Through the Eyes of a Child

By Shirley Smalley

Christmas time reminds me of the wonder of childhood. This year as I listened to the joyful laughter of children as they caught a glimpse of Santa Claus or were amazed by the toy trains circling around a beautifully decorated tree, my thoughts quickly turned to some of the harsh realities of life. I thought about the children who do not know the joy of the season. Those small helpless faces that do not know the stability of a home, the warmth of heat or the security of having a regular meal. Those children that Santa never visits.

I joined a St. Vincent de Paul Conference in Oklahoma in 1984, and have been deeply in love with the Society, its members, and the poor ever since. Three years ago, I found myself coordinating an Elementary Youth Conference. This group of thirty-four young Vincentians ranging in age from ten through fourteen has blessed me with a new and unique perspective of the Society and what it can do.

These students are real Vincentians. They view their membership as a vocation and they study the principles and history of the Society. They have regular meetings, a full slate of officers, raise their own funds and minister to the poor and needy directly through home visits and service in our dining rooms. They are like their adult contemporaries in many ways but at the same time very different. They bring with them young eyes and fresh perspectives. They have an enthusiasm, joy and unconditional acceptance that few of us are able to offer.

These Vibrant Vinnies listen to the stories of the homeless without judgment. They fill the room with contagious laughter as they play board games with the residents of Ozanam Manor. The residents are at ease because these young Vincentians do not evaluate their performance or abilities but simply enjoy their company and the game. They reach out and gently touch the hand of an elderly family member during a home visit. They see life and those we help with an innocence and purity that is uniquely a part of childhood. They are patient and never in a hurry to move on to the next family. They are present in the moment and feel compassion for the poor and needy without reservation.

Through them and their eyes, I have gained a deeper appreciation for being a Vincentian. I have come to understand that young people not only help the Society through their service and support of our Conferences, but they can teach us to see others with fresh eyes and a love that is so amazingly Christ-like. My life and my Vincentian vocation have grown immensely because these Vinnies have shared with me their view of others.

May 2017 bless each of us with the same enthusiasm, joy and love as our youngest members.
2017 DIOCESAN COUNCIL PRESIDENT ELECTION
NOMINATIONS ARE NEEDED

For the past three years, Diocesan Council President Frank Barrios has served us well. Frank announced at the December 2016 General Membership Meeting that he would not seek a second term. Thus, the nominating committee is now in the process of securing candidates for a presidential term that will begin October 1, 2017 and end September 30, 2020.

Please ask yourself: *Am I being called to serve?* This is about leadership. Look at leadership, not as making ourselves more important, but as a greater opportunity to be a servant of all. Christ has told us: "Who are we to hold back any of our talents?"  Please prayerfully consider your willingness to serve in this important position of leading our Phoenix Diocesan Council. A candidate must be Catholic and a full member of the Society in good standing. The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2017. The Nominating Committee members are Gloria Dean Guillory, Joe Riley, Steve Jenkins, Jim Prendergast and Shirley Smalley. The election calendar is shown below.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL PRESIDENT ELECTION CALENDAR

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Something to Smile About

Saint Vincent de Paul offers compassion and connections to those in need… and restores hope to those who volunteer.

by Stephanie Kohnen, St. John Vianney Parishioner

Sometimes a bag of groceries or tank of gas can be just what a person needs to get through a difficult stretch. At other times, a request for help is wrapped in a tangle of bigger problems. That’s when volunteers with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) in Sedona get creative about finding relief for community members in distress.

“Here I thought [SVdP] was all about handing out gas cards,” says St. John Vianney parishioner Maureen K. “But it’s not about giving out money. It’s about moral support and companionship.”

Maureen, a retired nurse practitioner, has volunteered for more than a year as a SVdP caseworker. As a caseworker, she has made home visits all over the Verde Valley.

“Sedona hides its poverty class really well,” says Maureen. “It’s amazing where [the poor] are tucked away.”

Listening With Compassion

Last May, Maureen agreed to meet a single mother in need, “Marisa.” (The names of Marisa and her family have been changed to protect their privacy.)

Marisa was referred to SVdP by the Latino Services Librarian at the Sedona Public Library, who is a parishioner at St. John Vianney. He knew of Marisa’s dire situation and thought SVdP might be able to help.

Over two months, Maureen met with Marisa and an interpreter to uncover the extent of her troubles. It came down to this: Marisa—a single mother of three and undocumented immigrant—had some extreme health issues. Her 9-year-old child, “Ana,” had long needed oral surgery to correct tongue-tie (ankyloglossia), a condition that inhibits speech and oral hygiene. On top of all this, the family was searching for a new place to live because their rental house was going to be sold.

“About $10,000 would solve their problems,” says Maureen. “But who has $10,000?”

Reaching Out for Help

Maureen decided that to make a real difference for this family, she needed to focus her efforts. She decided to help the child. A dental clinic quoted the cost of the needed surgery at $1,600. Maureen thought they could do better.

“I have no problem calling people [to ask for help],” says Maureen. Continued
Something to smile about

She contacted local oral surgeons, then she paid a visit to a Sedona dentist and a fellow St. John Vianney parishioner. That’s when Maureen’s efforts began to pay off. The local dentist examined Ana, volunteered to fix the child’s teeth after the surgery, and offered a referral to a Phoenix oral surgeon. According to Maureen, that surgeon gave them a “smoking deal.”

Now that the cost for the surgery looked right, Maureen tapped other resources to help pay for it. She contacted Cornucopia Community Advocates, a local non-profit that specializes in helping families. They agreed to cover most of the cost of the surgery. SVdP would contribute about $400 to the project.

At last the surgery could be scheduled.

Changing the Life of a Child and Her Family

Ana’s surgery to correct the tongue-tie was a success. During the procedure, the surgeon discovered she had a cleft palate and was able to repair that as well.

On the morning after the surgery, Maureen’s phone rang. It was Ana, who had always struggled to speak: “Thank you,” said the nine-year-old.

Her mother, Marisa, couldn’t begin to express her gratitude: “How do I re-pay this society,” she asked through an interpreter.

Through it all, Maureen says, Marisa never gave a thought to her own health issues, which included a diagnosis of cancer.

“In my early nursing career, I saw many battered kids—kids abandoned and unwanted. Then to see this [family],” says Maureen. “They are the happiest kids. It just reaffirmed [for me] that those kind of moms are out there.”

UPDATE: Since Ana’s surgery, Marisa’s own health has greatly improved. In addition, the owner of their rental house heard of their situation and decided not to sell it so they could remain.

For just a few hundred dollars, SVdP was able to change the life of this young family. During the first eight months of 2016, the need has grown to help many local families and individuals with assistance for utilities, rent, and other necessities. Every Thursday the SVdP food pantry typically provides food assistance to 50 clients representing 140 family members.

To learn more about how you can donate or become a volunteer, contact The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 612, Sedona, AZ 86339, Phone: 928-821-1
A day in pictures—Palomino Christmas Event
News from St. Joachim and St. Anne

Jerry Palmer, Jan Palmer, Laura Rice, Rose Andricik, Mary Dare, Corlaine Mortenson, Joan Katchur, Marilyn Cappelli, Harriet Harmeling, and Toni Gnotta  (Not pictured – Becky Doyle)

St. Joachim and St. Anne Conference adopted four families for Christmas. We received a special donation from one of our parishioners to make Christmas very special for these families. We shopped until we dropped, wrapped till our fingers were tired, and drove in a caravan to deliver the gifts. The smiles, the hugs, and the wide eyes of children enriched our lives in many ways this Christmas season.

Becky Doyle
Co-President
St. Joachim & St. Anne Conference
News from St. Joachim and St. Anne

From left to right are St. Vincent de Paul members: Dorit Austin, Nataline Hadley, Mary Spiering, Grace Germanowski, Marianne Ebert and Dolores Witherspoon (front).

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Joachim & St. Anne Catholic Church have supplied a Christmas tree and ornaments for their members and the parishioners to purchase requested gifts for residents of Sun View Care Center and Lifestream Complete Senior Living in Youngtown; and Immanuel Care Center and Good Shepherd Care Center in Peoria. A total of 178 presents were collected. This has been an annual event for many years and we hear back how excited the residents were to have a gift and to have been remembered. Presents will be delivered to the residents in time for their Christmas parties.
On December 20th Joseph and the Water Truck from SVDP Search and Rescue came to St. Clement of Rome Conference meeting to collect blankets, shoes, socks, jackets and sweaters along with toiletries for the homeless after giving a brief explanation of what he and his helpers do to find the homeless and help where needed.

Sharon Vogt
St. Clement of Rome Conference
After several years and many dollars of financial assistance to Diana and her seven (7) children we are happy to announce a "Happy Ending".

Diana and her children have been an "official" client of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Germaine's Conference since 2013. Meaning: she lives in Prescott Valley, which is an area St. Germaine's Conference serves. She has requested and received financial assistance from not only St. Germaine’s but also from Sacred Heart Church and their St. Vincent de Paul Conference, and St. Joseph's Conference in Mayer, totaling several thousand dollars.

Most recently, Diana has had multiple problems: she became pregnant and had her 7th child. She had medical complications during the pregnancy and was forced to stop working. For several months she was unable to pay rent and utilities. She had already used up the yearly dollar allotment from her home Conference and began -again- seeking assistance from Sacred Heart Church (SHC) in Prescott. She obtained $700 for rent from SHC, her brother paid another month’s rent $700; St. Germaine’s paid delinquent utilities and another time when the utilities had been turned off.

The situation was terrible: the trailer home was in disrepair, had no locks on the doors, no heat/cooling in one of the bedrooms, window in the living room was broken, ants were in the kitchen. As a result of this living situation, all Conferences were looking for alternative housing.

St. Germaine’s went to local subsidized housing locations to no avail. After several months, St. Vincent de Paul at Sacred Heart, through the Church Manager, made a contact with Catholic Charities CEO, who referred us to Catholic Charities in Flagstaff, where new funding was just coming in September for a new housing program.

St. Germaine’s made a contact with Catholic Charities in Flagstaff. Coordination then occurred between our client and the landlord to arrange forgiveness of all late charges. This was in return for CC’s guarantee for six months of rent to be paid. A case manager has been assigned to assist this family in improving their living circumstances. Diana is back to work; the landlord is making needed repairs; and Diana is actively participating in the "Rapid Rehousing" program.

This is not the end...but a very good start to a new beginning for Diana and her children.

We thank all who helped reach this very good start to a new beginning for Diana and her children.

God helps those who help themselves, and Diana is on her way to better help herself.

Kritina Mohr
President, St. Germaine Conference
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Germaine's Conference first met with Maryann in December, 2015. She was living in a dilapidated apartment in Dewey and had requested food.

The next time we visited Maryann was in April, 2016 again requesting food. When the Vincentian team arrived they found that she had just been released from the hospital. They observed her to be in poor health. In a depressed state, Maryann told us of her ailments and that she was dying from diabetes and cancer. Maryann was grateful for the food but spoke about her desire to move to Florida to be with her only living relative, her sister. Maryann told the team that her sister, Christine, a retired nurse, really wanted her to move closer to her so she could help care for Maryann. In reviewing her SVdP file, we saw that this desire was noted back in December. At that time she told the team that she had looked into this and had bids for a rental truck at several thousand dollars. Maryann said she could never afford it. After the home visit the team decided to look into this.

The Vincentian team took this situation to the Conference meeting to suggest we investigate assisting in this move. The Conference members in attendance agreed. Over the next several weeks and months, the Vincentian team went to the local Penske Truck Rental, U-Haul Truck Rental, and North American Van Lines to obtain bids for such a move. The team found that Maryann was receiving services from the DES- Adult and Aging Services regarding her health and welfare and were able to contact her case manager. In contacting the case manager, she agreed that a move for Maryann to be with her sister was appropriate. The team and the case manager agreed that Maryann's quality of life would be much improved by being with her sister.

Calls were made to Maryann's sister, Christine Lafond. Christine relayed much information regarding her sister, Maryann's care in Arizona. Christine found it difficult to understand what was actually happening to Maryann both medically and socially in Dewey. Christine reported that Maryann often was confused, appeared to tell stories, making it very near impossible to assist her in any way. Christine explained that she and Maryann have been talking about this move for several years with no success. Both Christine and Maryann are widows with little income. Christine lives in a small community about 40 miles outside of Gainesville, Florida. Christine very much wanted Maryann to move near her so she can help with her care.

The information was brought to the Conference and the plan began to be developed. It was approved by DES to provide the flight for Maryann to fly to Florida. There was a catch.... Maryann would not fly without her 18 year old parrot, Lucky Marie. Lucky Marie was a gift to Maryann from her husband before he passed away. Maryann stated "if I can't take Lucky Marie I'm staying." Options were discussed. The team decided to see what would be required for Lucky Marie to fly with Maryann. Establishing Lucky Marie as an "Emotional Support Animal" was the way to go.... as Lucky Marie is an emotional support animal.

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Another "bump" in the process was the initial DES case manager left her position. The supervisor of the case management unit became briefly involved. This transition was very smooth and well done, as a new case manager was quickly assigned and took an active role to proceed.

Maryann showed the team on several occasions a small carrying case to transport the bird making this all much easier. Maryann also showed the team many banana boxes full of her personal items stacked up in one of her bedrooms & in the closet. She obviously had been hoping that some day she would be able to move to be with her sister. She also pointed out that though she had little furniture, she was "giving away" most of it so she would have little to take with her should she be able to move.

In April and May reservations were made with Penske Truck Rental in Prescott Valley, since they were the lowest bid. Towing a vehicle so the Vincentian & volunteer driver could return home was also included in the estimated cost of $1,800. In June, the Conference approved $3,500.00 for the trip costs. This would cover the truck rental, hotel, gas, and food for the volunteers going to and from Florida.

Calls and trips to Maryann's medical provider proved successful in obtaining a letter stating that Maryann is disabled by several medical/developmental conditions and requires emotional support. Calls and a trip to Lucky Marie's Veterinarian also proved successful. The team took Maryann, and Lucky Marie for a health examination required for the bird to fly. The Veterinarian, generously cut the cost of the visit in half, and the team was able to obtain a letter stating that Lucky Marie is an "Emotional Support Animal" to Maryann. As a result, Lucky Marie will travel with Maryann at no charge.

In June, DES purchased and delivered the airline ticket to Maryann, as we had obtained all needed paperwork for her to travel with Lucky Marie. Scheduled flight was to be August 26. Now the trick was to find someone who would take Maryann to the airport in Phoenix and get her and Lucky Marie to the gate. Investigation into using the AZ Shuttle proved unsuccessful, as they would not transport Lucky Marie. The search went on.

In May and June the Vincentian team announced that they had set an August 26 reservation for the truck; that they had discussed the trip with VSS and provided driver information to VSS for needed insurance coverage; and they recruited volunteers to assist in packing the truck. As the plan evolved the Vincentian team made calls to five Florida St. Vincent de Paul Conferences in the area where Christine lives. Our request was for volunteers to unload the truck upon arrival. Most of the Conferences were many miles away, made up of elderly members who were unable to assist.

Two other "bumps" in the road. First there was difficulty with Christine being able to drive in the dark to Gainesville airport to pick up Maryann. Finally, she was able to get friends to drive her to pick Maryann up at the airport, since we had no luck in identifying another STdP Conference to help. The second bump was the need to have help to unload the truck upon arrival August 31. After several conversations before leaving Arizona and on the road as the volunteers traveled, Christine continued to be unable to find help with unloading. Christine repeatedly said she would unload the truck.
On August 26 one of our Vincentians, Sandy S. volunteered to take Maryann to the Phoenix Airport and see her and Lucky Marie to the gate. Flight was scheduled for 10 am so at 6 am Sandy and Maryann started for Phoenix. After successful processing through the Security Check, Sandy confirmed that the "connection" had been made. Arrival in Gainesville was 7 pm.... 5 pm AZ time. We called Maryann's sister and were assured all went well and they were safely together and very happy. That same evening, August 26, the two Vincentian volunteers picked up and six more Vincentian volunteers loaded 120 banana boxes and various loose items into the Penske truck. Early the next morning the tow with the car was connected...ready for the return home.

Five days later August 31, and 2,300 miles later the two Vincentian volunteers arrived in Florida; connected with Penske to disconnect the tow; and met Maryann and her sister at the storage unit for unloading. This was due to Maryann's trailer home not yet ready for move-in. Unloading into a 10x10 storage unit took about an hour. The Vincentian volunteers took the truck back to Penske...they were closed.... so early the next morning the volunteers completed the paperwork with Penske.

The Vincentian volunteers returned to Prescott Valley in three days wanting to get home quickly and with the least expense. Summary: trip completed at a cost of less than $2,700.00.

A very successful, rewarding Vincentian activity completed with the guidance and grace of St. Vincent de Paul our patron saint.
Morning of Reflection
February 28, 2017
Hosted by St. Gregory's Conference

The next Morning of Reflection will feature author and speaker, Anne Kertz Kernion. In her talk, Anne will discuss various ways to bring mindfulness into our ministry and our everyday lives. She will draw from the latest in neuroscience research and our Catholic tradition to share with us how our spirits can be renewed and refreshed.

In Luke 5:16, Jesus modeled how we should minister to others, but He also withdrew to a quiet place to rest and pray. The question that needs answering is; "How can we replenish ourselves on a daily basis?" As Vincentians, we have all experienced the need to renew ourselves after visiting those we serve and hearing their stories of hardship and seen their strife firsthand. Wouldn't it be helpful to have these techniques that could be applied to the rest of our lives also?

This presentation will discuss the spiritual benefits of mindfulness, and also the physical and psychological advantages. Anne will also share some of the practices that she uses in her own busy life and ministry. Anne comes to us with two degrees, a BS in Environmental Engineering from Penn State and a MA in Theology from Duquesne University. Anne's most recent book "A year of Spiritual Companionship" was published in March and will be for sale during the morning.

This will be a wonderful and refreshing opportunity to explore methods of rejuvenation, and learn more about the benefits of relaxation and mindfulness. All this, while enhancing your spirituality.

The benefits will be all yours. So come and join us on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, for a memorable experience. We will start with Mass at 8:00 AM, followed by a light snack. The presentation will follow and conclude between 11:00 AM and Noon. We look forward to seeing you in February!

Jim Prendergast
Spirituality Committee - Chair
Second Annual Stuff the Truck

St Anthony of Padua Conference in Wickenburg held their 2nd Annual "Stuff the Truck" event sponsored by Jones Ford dealership. Tim and Cindy Russell chaired the fundraiser. $250 collected along with bags of food, toys and blankets.

Martha Hernandez
It’s no secret the stock market continues to reach new highs. Good news for many, but not so good if you sell and take gains and are responsible for federal and state capital gains taxes.

But it does not have to happen that way – as briefly discussed at the December GMM, appreciated stock and bonds may be sold and the proceeds, including the gains, donated to St. Vincent de Paul’s Vincentian Conference Endowment.

It’s not quite as easy as calling your broker or going online and selling the securities, but almost that easy. Marc Anderson, our Chief Financial Officer, can walk you through the procedure of donating securities to the Endowment.

Then the Society tells them and you take a tax deduction for the proceeds. You are not responsible for the gains or income taxes.

Please consult your tax advisor and Marc for the full details. The best part is your checkbook balance is affected by the gift and you will save on income taxes. And yes, all Conferences are benefitted forever by the gift to the Endowment.

You can do a similar thing with raw land or other real property you no longer need or want. If it’s an easily marketable piece of property, the transaction may occur fairly quickly. In a similar manner, capital gains taxes can be mitigated.

Thanks for your continued support of your Conference Endowment and using creative ways to help build the flow of income forever.
Blessed Frederic Ozanam Intercession Prayer Line

O God, our Father, You alone have the power to bestow those precious gifts of Yours which we rightly call miracles. If it be Your will, be pleased to grant such a gift on behalf of...

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Supporting St. Vincent de Paul not just for a lifetime, but forever.

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A gift through the Vincentian Annuity will give you the security of a fixed income over your lifetime and provide support for St. Vincent de Paul that will last forever.

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.

**To See If an Annuity Is Right For You**

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