



St. Vincent de Paul Roseville *Quarterly*

Preventing Hunger and Homelessness Since 1983

WELCOME

Volunteers and staff members at St. Vincent de Paul, Roseville, were diligently and steadily working during this fall; one of our busiest seasons. The season began with our very successful Virtual Event in October of 2021, then quickly transitioned into our annual Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution Program and Christmas Gift Program. It is our hope to distribute a quarterly newsletter highlighting our wonderful programs and offering you, our valued supporters, insight into the good works happening in our community. We hope you enjoy it!

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MEET THE HAW FAMILY

An extended family, the Haws are the largest client household of St. Vincent de Paul's Food Locker. The four generations include four seniors (great grandmother and great grandfather as well as grandmother and grandfather), two adults (daughter and her husband), and four children (3 kids and a baby with another baby on the way.)

The Haw family, originally from the Philippines, spent many years in the Bay area, moved to the Sacramento region in 1991 and ended up in Roseville 18 years ago. They love their hometown and especially appreciate the services they can access for their 37-year-old daughter who has Down's syndrome.

Once a week he arrives at 8:15 am, 45 minutes before the Food Locker even opens, just to be sure there will be plenty of food available for his large family. He says the quality of the food is always "very good; from top markets like Trader Joe's and Nugget."

Mr. Haw describes the people he's met at St. Vincent de Paul as "very nice and always courteous." He is grateful for the special things that they do for his family members.

St. Vincent regularly provides diapers for his grandbaby and protein drinks for his elderly father. On Thanksgiving, they received enough groceries for a huge turkey dinner and at Christmas time, lots of toys for the children and gift cards for the adults.

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Mr. Haw (the grandfather) first learned about the St. Vincent de Paul Food Locker by word of mouth from members of his community. Interestingly, he had already been volunteering to collect food for different food lockers in Sacramento County. After moving to Roseville, Mr. Haw began volunteering to pick up food in his pickup truck from Denio's Farmer's Market.

Like many families in Placer County, the Haw family was struck by Covid just after Christmas. By the grace of God, the four oldest members of the family were not exposed and remain well, while several younger members became sick and remain in quarantine. Mr. Haw is thankful that his family was able to celebrate Christmas Eve together, but sad that they missed having their New Years festivities.

Rebecca Rush, the Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul, Roseville, said of Mr. Haw, "He's a humble man and does not ask for what he does not need for his family." Mr. Haw speaks for his entire family when he says, "We are very grateful to have St. Vincent de Paul in our lives." May the Haw family be blessed with good health and happiness in 2022!



President's Message

Don Fraser

In October I became the president of St. Vincent de Paul of Roseville. I accept the job with a great sense of pride and a touch of trepidation. I am proud to be the president of an organization whose goal is to prevent hunger and homelessness. Every day, in one way or another, our dedicated staff and volunteers help to feed people from our food locker, deliver groceries to homebound seniors, and serve meals at our St. Vincent de Paul To Go operation. Thank you all for your service.

My trepidation arises from the rather large shoes I have to fill. For the better part of the past 10 years, Dr. Tom Stanko, our founder, has also served as president. Tom has provided enduring leadership during this period, which has seen some major challenges to continuing our services.

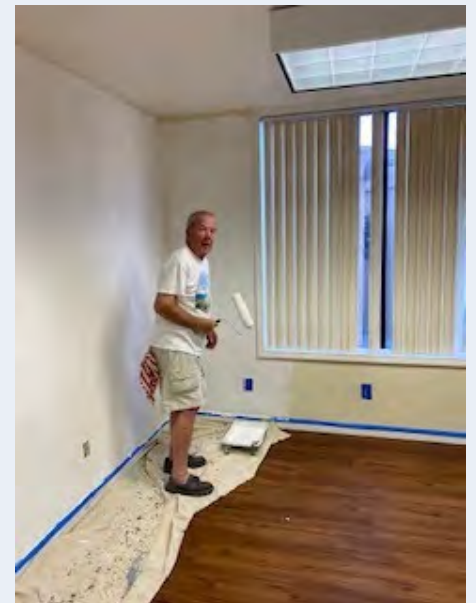


None was more stressful than coping with the impact of COVID-19. Dr. Stanko and Rebecca Rush, our Executive Director, found creative ways to keep our doors open and our services available.

To all of you that are supporters of St. Vincent, I hope you will continue to help us in 2022. We could not fulfill our mission without you, to live the Gospel message. "For whatever you did for the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it for me."

OFFICE FACE-LIFT

Our offices were in need of new paint and updated flooring. Thank you Breda, Don, Patty, George, and Seamus for giving our offices a new look!



WORDS OF WISDOM AND *Encouragement*

Deacon Mike

A Happy and Blessed New Year to you. Yet, we may be having trouble celebrating as we look forward to another year of uncertainty, turmoil and fear. A reminder to us that this life here on earth is filled with peaks and valleys. My Grandparents lived through the last great pandemic, the Spanish flu, two World Wars and the Great Depression as did many whom we call "The Greatest Generation". How did they persevere and prevail? They had hope, they had tenacity, they had an inner strength. They understood that sometimes we walk through the valleys to reach the peaks. And they pass that knowledge on to us by how they lived their lives. Those who were hurting less, reached out to those who were hurting more; and in that, all found strength and healing. St. Vincent DePaul wrote: "Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another, let us allow God to act; He brings things to completion when we least expect it." You see, they also understood, as we should, we never walk alone. Jesus promised, "I am with you always, until the end of the age". So even when we do something as simple as give a meal to someone who is hungry, a coat to someone who is cold; He is with us and in the mystery of faith, we become Him.

At a Charismatic Conference I attended a few years ago, I listened to this beautiful woman sing with joy to the Lord before a crowd of about four thousand. When she was done, she told us how she had recently lost her house in a wildfire and had then been diagnosed with cancer. How could she sing with such hope and joy with all that was going on in her life I wondered; then she explained. She said, "I'm not going to tell God how big my problems are, I'm going to tell my problems how big my God is!" She clearly understood something else St. Vincent DePaul wrote: "The kingdom of God is peace in the Holy Spirit; he will reign in you if your heart is at peace. So, be at peace . . . and you will honor in a sovereign way the God of peace and love." So, let us tell our problems how big our God is, reach out to those in need, and honor our God of peace and love.

May you be at peace today and throughout this New Year and may God bless you today and always.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Big Day of Giving



JOIN US ON MAY 5TH

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Jim and Sharon Rodda

Jim and Sharon Rodda, who own Pottery World, are longtime supporters of Saint Vincent de Paul, Roseville. They are members of Saints Peter and Paul parish in Rocklin. As budding entrepreneurs, they started their business by renting a stall at Denio's Market in Roseville and gradually built and expanded their thriving business.

Pottery World has been a sponsor of our annual anniversary celebration since our very first dinner in 2008, which marked our Roseville Saint Vincent de Paul's 25th anniversary.

When asked why they support Saint Vincent de Paul, Sharon answered. "But for the grace of God, it could be any one of us at any time who needs to be fed. There are people who are struggling out there who need help and tried their best, and if we can, I really believe in giving them a hand up."

Thank you so much, Jim and Sharon!

POTTERY WORLD
LUXURY HOME DECOR AND DESIGN

VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER

OCT. 21

The St. Vincent de Paul Society held a virtual fundraising event on October 21st to support our core mission of preventing hunger and homelessness in our community. Kellie DeMarco and Freddie Silveria co-hosted the event. Mount St. Joseph Winery of Granite Bay participated in a wine tasting presentation featuring some of their award- winning wines. We wanted to thank all of those who participated in the event and contributed to our cause. We are especially grateful to our sponsors, including the following:

To all of you who donated to our Fund-A-Need appeal, a very special thank you. We were able to raise over \$80,000 which is being used to support all of our programs.

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Thankful For Our Community Partners

We are incredibly fortunate to have many groups undertake various projects contributing to our successful programs, including donation drives this fall in preparation for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Programs.

Our Thanksgiving program blessed 300 families with a Thanksgiving dinner this year. Our Christmas program filled the gift needs of 80 families, providing gifts to 189 children. Additionally, we sent 25 families over to St. Joseph Marengo where 71 more children received Christmas gifts. We hope to prepare for the 2022 Christmas Program by holding a Christmas in July Gift Drive this summer to collect toys and teen items for what we hope will be our Christmas Shop this year.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness in meeting the need of these families! It truly takes a village and we are deeply thankful for all those who are part of our tribe!

St. Rose School hosted Kids Canned Food Drive
Donated 3141 pounds of canned food

MTA Industrial Park
Painted the exterior of our building the week of Thanksgiving

HomeAid of Roseville
Donated 75 new blankets to our BAGS Home Delivery program which were distributed to our homebound clients during the holidays

EFSP Cares Act Grant
Used for Rental/ Utility Assistance, and Diapers/ Feminine Hygiene

Rocklin Grocery Outlet's Independence From Hunger Food Drive
Provided two pallets of dry goods and a check for \$743

The Boys Scouts held a Food Drive
Delivered food to our warehouse in mid-November

The CCA Swim Club
Collected hats, scarves, and gloves, which were distributed at our dining room during the holidays.



Thanksgiving at St. Vincent

Turkey Donations

With the generous support of Thunder Valley Casino, which donated 100 turkeys, we were able to provide a Thanksgiving dinner to 300 families.

In early November, the youth group from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints came to our warehouse and organized meals for the turkey giveaway. In less than 30 minutes, they had everything ready! We are very grateful for their support and the support of the community in this most important effort.



Turkey Trot

Saint Vincent de Paul again provided volunteers for this year's Roseville Turkey Trot Race. Volunteers helped with participants' packet pick-up and racecourse management duties. Over 2,000 participants enjoyed this Thanksgiving Day event.

A special thanks to the National Charity Leagues of South Placer County and Granite Bay and Boys Team Charity for providing most of our volunteers.



Lawyers vs. Hunger

In partnership with Lawyers vs. Hunger, we launched a campaign running from November 8th through December 8th. All donations made went towards Lawyers vs. Hunger; an incredible organization building partnerships and connecting local law firms with food agencies in order to fight hunger in their communities. It started with one law firm feeding 12,000 people and has now grown to feeding nearly 500,000 individuals.

With the matching funds from Lawyers vs Hunger, the campaign raised a total of \$49,023 for programs offered at St. Vincent de Paul, Roseville.



Christmas

at St. Vincent de Paul Roseville

SS Peter and Paul Christmas Program

On Saturday, December 4 S.S. Peter and Paul held their Christmas Program. Donations of toys and money were collected for St. Vincent de Paul. We are very grateful for the ongoing support of Father Bony and the entire parish community. We also want to thank the organizers of the event for including us. Thank you!!



St. Joseph Mareello Catholic Parish Adopt a Family

St. Joseph Mareello Catholic Parish held its annual Christmas adopt a family program on December 11. Several families from St. Vincent de Paul were helped through this program which provides toys and gift for families who were then able to celebrate Christmas. Many thanks to Tracy Smith Falk and the ministry team for organizing and running this event!



Carmel At Woodcreek West

Hosted a Teen Gift Drive for our Christmas program. Together with their community residents, they collected a bin full of gifts for kids ages 13-17 years old.



Tricia Post

Prepared and donated 75 Christmas stockings filled with lotions and treats for the BAGS clients.

Christmas Toy Helpers

The Orozco Family along with Gina, Paula, and many other volunteers, helped us to sort all of our Christmas toy donations so each child at St. Vincent de Paul could have a wonderful Christmas. Could not have done it without their wonderful service, thank you!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE SVDP FAMILY!

Britteny Dunn (William Jessup University), joined us in July as our Social Media and Marketing Intern. She has been doing a wonderful job of keeping you all informed through social media of what has been happening at St. Vincent and also helped prepare this newsletter.

Mike Daugherty has volunteered with us for approximately 6 years working three days per week in our Food Locker. In September Mike became a part-time employee. Welcome on Board.

Good luck on your new journey!

Lane Hayashi, PT warehouse staff, has resigned his position effective 11/25. He has been a great addition to our team and will be missed.



We also wish our retiring Board members; Richard Roccucci, Maria Vallejo, and Terry Riley well in their new ventures. They helped guide and sustain us in fulfilling our mission.

Thank you for your many years of service on Saint Vincent's Board.



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