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On November 20, 2016, a LDS (Latter Day Saints) youth group help bag Thanksgiving groceries for the Food Locker.

WHAT'S INSIDE



Linda Bizeau (second from the right, pictured with Robin Kistler, Sergey Safronov and Alma Navarrete) is a regular volunteer at the SVdP's Food Locker. See her story on sustainability, page 4.

A SEASON FOR GIVING

2016 brings help in many ways

It goes without saying that St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) works hard to help those in need, but we couldn't do it without our volunteers and the support of the community. Colossians 3:15 says "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."

And that's how we see it. We are one body, one community, neighbors helping neighbors through faith. 2016 ended successfully as

many came together in various ways to support our mission to prevent hunger and homelessness.

Youth Group Helps Prepare Thanksgiving Baskets

Last November the SVdP Food Locker was brimming full of boxes of food and a warehouse full of young helping hands. That night a LDS (Latter Day Saints) youth group put together 200 Thanksgiving bags that included \$9,000 worth frozen turkeys mostly (Continued on p. 2)

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SPREADING THE WORD

Our Mission

St. Vincent de Paul Society's mission is to provide basic human services and programs to prevent hunger and homelessness.

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donated by WalMart. This was the third year the LDS youth group came to assemble the meals. They cheerfully gathered 345 meal bags for needy families.

On November 20th, cars wrapped around the building with more than 20 volunteers helping hand out the Thanksgiving groceries. In addition, 200 boxed meals were delivered to those who could not make it that afternoon by the LDS church volunteers. Ryan Brij, the LDS youth leader, said that this service project is one of the children's favorite yearly activities.

2016 Roseville Turkey Trot

On your mark, get set, go! It was a beautiful Thanksgiving morning, and the Vernon Street Town Square was buzzing with runners, joggers, friends and families who came out to support Roseville's at-risk youth program and the SVdP food can drive. SVdP's has provided volunteers to run the event for 7 years. Approximately 110 volunteers turned out, and SVdP raised over \$7,000. It was a great time for all-



Runners take their mark at the 2016 Roseville Turkey Trot in downtown Roseville, Vernon Street.

Last December SVdP provided food and gifts to over 120 families and 210 children in South Placer County.

Burr...It Is Cold Out There

December 2016 was no different than most for Patty Dominguez, SVdP Office Manager. The local children needed warm outerwear so Patty made phone calls and sent emails to SVdP friends and the community. New coats, scarfs, gloves as well as monetary donations were required to be able to help the children in need, and SVdP was able to provide.

We would like to give a special thank you to Walmart, JTS Johanson Transportation Service, Consolidated Communications Foundation, Lori Minden & Associates, Julie Starkey Dean and RiJu Boutique & Brotique and the many others for their contributions.

Tis the Season for Giving

What would Christmas be like without a gift under the tree? Most of us will never know the worry of providing Christmas gifts or to be that small child who is wondering... will there be something under the tree for me?

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SnuggleFest posters and clothing bins were placed in local breweries and businesses.

has partnered with St. Joseph Marello of Granite Bay, SS. Peter & Paul of Rocklin along with Toys for Tots in the Adopt a Family program to fulfill the wish lists of children and bring joy to their faces.

"Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts." — Janice Maeditere.

SnuggleFest – Annual Warm Fuzzies in the Making

A new tradition was brewed this year by Cynthia Lee and BARK (Brewers Acts of Random Kindness). BARK members are local beer artisans and businesses that give back to the community through supporting charities throughout the year.

Snugglefest campaign included 20 local breweries and businesses that gathered winter clothing and donations for the kids. All proceeds went to benefit SVdP Roseville! ❖

ANNUAL DINNER BRINGS BIG THANKS

SVdP honors those who serve others and exceeds all expectations for the 2016 annual dinner



According to all in attendance, St. Vincent de Paul's (SVdP) 2016 Annual Dinner was a rousing

success! On September 17th, St. Clare Catholic Church's social hall was filled to capacity with volunteers and supporters celebrating SVdP's thirty-three years of service to the community. Everyone enjoyed

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a wonderful evening of food, drink, auctions and entertainment.

George Beutner, SVdP board member and dinner coordinator, said "Thanks to all for helping us have the most successful dinner ever and for helping us help others." He expressed how the SVdP board is truly grateful to all of the churches, sponsors and guests for an evening of fund-raising that surpassed all their expectations.

Among the Gold, Silver, and Pearl Level sponsors were JMJ Seeker, Inc., St. Clare Catholic Church, Pottery World, Consolidated Com-

munications Foundation, Pottery World, Roseville Automall, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Luzzi, Sutter Health, and St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. The Crystal Level sponsors are too numerous to name, but we appreciate their support just the same.

This year SVdP recognized one of its own, Ray Daniels, as Volunteer of the Year. He was honored for his many years of service as Dining Room volunteer, technology wizard, and past president. SVdP also selected SS. Peter and Paul Church of Rocklin for Volunteer Group of the Year. Their unyielding dedication, their generous gifts of time, talent and treasure have been a mainstay of support to SVdP for 33 years.

There are so many other people and groups that the Board needs to thank: The Knights of Columbus from St. Clare Church who prepared the delicious, sit-down dinner. The National Charity League of Granite Bay that provided all of the volunteers who served the tables. The Jazz Gitan Trio who entertained guests with Cajon-style jazz, and Randy Stricklin who served as the Master of Ceremonies.

Funds raised will help SVdP fulfill its mission to provide basic human services and programs to prevent hunger and homelessness. Thank you to everyone who helps make that mission a reality. ❖

Letter from the President

As we begin 2017 it is with excitement that we publish our first quarter newsletter. Our goal is to publish four newsletters annually that will keep you abreast of our ministry here at St Vincent de Paul. Additionally, we will provide you with information on current and upcoming important dates. We hope you will continue to participate with us in assisting the marginalized in our community.

In addition to our newsletter, we are also looking forward to improving our website and to continue making it more informative and user friendly to navigate. I would like to thank each of you for your continued support through your time, talent, treasure and especially your prayers. Without each of you we would not be able to serve our brothers and sisters that come to us. You are God's hands to the poor. Each of you is an important member of the St Vincent de Paul Roseville ministry.

I would also like to thank Karen Clark and her volunteers for their time and dedication in making the newsletter an important part of our outreach the past few years.

My hope and prayer is that each of you and your families have a wonderful and blessed 2017. Please feel free to contact me with your ideas and comments regarding this important ministry to the poor.

PEACE,

Karl Thompson

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WEX TO WORK MAKES A DIFFERENCE

St. Vincent de Paul helps WEX worker move onto a new job and new path.



Here at SVdP we offer more than helping our community with basic human necessities such as food, clothing and medical care; we offer friendship and support.

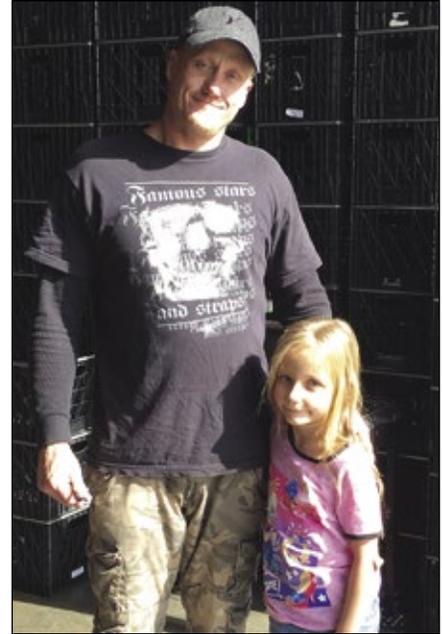
Matt Liddiard who had been working with SVdP through the WEX (*Work Experience*), a Placer County workforce program, has one of those stories. He had been at the Food Locker for about four months when friendship and opportunity came together. On a routine food pickup, Bob Hall, a SVdP volunteer, heard Matt's story of being a single dad and was touched. He had seen how hard Matt was working so Bob reached out to the owner of Hall's Window & Doors in Rancho Cordova

to see if he could help facilitate full time employment for Matt.

Caring people is what makes SVdP Roseville different – with Bob's assistance Matt's life's journey is on a new path. We will miss his cheerful smile, but we are very excited that God's hand was at work here.

Matt who is presently raising his daughter Gabby, with the help of his mom, is looking forward to saving enough money so they can get their own place.

WEX is Placer County Employment Services (formerly Work to Welfare to Work) program. Call 916-784-6000 or visit www.placer.ca.gov/departments/hhs/human_services/empsrvcs for more information. ❖



Matt Liddiard stands with his daughter, Gabby, at the SVdP Food Locker in Roseville.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING THROUGH GIVING



Linda Bizeau is a regular volunteer at SVdP Food Locker. She feeds her cows old produce and bread from Food Locker that would be normally goes to our landfill.

You heard it correctly. St. Vincent de Paul Roseville (SVdP) is making the world a better place by being green. We are contributing to the sustainability effort by reducing any negative impact to our local

ecosystem. That is, we are working to dispose our waste responsibly and reduce landfill waste.

Linda Bizeau, our local Cattle Baroness, (and owner Eagle Loan & Insur-

ance on Vernon Street), volunteers during the week at the Food Locker on Giuseppe Court. She not only helps unload our trucks and sorts incoming food, but she also hauls away old produce and bread to feed her cows.

Approximately 90% of our “non-desirable” fruits and vegetables goes to local farmers through our *Twinning* program, where SVdP shares or barter resources with other SVdP conferences, businesses and individuals who share our mission to help our neighbors and those in need in our community.

Whatever the reason, Linda's cattle are extremely happy and grateful for all of her volunteered hours. ❖



Dr. Tom Stanko, founder and SVdP board member with Christy Patton, Sullivan Auto Group, come together and show what a partnership can achieve. The setting in the back photo says it all...or as our own Brian Moore exclaimed , "fun, crazy day!"

GOLF TOURNAMENT GOES BIG FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

John L. Sullivan Auto Group becomes main sponsor and creates something special

"A fun, crazy day!" That's how Brian Moore, St. Vincent de Paul's Executive Director described the John L. Sullivan Golf Tournament on October 1st, 2016. It was a gorgeous

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day, temperatures in the low 80's, no rain, no wind... just brilliant sunshine.

The Whitney Oaks Golf Course and banquet room were the perfect venue for the tournament and awards luncheon. In fact, Doreen Paige from Consolidated Communications raved "it is one of the hardest courses ever... (we had) a super fun time for a great cause!"

Tom and Annette Delvin, parishioners of SS. Peter and Paul Church in

Rocklin support St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) wholeheartedly, "We love SVdP because they help so many people in need on so many different levels. In particular, we love the direct contact with the community in providing the needed help"

Tom Delvin, who has played his share of golf tournaments said, "We had such a good time at the SVdP golf tournament in October. The team at John L Sullivan helped to make it one of the most well run and fun tournaments we have ever been a part of. We are really looking forward to the next tournament."

St. Vincent de Paul Society is so grateful to John L. Sullivan and all of their people for making the event such a tremendous success. They provided an abundance of sponsorships, golfers and publicity. The Sullivan Group helped bring in 56 hole sponsors, much more than planned. It's no wonder that after only two years, the John L. Sullivan Golf Tournament has become a major fund raiser for St. Vincent de Paul Roseville. ❖

7 Simple Ways to Make a Big Difference

In the new book *Be a Good in the World: 365 Days of Good Deeds, Inspired Ideas and Acts of Kindness*, Brenda Knight shares a slew of feasible and powerful compassionate suggestions. Here are seven to get started.

1 Listen to others. Listening is a powerful act of kindness. Let your good deed start at home by taking the time to fully listen to a family member or friend. It could make both your days' brighter.

2 Give — with no strings attached Write a list of things people have given or done for you lately. Then make a list of things you can do. Appreciating what other do for you will be your motivation.

3 Use your skills for good. Whether you are a writer, musician or just good with spreadsheets donate your time and skills. A charity in need will thank you.

4 Be a good neighbor. If your neighbor is elderly or disabled, offer to help them with their yard or drive them to an appointment.

5 Volunteer your time or money There are dozens of local charities in your area. Search online or call your city or county offices for more information and find an organization that needs your help.

6 Write notes of gratitude. "Write a note of gratitude to the people in your everyday life who make a difference — the mailman, a grocery clerk, or the greeter at the mall...". Just saying thank you goes a long way to those feel unnoticed or unappreciated.

7 Don't forget about common courtesy. Nice gestures go a long way. Smile, say hello and thank you. You'll make a positive difference to someone's day.

Learn more and go to: <https://psychcentral.com/blog/archives/2015/05/05/7-small-ways-to-make-a-big-difference-in-the-world/>

VOLUNTEER CORNER

with Darron Furgerson

Why did you start to volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul?

I had been out of work for about two years...was struggling with finding a job in my industry and getting a bit depressed. I started volunteering (with St. Vincent de Paul) in the spring of 2014. My volunteering literally saved my life not just because of the food, but it gave me a sense of purpose I was able to do something for people who were in the same situation I was in. ❖



Darron Furgerson shows us how to move grocery boxes at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Locker.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Raising Spirits
April 30

BIG DAY OF GIVING
May 3

Back Pack Drive for Back-to-School

SVdP Annual Dinner
John L. Sullivan Golf Tournament

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PLANNED GIVING: Want to leave a legacy that will can change lives for the better and make difference in your community?

St. Vincent de Paul Society Roseville has a mission to prevent hunger and homelessness, and we do this by providing food, necessities and medical care to needy families and individuals in our community. We are neighbors helping neighbors.

If you are planning your estate and want to know how you can help, we have attorney to show you how you can include SVdP in your estate plan. Call Don Branner at 916.774.9307 or call the SVdP office 916.781.3303 for more information.

WANT TO KNOW WHAT WE NEED?

VOLUNTEERS:

- **Thrift Store help on Saturdays**
- **Truck drivers** for grocery pickup and BAGS program deliveries, dining hall and special events

FOOD AND NECESSITIES:

- **Food:** Canned food, meat, poultry, and fresh produce including paper and plastic bags
- **Diapers:** sizes 4 & up, baby care diapers and supplies
- **Hygiene items:** razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, body soap, feminine hygiene

Call the SVdP office 916.781.3303 for more information.

WHERE AND WHEN ARE WE OPEN.

Office: (916) 781-3303
Monday-Friday: 9:00 am – 4 pm

Food Locker
Monday-Friday: 9:00 am – Noon

Clinic
Wednesday 9:00 am – 4 pm

Dining Hall
105 Bonita Ave.
Tuesday-Thursday: Noon – 1:30 pm
Saturday-Sunday: 2:30 am – 4 pm

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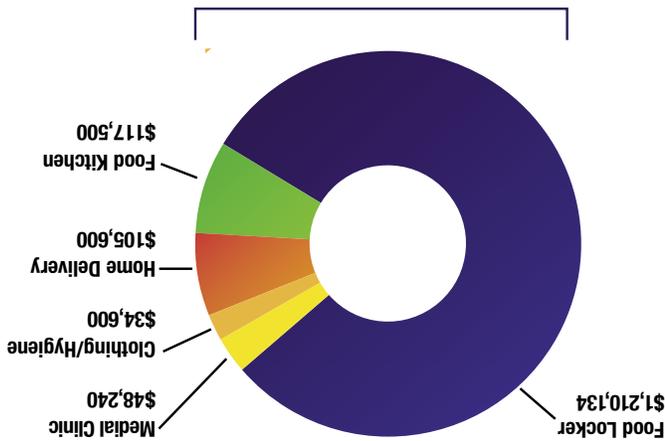


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\$2 MILLION

Total value of goods and services for 2015



St. Vincent de Paul Society of Roseville provides up to 2 million dollars of goods and services to families and individuals in South Placer County operating with a budget of \$500,000 a year.

St. Vincent De Paul Society is a leader in providing social services for South Placer County. We are dedicated to assisting families and individuals in need, directly or in collaboration with others, thereby enabling them to improve the quality of their lives and helping achieve self-sufficiency. Guided by faith, our volunteers and staff respond in a spirit of love and compassion.

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Our purpose is more clearly defined and St. Vincent de Paul Society is committed more than ever to helping our friends and neighbors of Placer County better their lives today and tomorrow.

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