's downtown Phoenix dining room in the morning and in our main kitchen four days a week. He is currently homeless and spends each night in SVdP's temporary shelter in the downtown dining room. Kevin says he is thankful for the help and shelter he has received, thankful to be able to give back and most importantly, he is thankful to be alive each day.



AISSATA BAH

Family Wellness Program patient

Mrs. Bah is grateful for the help that Mrs. Yolanda [Family Wellness Program Director] and her team provided to help her feel better and control her diabetes. She speaks French, so she says: Merci Beaucoup!



BOB HILER

Special Ministries volunteer and St. Thomas Aquinas Vincentian

"I'm thankful for Maryellen, my wife of 49 years. Believe it or not, God sent her to me on a blind date. We met in Connecticut and have been living in Arizona for the last 21 years. We've had 5 children and 12 grandkids. We've been very blessed. For our 50th anniversary, we are traveling to Spain with some of our kids and grandkids to walk the Camino de Santiago. My wife won't be able to walk it, but I will with three of my children."



MERCY RUIZ VALDEZ

Family Evening Meal guest

"I am thankful for the Dream Center at St. Vincent de Paul because they help my 10-year-old son so much. There are many times when I'm unable to help him with his math or science homework because I don't understand it. The way they teach these subjects is way different than they used to. Here at the Dream Center, they help him with his homework and he's able to turn it in on time every day. He's learning so much here."



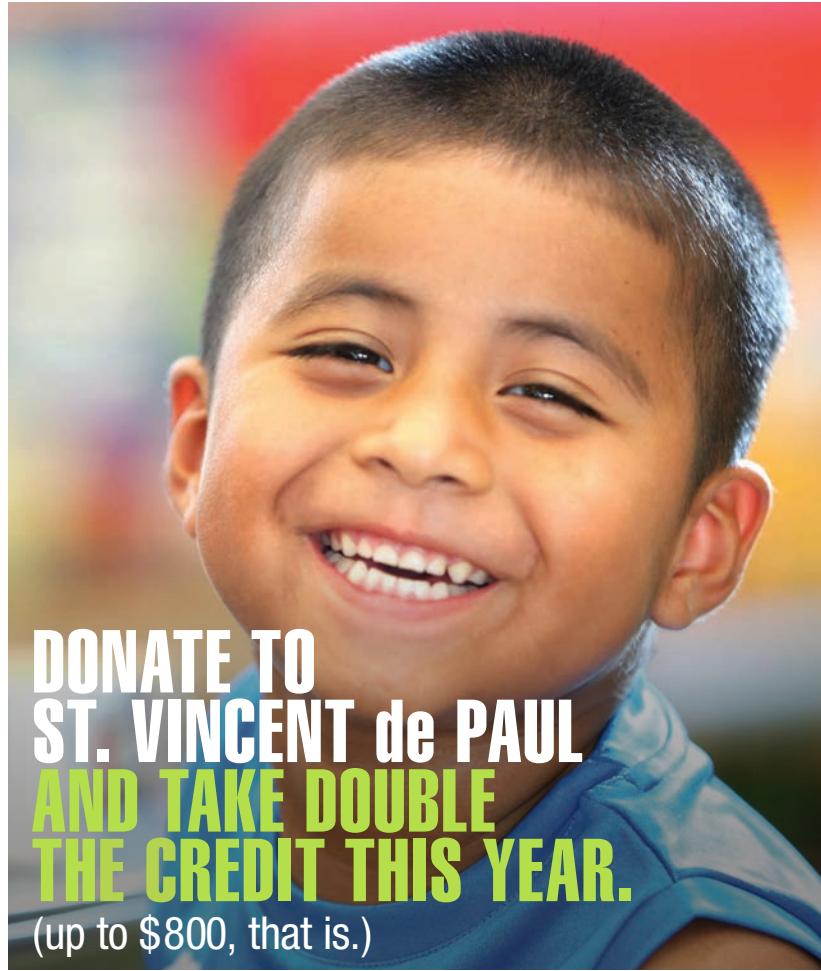
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