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# *One Family, One Mission, Many Hearts Touched*

In the early days of St. Vincent de Paul's Dining Room, Marc Duvé joined a team of volunteers from St. Rose Catholic Church to regularly prepare and serve hot lunches for the hungry and homeless population of Roseville. Then, in 1993, when his mother Bertha retired from her job, she replaced one of the retiring team members from St. Rose. Rarely missing a shift, Marc and Bertha have worked tirelessly with their team, cooking, serving, scrubbing, and sweeping throughout the years.

Two years ago, because of the pandemic, lunch at the Dining Room had to be converted to a "take-out" model, and we renamed it, St. Vincent "To-Go". In addition to hot lunches a few days a week, the teams prepared sack lunches that were safely distributed by John Mayne, manager of St. Vincent "To-Go".

Bertha and Marc are looking anxiously forward to a return to our normal sit-down operation when it is again safe. Bertha is a great cook! And she has lots of experience. As the 88-year-old matriarch to a family of six children, 13 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren, (almost all of whom live nearby), Bertha gets lots of opportunities to feed crowds. That's great because she absolutely loves to cook!

Bertha has been a good role model to her own children. Works of charity and social justice have always been a big part of her life. Marc seems to be a real worker bee. When he's not busy working beside his mom in the kitchen, he locates a broom and starts sweeping the sidewalk out front. And even though he's been experiencing some health concerns lately, Marc hasn't slowed down a bit.

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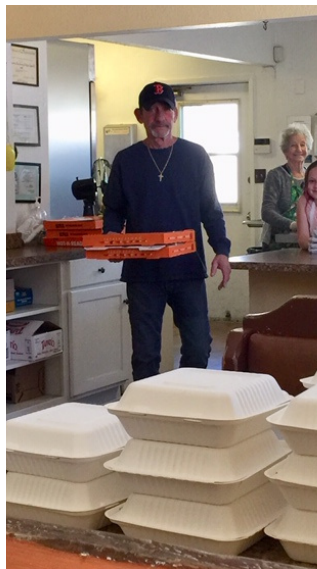
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Now, the lunches were healthy and tasty, and John couldn't be a friendlier guy, but still....something was missing. It was the camaraderie enjoyed by diners and volunteers greeting each other and expressing mutual gratitude for their time together.

In addition to Marc, sister Denise who has recently retired from her career is now a volunteer at St. Vincent "To-Go". Like her mother and brother, Denise looks forward to her chance to serve their community.

St. Vincent de Paul thanks the Duvé family for their years of dedication and service. May they be an example to other families that feel the call to their mission.



## President's Message

Don Fraser

When people think of St. Vincent de Paul in Roseville, they think about our dining room. In order to cope with COVID-19, we had to shift to a take-out model. Our St. Vincent "To-Go" operation is featured in this newsletter. Many thanks to all of the volunteers that make this service possible, and to John Mayne for his steady hand in running the program.

During this season of Lent, we turn to works of charity as one of the pillars of our faith. One of my favorite memories of the dining room was when Dr. Tom and I were touring our facility with Father Paul of the Oblates of St. Joseph Marello.



It was March 13, 2013. I remember this date because Francis was named the new Pope on that day. Father Paul likes to tell people how he was in a soup kitchen when he heard the news!



**"I wish all of you a very Happy Easter. The Lord is indeed risen."**

# WORDS OF WISDOM AND *Encouragement*

## Deacon Mike

As we continue our Lenten journey with Jesus, let us keep always in our mind and heart the three pillars of the season; Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. They don't need to be complicated, grim, or daunting. Truth be told, if done with purpose and joyful expectation, they can become a deep and mystical spiritual experience, making Lent a time of growth within ourselves and greater intimacy with our God.

So, we begin with prayer; prayer is simply a conversation with God. Think about your best friend. How did you become friends? You talked, you listened, maybe they helped you through a rough patch in your life. Take a little extra time in prayer this Lenten season. Take some time for silence. Turn off your phone, shut off the TV, go "to your inner room" as Jesus says, and just "BE". For it is in the quiet, in the silence, God speaks to us.

Now for everyone's favorite: fasting. God commanded it. Jesus practiced it. Church Fathers have preached its importance of it. Fasting can be a powerful and fundamental part of our Lenten journey. St. Thomas Aquinas revealed there are spiritual benefits to fasting. He notes fasting helps to bring the body or the flesh under the soul's control. When we fast, we force the body into compliance, building self-control, and self-mastery, two important virtues in the Christian life. Additionally, when we fast from food, we may begin to feel a compassionate understanding of what too many of our less fortunate brothers and sisters experience every day. And remember, fasting from other distractions such as -

social media, cell phones, video games, TV, and other distractions allow us to control our desires and not have our desires control us, and allows us more time with family, friends, and most importantly, with our Lord.

Finally, we come to almsgiving. Again, I say, don't overcomplicate it; think about Time, Talent, Treasure. Most of us don't really understand the value of our Time, but those we visit; those we serve; trust me, they do. Take time to visit someone who may be lonely, volunteer at St. Vincent's (we're always looking for good help), or some other worthwhile cause. We all have Talents, maybe you can sing, paint, cook or organize. Or maybe an elderly neighbor could use a quality weed picker, a helping hand is always welcome. Don't sell yourself short, God gave you a talent for a reason; to give it away. And finally, Treasure. I know prices are rising and many don't have the ability they once had to be as generous as we would like; but as Saint Mother Teresa wrote: "If you can't feed a hundred people, then **feed just one.**" Simply, give what you can.

May you have a blessed and truly spiritual Lent as we journey with joyful hope for the day of His Resurrection! Happy Easter!



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# Happiness is a Slice of Pizza



John Mayne, the manager of St. Vincent "TO-GO", received a call from a Little Caesars' representative asking if our organization would like to host their Love Kitchen. With enthusiasm, he said, "Yes!" and began coordinating the event.

On Saturday, February 12th at 11 a.m. the Little Caesars Love Kitchen, a full-scale pizza kitchen on 18 wheels, rolled up to Roseville's St. Vincent "TO-GO", located at 105 Bonita Street, Roseville. Their mission was to serve fresh hot pizza to people experiencing homelessness and others in need.

Within two hours of their arrival, we witnessed the spirit of the community gather at our doorsteps. Hungry regulars, as well as local residents and workers, we happily lined up outside the Dining Room. The Love Kitchen chefs were assisted by employees from the nearby Little Caesars Pizza Restaurant and St. Vincent volunteers.

According to Little Caesars' website, its two brightly colored semi tractor-trailer rigs continuously travel the nation to bring fresh pizza to "guests of soup kitchens, homeless shelters and to victims and first responders of major disasters."

Lisa Ruthven from Little Caesars' corporate office shared they've "served pizza to more than 3.7 million people who have struggled in one way or another."

This was a wonderful opportunity to show our community members how much Little Caesars and St. Vincent de Paul really care about them!

Thank you John for coordinating this surprise event and for those who helped make it a memorable day for our community!



# Thank You St. Joseph Marello!

Granite Bay's St. Vincent de Paul support group was busy on the Saturday before St. Valentine's Day, getting together a generous love offering for the needy residents of south Placer County.

Organized by their fearless leader, Tracy Falk, parishioners of St. Joseph Marello dropped off flats of water bottles, single-serving size chips and cookies, and warm socks, hats, and gloves. All the items were gratefully received by the staff at St. Vincent "To-Go".

*If you would like to contribute needed items of food or apparel or donate money, please visit our website at [www.placersvdp.com](http://www.placersvdp.com) or drop donations off at 503 Guiseppe Court, #8, Roseville, CA 95678.*



**CAMPUS OF HOPE PROJECT**

The Gathering Inn is proposing a major project that could end homelessness in Placer County. Called the Campus of Hope, it will provide enough housing units and support services to provide care for all of those without a place to live. The Board of St. Vincent de Paul strongly backs the Campus of Hope project and urges our supporters to do so also. For more information and to sign the petition in support, go to Campus of Hope ([thegatheringinn.com](http://thegatheringinn.com)). Thank you!!



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# DONOR SPOTLIGHT

## Girl Scout Daisy Troop #1628

A heartfelt thank you to a "sweet" anonymous donor who purchased eight cases of Thin Mints from Girl Scout Daisy Troop #1628 for our Food Locker. Girl Scout cookies are the early signs of spring and bring a smile to everyone's face at this time of year! The boxes of minty goodness bring more variety to our BALANCED selection of groceries provided to our clients.



# EMBRACING CHANGE AND CELEBRATING A *Legacy.*

St. Vincent de Paul's Medical Clinic opened in 2006 under the leadership of Dr. Thomas Stanko. From the beginning, the Clinic was open one morning a week to meet the medical needs of uninsured and underinsured clients of St. Vincent. It was staffed with volunteer doctors and nurses (including Dr. Tom). Due to the generosity of several grants, the Medical Clinic was able to expand its services, eventually adding a second clinic for The Gathering Inn.



Over the years, the Medical Clinic made a big difference in the lives of some individuals. In 2019 St. Vincent received a thank you letter from one such person. She had taken her adult daughter to the Medical Clinic where Dr. Stanko was on duty. He examined her and sent them directly to the emergency room at Kaiser Hospital, Roseville. The mother writes, "Within 5 minutes of our arrival, a doctor was seeing her. She spent most of her day with numerous tests and x-rays. They kept her there

for 4 days." Kaiser paid the entire bill. This grateful mom knew beyond a doubt that the care her daughter received saved her life. She concluded her letter by writing, "This is a complete Miracle from God and I want to thank your organization for being part of this Miracle."

St. Vincent de Paul's Medical Clinic closed in March of 2020 because of the pandemic. Recently, a decision was made to close the Clinic permanently. Due to the creation of the affordable care act and the expansion of Medicaid, the medical needs of clients are now being met elsewhere. As for Dr. Tom, as much as he enjoyed running the Clinic when the need was great, he now feels that he should finally retire from the practice of medicine.

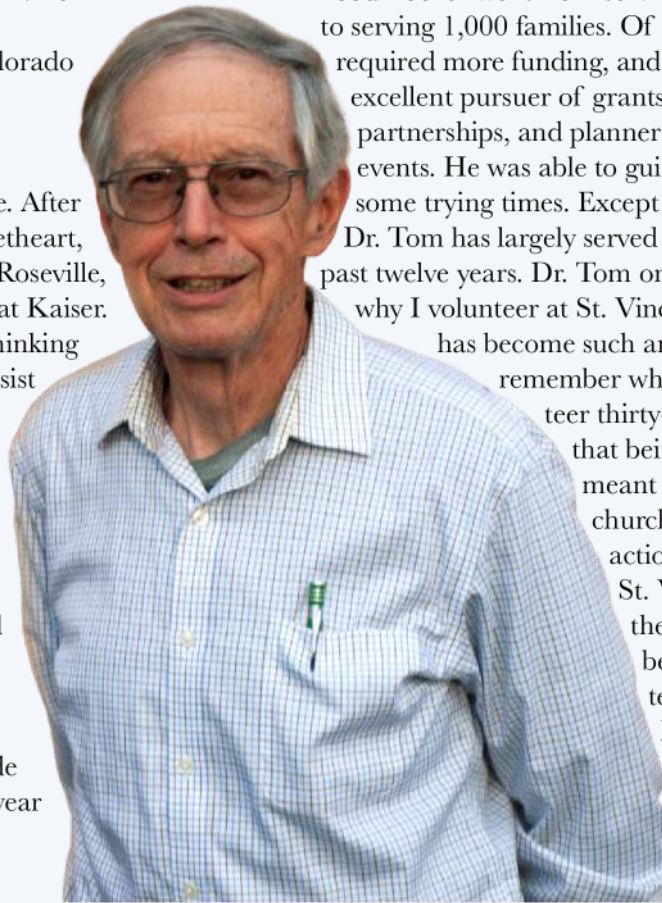
Thank you, Dr. Stanko, for sharing your skills and talents as a physician with thousands of clients of St. Vincent de Paul, Roseville. May God bless you in your retirement. Thank you also to the several physicians and nurses who volunteered their time over the years. We could not have provided care to so many without them.



# THE MAN. THE MYTH. *The Legacy.*

Have you ever wanted to meet a founding father, perhaps George Washington or Thomas Jefferson? Well, let us introduce you to one of the founders of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Roseville, Dr. Tom Stanko.

Dr. Tom was born and raised in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was one of six children – five boys and one girl. He earned his M.D. at the University of Colorado, focusing on Family Practice. After graduation, Dr. Tom married his sweetheart, Diane, and they eventually moved to Roseville, where he began to practice medicine at Kaiser. In 1983, Dr. Tom had already been thinking that Roseville needed a program to assist its homeless population and to help those in need. He recalls that it was a way to live the Gospel, “a means to practice my Christian faith.” So he contacted Fr. Cormack at Saint Rose Catholic Church. Fr. Cormack heard Dr. Tom out and agreed, “...we should do something like that.” Right away, Fr. Cormack brought Anne and Bill Boudier on board and a charitable organization was born – St. Vincent de Paul Society of Roseville. In the first year of operation, property on Riverside Avenue was purchased, a board of directors was formed, and the Food Locker, Dining Room, and Thrift Store were opened. A notice in the St. Rose weekly church bulletin brought out a core of enthusiastic volunteers. From its humble beginnings in 1983, the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Roseville has grown into the largest nonprofit in South Placer County.



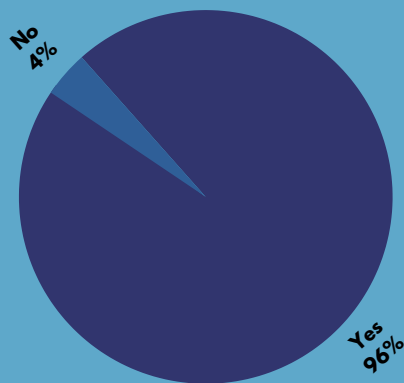
By 2009, Dr. Tom had retired from Kaiser and he accepted the position of Board President/Executive Director right as the recession hit. Under his guidance, the Food Locker went from serving 500 families each month to serving 1,000 families. Of course, feeding more families required more funding, and Dr. Tom proved to be an excellent pursuer of grants, foundations, and business partnerships, and planner of successful fundraising events. He was able to guide the organization through some trying times. Except for a short period of time, Dr. Tom has largely served as Board President over the past twelve years. Dr. Tom once shared, “As I reflect on why I volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul, I realize that it

has become such an integral part of my life. I remember when I first started as a volunteer thirty-some years ago I realized that being a practicing Catholic meant more than just going to church on Sunday, it also meant action in daily life choices. The St. Vincent de Paul Society was the perfect choice for me to begin my journey as a volunteer in a Catholic charity. Now, being a volunteer just seems to be second nature. It is just part of who I am and it feels great! Try it, you will like it.”

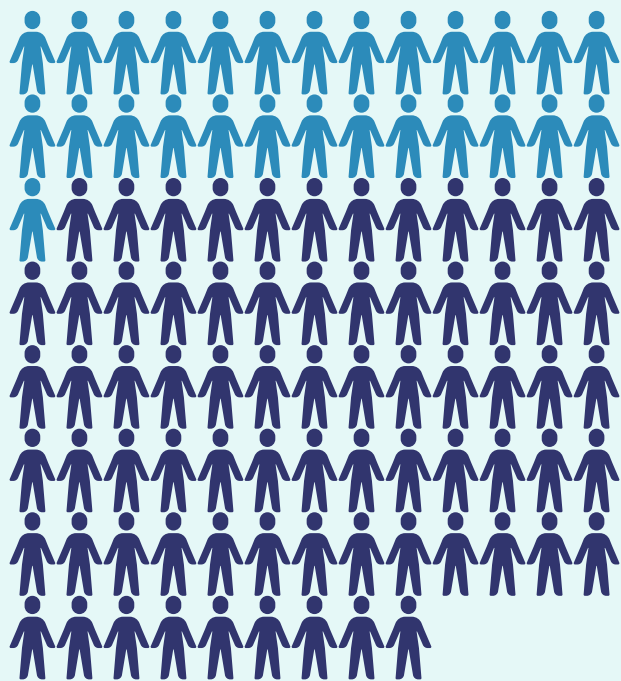
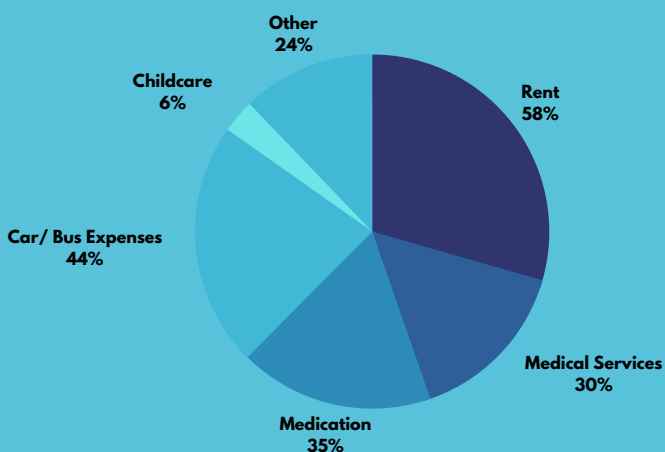
Dr. Tom is the epitome of servant leadership, embracing his calling to be a faithful servant to others. It has been an extraordinary honor and privilege to work alongside a leader like you Dr. Tom. We look forward to serving with you as our Vice President.



With the groceries I receive at the food locker, my family can prepare balanced, nutritious meals.



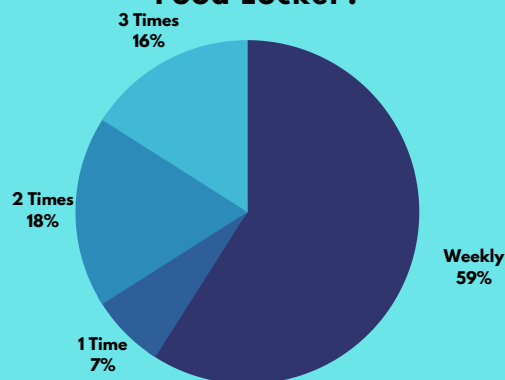
How do you use the money you save by receiving SVdP services?



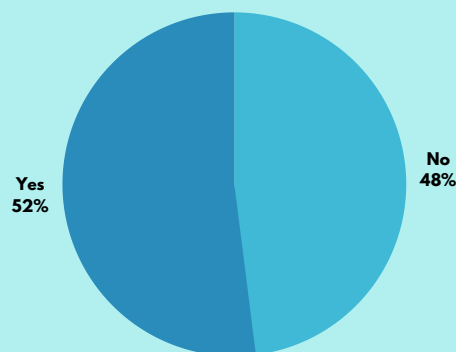
**27** in 100 clients at St. Vincent de Paul Roseville have experienced homelessness.

# FOOD LOCKER SURVEY RESULTS

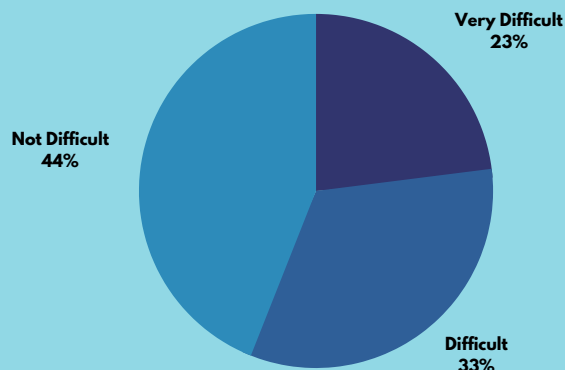
In the last 6 months, how often have you visited the Food Locker?



Have the services you've received from St. Vincent's helped you stay in your home?



How difficult is it for you to pay rent each month?



What our community is saying about homelessness and the efforts to prevent it:



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# Introducing Our 2022 Leadership



**Don Fraser**  
President



**Dr. Tom Stanko**  
Vice President



**Tim Harris**  
Treasurer



**Anne Thomasmeyer**  
Board Secretary



**George Beutner**  
Board Member



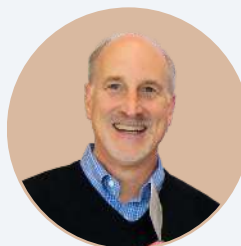
**Desiree Orozco**  
Board Member



**Tracy Falk**  
Board Member



**Gerardo Vergara**  
Board Member



**Martin Giampaoli**  
Board Member



**Seamus Flanagan**  
Board Member



**Deacon Mike Turner**  
Spiritual Advisor



**Rich Peterson**  
Advisory Council



**David Casady**  
Advisory Council



**Rebecca Rush**  
Executive Director

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE SVDP FAMILY!



**Tracy Falk**  
Board Member



**Anne Thomasmeyer**  
Board Secretary



**Mary Kay Dyer**  
Executive Assistant

## All the best on your new adventure!

**Tom Cuccia, *Board Member***

Tom joined our Board in 2016 and served as our Board Secretary until 2022. He was known for his enthusiasm and infectious smile. He helped with many fundraisers and was a great liaison with Saint Rose parish. Thanks for all you did! All the best on your new adventure Tom!



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