

# St. Vincent de Paul Roseville Quarterly



## Preventing Hunger and Homelessness Since 1983

*Counting the blessings of 2022,  
and looking forward to 2023!*



WINTER '22

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# President's Message

Don Fraser



The holiday season was quite busy at St. Vincent de Paul. 300 families were provided with a turkey and all the trimmings for Thanksgiving. Many thanks to the youth group of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for helping put together the Thanksgiving meals.

In December, through our Christmas Program, we were able to bless 250 children and young adults with gifts. Toys for Tots and our generous donors were invaluable in providing us with all the toys we needed to help so many families. In this newsletter, you will also read about others that helped us in a variety of ways to make this a special holiday season.

As we enter the year 2023, I want to wish all of you a very happy and prosperous New Year. I hope that you will continue to help us in our mission to prevent hunger and homelessness in our own community.

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## PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

St. Vincent de Paul is always looking for new opportunities to partner with the business community. If you own or work for a business that would like to become more involved, please contact Don Fraser at [dfraser@surewest.net](mailto:dfraser@surewest.net)



# Spreading Christmas JOY



The Christmas Store was open again this December, and what a fantastic assortment of gifts! Shelves were full of toys, puzzles, books, games, and sports equipment. In addition, there were boxes of warm mittens, hats, socks, and scarves. On a long table were all the things kids love to find in their stockings on Christmas morning: sweet treats, fun little toys, and hygiene items for the teens. For busy moms and dads, there were gift bags in all sizes and tissue paper, of course.

Generous businesses and individuals donated all the beautiful wares. Toys for Tots was extraordinarily generous in helping us stock the store. And the store was staffed by wonderful volunteers. As pre-registered parents (or grandparents) arrived at the Giuseppe Court store, he or she was escorted through the store by a St. Vincent volunteer to make sure each of their children got the appropriate number and type of gifts. Jessica Hitchko, from HPE, and St. Vincent's own Alma Navarrete were playing elf on a Friday morning when an excited mom came for her shopping appointment. They shopped together for four children. The six-month-old girl was first on the list, receiving an assortment of baby toys and clothing. Then came the ten-year-old and twelve-year-old boys, who received a ball (one basketball and one football), a game, and some warm socks. Last, they shopped for the seventeen-year-old boy. His mom opted for a gift card rather than toys but also picked up some teen-appropriate hygiene products and candy.





# Spreading Christmas Love



The mom expressed heartfelt gratitude for all the presents she couldn't otherwise have afforded for her children. Jessica, too, was grateful "to HPE for providing release time each week for employees to volunteer in their communities and for St. Vincent de Paul providing wonderful services for the poor." What a blessed partnership.

On Monday, a grandmother came in to pick out gifts for the two teenage grandsons who live with her. She was gracious enough to sit down for an extended chat. Grandma described her older grandson as a high-functioning boy with Autism who loves video games, funny shows, and playing with his dog and cat. She described her younger grandson as a kind, sweet boy who loves hugs and playing with his friends.

Both boys were very excited about Christmas and looking forward to getting together with their extended family at their great-grandparents' house. Because of St. Vincent's Food Locker and Christmas Store, there will be enough food for the holidays and presents for the boys.

Before she left, this grandmother shared her thoughts about St. Vincent de Paul. "Everybody who works here is very kind. I am so grateful they're here for us".





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John Mayne, St. Vincent TO GO Manager, handed out Christmas Eve dinners prepared by volunteers from St. Joseph Mareello. Thanks to St. Clare Church Youth Ministry, each guest was surprised with a gift of stockings filled with goodies.



St. Vincent de Paul's TO GO serves a warm meal three days each week and a cold dinner two days a week. In addition, in collaboration with our community partners, The Salvation Army & First United Methodist Church, a free meal is available to homeless and low-income individuals and families in Roseville every day of the week, which helps to meet their basic nutritional needs. There is no application nor ID requirement.



105 Bonita Street  
Roseville, CA 95678

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 12pm-1:30pm  
Saturday & Sunday from 2:30pm-4pm



# WORDS OF WISDOM AND

## *Encouragement*

### Deacon Paul Herman



First and foremost, a belated Merry Christmas as we exit 2022 and a Happy New Year as we enter 2023. Being the newest Deacon at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Roseville (ordained in June 2022), I look forward to providing a different perspective as a novice deacon. I have had the pleasure of being associated with St. Vincent de Paul, specifically the lunch program headed by John Mayne, over the past 5 years. Before COVID-19, we prepared a nice hot meal and served the community at the Bonita facility, where the less fortunate come for lunch. However, in March 2020, COVID-19 surfaced and caused the kitchen facility to cease operation temporarily.

However, through the guidance of Dr. Stanko, Don Fraser, and John Mayne, a modified solution was presented to allow for the volunteer cooks and servers to continue preparing meals, hot or cold, and packaging the meal for the less fortunate to come by the kitchen facility and take the meal-to-go. Even though this service is not as desirable as a sit-down meal, for the safety of the volunteers and the recipients, it is the most responsible and safest way of providing a nutritional, homemade meal to our brethren on the streets. Looking back over the past two and a half years of COVID, we see the courageous work of the volunteers within St. Vincent de Paul and other fine charitable organizations performed daily. Many place the needs of the less fortunate ahead of their well-being and model themselves on the humble servant that Jesus Christ asked us to be when he said – “love one another as I have loved you.”

If you get the chance to break away from your daily routine and provide a few hours to assist at the St. Vincent de Paul dining room or the food locker on Giuseppe Court, you will experience the joy of providing that needed assistance to someone in need.

Jesus gave us the recipe for life eternal –

“For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” (Matt 25:35-36)

May God bless you this new year and provide everyone the courage to step outside their comfort zone and seek to improve another person’s life. You can do this by volunteering some of your valuable time to institutions like St. Vincent de Paul and experience the joy of serving God through the people we assist.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Big Day of Giving

JOIN US ON MAY 4TH

### MONTHLY DRIVE SPOTLIGHT

Increase your donations by ordering  
and shipping through AmazonSmile.  
Donations can be shipped to:

Food Locker  
503 Giuseppe Ct Suite 8  
Roseville, CA 95678



**January 2023**



**February 2023**

Low-sodium canned vegetables  
and low sugar fruits



**March 2023**





# Thankful For Our Community Partners

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

## **KidsCans St. Rose School**

Donated 1,100 pounds of canned food.



## **KidsCans Sierra Elementary**

Donated 1,200 pounds of canned food.



## **Baird Financial Advisors**

Donated 20 turkeys and all the fixings for Thanksgiving dinners.

## **HomeAid of Roseville**

Donated 75 new blankets to our BAGS Home Delivery program which will be distributed to our homebound clients during January.



## **Renato and Bette Nicolai**

Donated 40 turkeys.

## **Wcyford & Whitney Oaks in Rocklin**

Brooke Baker organized a food drive on November 5th and November 11th collecting 113 pounds of food and raising \$205 in donations.

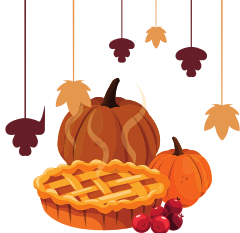


## **Old Republic Title**

Deborah Oliveira collected and delivered 8 turkeys. She also volunteered her time at the annual Turkey Trot event.







# Thanksgiving at St. Vincent

## Turkey Donations

With the generous support of Thunder Valley, 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 community's support in this critical effort. Thank you for your generosity and kindness in meeting the need of these families!

Our Thanksgiving program blessed 300 families with a Thanksgiving dinner this year. In late November, Penumbra, Inc. donated and delivered two and a half pallets of frozen turkeys. We will distribute these 205 turkeys during Easter.



# LAWYERSVSHUNGER

## 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.







St. Vincent de Paul again provided volunteers for the City of Roseville's annual Turkey Trot Race. Under the management of Jeff Neereson, our volunteers helped with participants' packet pick-up and racecourse guidance duties. Over 2,000 participants enjoyed this Thanksgiving Day event.

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





# Christmas

## at St. Vincent de Paul Roseville

**Thank you for helping us bless 105 families with a total of 250 children and young adults this Christmas!**

### St. Clare Youth-Led Stocking and Puzzle Drive

The youth ministry at St. Clare Catholic Church spent November and December organizing a service project for St. Vincent de Paul's Christmas Program. They collected and wrapped 80 puzzles which we were able to distribute to our homebound seniors registered in the BAGS program. They also collected and assembled 150 stockings filled with hygiene products, socks, cards, and snacks for the homeless population visiting our TO GO kitchen.



### St. Joseph Marello Adopt a Family

Although it rained all day long, the St. Joseph Marello Adopt-A-Family event held on December 10th was a huge success. No spirits were dampened as 90 families (25 from SVDP) received donated food and gifts, enjoyed a warm lunch prepared by parish members, and shopped at a book fair. Many thanks Father Phil, Tracy Falk, the members of the SVDP Ministry team and the parishioners of St. Joseph Marello for their support.



### St. Rose School 4th Grade Class Project

Cindy O'Toole, Mrs. Endres' 4th grade class room parent, organized a class project for our Christmas Program. They delivered cards and popcorn, which were given to our TO GO clients on Christmas Eve.



### S.S. Peter & Paul Christmas Program Benefitting SVDP

December 10th was SS Peter and Paul's Annual Christmas Concert sponsored by SSPP Men's Wake Up Ministry. It was a lively musical program led by Greg Pfister and choir director Matt Dunn. All the selections focused on the many themes of Christmas from "Ready the Way" to "Santa Clause is Coming to Town". There were too many musicians and singers to mention individually, but all their talents shown through leaving the audience delighted! During intermission, St. Vincent de Paul board members Mike Lyons and Don Fraser were invited to talk about the many good works of their organization. Their presentation was followed by a collection of food donations and Christmas gifts. After the concert, baskets were made available for cash contributions to St. Vincent. As always, SS Peter and Paul gave generously. Thank you to all who provided entertainment and donations.



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### Old Republic Title

In addition to donating turkeys for Thanksgiving, Deborah Oliveira dropped off gifts for our Christmas Store. With the help of her co-workers, colleagues, and friends she collected a variety of gifts to add to our store inventory.

### Zen Spa Roseville

Donated \$200 worth of gift cards for the teens in our program.

### Carmel at Woodcreek West

This is Eddie Norsouvanh's second year taking donations on St. Vincent de Paul's behalf. Together with his staff and residents, he collected a bin full of gifts.

### HomeAid of Roseville

Donated beautifully comfortable wool blankets for our home-bound seniors.

### Transform Fitness

This is David Young's first year taking donations on St. Vincent de Paul's behalf.

### Pleasant Grove Community Church

Tricia Post prepared and donated 75 Christmas stockings filled with lotions and treats for the BAGS clients.

### Full of Heart Homes

Irik Edens Donated toys for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas store.





# thank you

## Marine Toys for Tots Foundation Lincoln CA

For donating two truckloads of toys to our Christmas Drive!



Our staff is always looking for volunteers to help create content and capture photos for our quarterly newsletter. If you are interested in donating your time and talent, please contact us.

### IDEAS

If you have any ideas for the newsletter, are interested in being a guest writer for an article, or take pictures please get in touch with Desiree at [desiree.orozco@placersvdp.com](mailto:desiree.orozco@placersvdp.com)

### PHOTOS

If you took pictures at an event or would like to submit pictures for your organization please get in touch with Vanessa at [vanessa.aguero@placersvdp.com](mailto:vanessa.aguero@placersvdp.com)



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

*More to Give* 

Clients visiting the Food Locker have been receiving extra blessings this quarter!

Thanks to our partnerships with various grocery stores we have been able to hand out a few extra items each month.

In November, we gave toilet paper to every household. In addition, we had some Thanksgiving tableware and cooking supplies to offer.

In December, we offered Christmas decorations, tree stands, baking supplies, Christmas cards, wreaths, Santa hats, and festive tableware.

In January, we distributed New Years tableware, cold medication, vitamins, immune systems support, tissue paper, blankets, beanies, gloves, and scarves.





# 2022 Board Member Christmas Dinner



*None of us, including me, ever do great things.  
But we can all do small things, with great love,  
and together we can do something wonderful.*



## Monthly Drives!

This year, we will host collection drives every month



January - Soups

February - Low-sodium canned  
vegetables and low sugar fruits

March - Baby food

April - Diapers and Pull-Ups

May - Baby wipes

June - Backpacks and school supplies

July - Canned fruits and vegetables

August - Adult Puzzles

September - Hygiene products

October - Turkeys and fixings

November - Stockings and gifts

December - Wrapping paper and bows

These items can be delivered Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7am and 2pm  
503 Giuseppe Court, Suite 8, Roseville, Ca 95678



# Volunteer Spotlight

*Breda Flanagan*



Breda Flanagan has been volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul since 2013. She began helping out in the food locker, following in the footsteps of her husband, Seamus. In 2018, Breda moved into the office to provide administrative support to staff. Breda has provided almost continuous weekly administrative support since that time, greeting clients and performing data entry tasks that are essential to reporting.

I asked Breda what brought her to volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul and why she likes volunteering in the office. Her response was quick - Breda spent much of her youth assisting others through volunteer work. She enjoyed the fulfillment of providing assistance to those in need through outreach with the Irish Wheelchair Association for several years, as well as churches and hospitals, and working with the elderly. When she and Seamus were raising children, she took them along to foster the same sense of giving in them. Breda and Seamus moved to the US in 1988, and to Roseville in 2012. That was the same year that Seamus began volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul, and Breda followed in 2013. She has always felt compelled to help others and to pay it forward. Breda enjoys volunteering in the SVDP office. She enjoys feeling useful, and working where she's needed. She enjoys greeting and helping our clients. Breda is a breath of fresh air, warm and welcoming to all. We appreciate you Breda!



# IN MEMORY OF

## PAULINE



## WIGHT



As noted in her obituary, Pauline Wight was “an amazing woman who cared deeply about her many important roles, including wife and mother. Pauline contributed to her community as a long-time, active member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Roseville, St. Mary Catholic Church in Rocklin, and then as a founding member of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ladies Guild of SS. Peter and Paul, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Sutter Roseville Hospital Auxiliary, and Roseville Host Lions”.

Pauline started volunteering at SVdP early in our history when we were located on Riverside Avenue. Always looking for an opportunity to keep our operations running smoothly, she jumped in to help anywhere she was needed. She was a hard worker who practiced the calling of her faith willingly.

So many volunteers and clients knew her and looked for her familiar face for guidance or for a friendly, “Hi, how are you doing?” She inspired many while she sought to help those in need. Together, Pauline and Fred (who ran the Food Locker for many years) were a team in their focus and belief in St. Vincent de Paul’s mission in South Placer County. We are fortunate to have shared their gifts.

We will remember you always and miss you deeply. Rest in peace.

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## Faith-Based Partnerships



St. Rose  
Catholic Church



St. Joseph Mareello  
Catholic Church



SS Peter & Paul  
Catholic Church



St. Clare Catholic  
Church

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