

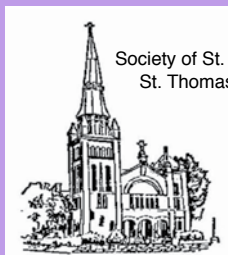


# St. Vincent De Paul's VOICE

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*Celebrating 65 Years of  
Serving our Community*

## St. Vincent de Paul Board of Directors

The local St. Vincent de Paul Board of Directors is made up of community volunteers who dedicate their time and experience to help meet the needs of St. Vincent de Paul.

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## Message from the Board President



First, I want to express my sincere thanks to those of you who have put your faith in me. Our past president, John Bruning, has been best. John quietly goes about his business, works harder than anybody and does it with great humor and compassion. Other than the time I was fairly certain John was going to blow up the breakfast trailer (with me and Jeff Conroy inside!) it has been a joy to serve alongside him. Needless to say, I have big shoes to fill, but with God's grace I hope to lead this wonderful organization so that we can continue to serve those in need. Our Executive Director, Jeff Conroy, has taken SVDP to a new level during the past 4 years. Jeff and our very dedicated staff are constantly looking for ways to be more efficient in order to make every dollar go a little further.

Serving on the Board has certainly been an educational experience for me. Like many others, I thought SVDP was two thrift stores and several apartment complexes. SVDP is SO MUCH MORE! In order to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness we must provide people the tools they need to succeed. Many people who walk through our doors never had parents or mentors who provided them with the tools and education to become productive citizens. SVDP and the H.E.L.P. Center offers variety of programs and services that can help people break the cycle and succeed in life. I encourage you to visit [www.stvincentdepaulcda.org](http://www.stvincentdepaulcda.org) as it has a complete list of all the services we provide.

At SVDP our Board meetings begin with a prayer, a scripture reading and a reflection followed by discussion. A year ago the scripture stated that we cannot allow our hearts to become hardened. During the discussion I said that it must be very difficult for the staff to not become hardened, or a little jaded as their jobs require them to deal with people in crisis every day. Our Social Services Director, Matt Hutchinson, responded to my comment; "I try not to waste a lot of time and energy wondering why people end up here. I try to focus on how we can get them to a better place."

Matt's comment stuck with me. God doesn't expect us figure out what has happened to contribute to a person's situation, or to judge them. God DOES instruct us to love and care for our neighbors and help those in need.

SVDP has allowed me the opportunity to meet many people in our community who give without any expectations of being rewarded or recognized. They do it because they sincerely want to help those less fortunate. Perfect examples are the recent collaborative effort with Ground Force to provide a warming shelter that will be open every night until February. During Homelessness Week Klein's DK1 put on a very successful 3 on 3 basketball tournament at the Kroc Center. The Soupport the End of Homelessness event was bigger than ever with 32 companies providing soup. Finally, we are teaming up with companies to do sleeping bag and sock drives to fight the cold.

I am very thankful to live in a community who cares so much. Thanks to all of you who give generously of you time and resources, we couldn't do it without you!

Linda Mitchell  
Board President

## Message from the Executive Director



As 2011 ends I look forward to the mission of 2012. We enter an era where nonprofits are struggling to survive, with no major increases in donations; St Vincent de Paul is living within our means and currently serving more than last year. Our policy continues to always look for collaboration with others to provide the most service to those who need it most. But we are not immune to this recession. Since 1946 we are counting our pennies and stretching our dollars just like everyone else does during this "new normal" as we look at the possibility of ending homelessness in our lifetime.

We enter 2012 with the idea of ending, rather than managing, homelessness actually marks an important shift in focus from the many years in which government, faith communities and service providers addressed homelessness primarily through temporary responses, such as homeless shelters. It's a shift away from thinking that people need to meet certain requirements of mental stability, sobriety or other clinical benchmarks before they can "deserve" housing. Instead, St Vincent de Paul advocates for permanent housing solutions-in other words, can't we do better for our most vulnerable neighbors than viewing the streets or homeless shelters as acceptable places to live?

In the process of advocating for permanent solutions to homelessness, we do encounter differences in theological beliefs, terminology and practices-differences that sometimes pose very real barriers in collaboration to support of systemic change within our community. Some agencies find it difficult to step outside the face-to-face interaction of direct service to think about systemic responses to injustice. To end homelessness, we need to take a step back and think critically about both the ways we engage-or should engage-across religious and political boundaries, and the ways that we are responding to the problem of homelessness itself. Think about the charity or social action work that we do within our communities. In 2012 St Vincent de Paul will be looking within and ask "how efficiently are we contributing staff time, and talents in efforts that focus on permanent solutions? If you have experience directly serving homeless individuals through soup kitchens and shelters, in our lifetime have we also thought about ways to end the need for soup kitchens and shelters? Are the partnerships within our communities reflective of our commitment to the basic need of housing for all our neighbors? Are our growing collaborations prioritizing human dignity of those who tonight are without a home?"

In 2012 I want to see St Vincent de Paul and others serving our region create spaces for dialogue within and across religious and political boundaries. We don't have the luxury to just talk. Let's commit to taking action together to support housing for all of our neighbors.

Jeff Conroy  
Executive Director



## Welcome our new incoming St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho Board Members



**Left to Right:** Treasurer Mike McDowell, In-Coming President Linda Mitchell, Board Member Andrew Evenson, and Vice President of Spirituality Committee Bob Bohac  
*Not pictured are Board Member Carla Redline, and Board Member Eileen Bagan*

President Linda Mitchell welcomes 5 new members to the Board of Directors. Each new member serves a 3 year term and is appointed by the Board President. Our new Treasurer is Mike McDowell, a parishioner of St Pius Catholic Church. Mike is a second generation treasurer for our St Vincent de Paul Board of Directors, as his father was treasurer also. Mike is currently the Kootenai County Assessor and comes to the board with a history of service to our community. Mike is married to Kathy and is father to 2 children and 3 grand children. Our new Vice President of our Spirituality Committee is Bob Bohac, a parishioner of St Thomas Catholic church. Bob is currently retired but spends hours at the St Vincent de Paul HELP Center

volunteering. Bob is married to Anne and is the proud parent of 3 grown children. Carla Redline is joining the board and sitting on our Finance Committee. A member of St Pius Catholic Church, Carla is the Finance Manager for Holy Family Catholic Church. Married to Dan for the past 25 years Carla is the mother to 4 children. A member of St Thomas Catholic Church, Andrew Evenson is joining the board and our Marketing Committee. Andrew is a self-employed chiropractor with a passion for service and we are excited to have him aboard. Also new to our Board is Eileen Bagan from St Thomas Catholic Church. Eileen, a member of the Spirituality Committee, is a registered nurse for the Kootenai Health in Labor and Delivery.

## Our Mission

*Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are in need and suffering. Members, who are known as Vincentians, are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group, and economic level. Vincentians are united in a society of charity by their spirit of poverty, humility and sharing. Vincentians embrace all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served.*

# HOMELESSNESS WEEK A SUCCESS

**October 29, 2011 Spaghetti Feed :** Thank you Ted Carniero, Norm Ridge, Mike Anderson, and the Knights for putting on a successful event.


**November 12, 2011:** 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Run a Mile in Their Shoes 5K benefit for Homeless Veterans. Thank you Robideaux Motors, North Idaho Physical Therapy, Resort Property Management, Coeur d'Alene Mines, Underground Expressions/ Sports Cellar, O'Shays Irish Pub, Costco, Dirne Community Health Center, Eileen Bagan for seeing the potential and sponsoring the race; thank you to our volunteers for the morning the Holy Family parents and students, Mike Alexander, Grey Hebling, Bob Myklebust, sand Kerri Thoreson

**November 14, 2011 :** Candlelight Vigil for the Homeless at Independence Point. Thank you St Vincent de Paul's Spirituality Committee, Father Bill Crowley from St Thomas Catholic church, Councilman Mike Kennedy, Scott Rutherford, Men's Shelter Manager, Isaac Ochoa, Curt Emerson, Gary Damiano, Chris Lyons, Ev Burns, Terry McHugh, Bob Bohac, Brian Kraut, Kathy Sell, and Karen Durgin.

**November 17, 2011:** The Souport the End of Homelessness at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds. Thank you Soup Event committee members; Amanda Miller, Sharmon Schmitt, Keri Alexander, Michelle Fink, Ali Johnson, Barbara Smalley, Robert Valencia, Janet Brock and Jeannette Conroy and a HUGE thank you to Chris Copstead for chairing this event and



*Grand Champs! Century 21 Beutler and Associates*



**Souport**  
the End of Homelessness  
St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho

## WINNERS!

- 1<sup>st</sup> Century 21 Beutler & Assoc.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Keller-Williams Reality
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Coeur d'Alene Firefighters 710



20% of the nation's homeless population are veterans.  
*1st annual!*  
**Run A Mile In Their Shoes**  
5K Run/Walk and Pancake Breakfast  
at St. Vincent de Paul's Homeless Program  
Saturday November 12  
Race Starts 9am  
Refresh @ O'Shays Irish Pub along the beautiful shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho  
All proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul's Homeless Program. Thank you to our sponsors! (2011-12-12)  
List of Sponsors: Coeur d'Alene Firefighters 710, O'Shays Irish Pub, Costco, Dirne Community Health Center, Eileen Bagan, Robideaux Motors, North Idaho Physical Therapy, Resort Property Management, Coeur d'Alene Mines, Underground Expressions/Sports Cellar, Mike Alexander, Grey Hebling, Bob Myklebust, sand Kerri Thoreson

Help those who served you



*Amanda Miller, Kari Alexander, Mitch Alexander and Jennifer Alexander*



*Carol Ingalls, John Ingalls and Bill Buley*

bringing together this amazing team. Thank you Chris Holloway for allowing us to use the Kootenai County Fairgrounds. Thank you Soup Cooks; CDA Fire Fighters Union 710; Century 21 Beutler & Associates; Chef at your Door; Coeur Apparel; Coeur d'Alene Casino; Country Comfort; First American Title; Franklin's ; Hospice of North Idaho; Idaho Panhandle Kiwanis Club, Keller Williams Realty; Kootenai County Fire Dept; LaCross Health & Rehab; Michael D's Eatery; Mountain West Bank; North Idaho Title; Northern Lakes Fire Local 4045; Pacific Crest Insurance; Pioneer Title Company; Shauna & Randy Herman; St Pius Catholic Church Soup Kitchen; St Vincent de Paul North Idaho Soup Kitchen; Sterling Savings Bank; Coeur d'Alene Sunrise Rotary; The Idaho Wood Shop; Tim Skelton State Farm Insurance; Troy & Jan Tymeson (great pirate costumes!) ; United Way of Kootenai County; US Bank. Thank you Celebrity Waiters and Waitresses; Chief Kenny Gabriel, Chief Wayne Longo, Commissioner Todd Tondee, Mike McDowell, Mayor Sandi Bloem Major Ben Wolfinger, Steve Wilson, Pam Houser, Captain Pat Knight, Mayor Vic Holmes, Wendy Gabriel Mayor Clay Larkin, Jon Ingalls, Gordon Dobler, KREM's Cole Heath, Paul Neuman, Roger Saterfiel. And a BIG thank you to our event sponsors; Black Sheep Sporting Goods, CDA Realtors Association, Kootenai Title Company, Avista Utilities, Timberline, North Idaho Title Company, CDA Press, Mountain West Bank, CDA Fire Fighters Local #710, Kootenai County Fairgrounds, Costco, Great Harvest Bread Company, Midway Restaurant Supply .

**November 19, 2011:** Hoops for the Homeless. 1<sup>st</sup> annual event we had 17 teams competing along with a 3 point contest and a free-throw contest. Thank you Rudy Klein for the vision to make this happen, Marvin Sears, Margaret VanLeuven and Steve Cates from Kleins DKI, Karen Lynch from Allegra and the Ray & Joan Kroc Center.



The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Hoops For The Homeless" 3 on 3 basketball tournament took place Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Kroc Center and was a huge success. Klein's DKI was the main event sponsor and coordinated the event. Sixteen adult male and coed teams participated. The winning gold team was 3 Duds and a Stud and winning the silver bracket was One Love. All the money raised for this event will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Warming Center. Rudy Klein, owner and Marvin Sears, development director said they plan to make this a yearly event.



*3 Duds and a Stud GOLD WINNERS*



*One Love SILVER WINNERS*

## OBAMA ADMINISTRATION AWARDS ALMOST \$1.6 MILLION TO ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOR HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN COEUR D'ALENE

Award Expected to Generate Up to 28 Construction & Service Jobs

BOISE – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development today competitively awarded \$1,570,400 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to produce accessible housing, provide rental assistance, and facilitate supportive services for very low-income persons with disabilities.

St. Vincent de Paul will use its grant - \$1,428,500 in capital advance funds and \$141,900 in rent subsidies – to construct and operate a 14-bed facility for the chronically mentally ill in Coeur d'Alene. The grant to St. Vincent de Paul was among 92 grants HUD awarded today under the Section 811, Supportive Housing for Very Low-Income Persons with Disabilities program. Every \$1 million in Section 811 awards is estimated to generate 20 construction and service jobs and this award is expected to generate up to 28 jobs.

"The Obama Administration is committed to helping our senior citizens and persons with disabilities find a decent, affordable place to live that is close to needed healthcare services and transportation," said HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. "Recent bipartisan changes to these two supportive housing programs will allow us to better serve some of our more vulnerable populations who would otherwise be struggling to find a safe and decent home of their own."

"In any time, but certainly in these times there is a pressing need in communities large and small across the country for accessible and affordable housing that helps some of our most vulnerable citizens live full and independent lives," said HUD Northwest Regional Administrator Mary McBride. "Our Section 811 program provides critical resources to our non-profit sector to expand the supportive housing stock and, thanks to recent legislative changes, to expand the numbers of people we can help to remain active members of the communities they call home."

Enacted earlier this year with strong bipartisan support, the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act provided needed enhancements and reforms in HUD's Section 811 program. Nonprofit grant recipients will now receive federal assistance that is better leveraged and better connected to state and local health care investments, allowing greater numbers of vulnerable elderly and disabled individuals to access the housing they need even more quickly.

As a result of today's awards, Section 811 Capital Advances will provide \$137 million nationwide to assist very low-income persons with disabilities through 92 projects in 35 states. An additional \$12.6 million will be available for project rental assistance contracts. Most of the housing supported through the Section 811 Program will be newly constructed, typically small apartment buildings, group homes for three to four persons, or condominium units that are integrated into the larger community. Residents will pay 30 percent of their adjusted income for rent and the federal government will pay the rest.

The program provides housing for households with one or more very low-income individuals with a disability. At least one person must be 18 years or older and have a physical or developmental disability or chronic mental illness. The program provides persons with disabilities the opportunity to live independently in their communities by increasing the supply of rental housing with the availability of supportive services.

Under the Section 811 program, HUD provides these funds to non-profit organizations in two forms:

- **Capital Advances.** This is funding that covers the cost of developing, acquiring, or rehabilitating the development. Repayment is not required as long as the housing remains available for occupancy by very low-income elderly persons for at least 40 years for (under Section 202) or very low-income persons with disabilities (under Section 811).
- **Project Rental Assistance Contracts.** This is funding that goes to each development to cover the difference between the residents' contributions toward rent and the cost of operating the project.

Residents must be "very low income" with household incomes less than 50 percent of their median for that area. However, most households that receive Section 811 or Section 202 assistance earn less than 30 percent of the median for their area. Generally, this means that a one-person household will have an annual income of about \$13,500.



## Art on the Edge

### Kid's Carnival

"A day of Creative Energy"

March 10th, 2012

10:00am to 3:00pm

Riverstone

\$5 per artist in the making

Kid's Carnival is the best family event of the year! Join us for a day filled with live performances, interactive art booths, carnival games and great food. This year's Carnival will have 20 different artist booths and 10 live performance groups. Kid's Carnival was started to give families a affordable, quality day "out". This event also shows cases all of the different art mediums that are explored at the Art on the Edge studio through out the year. All proceeds from the Carnival go directly back to Art on the Edge so that we can provide after school classes, workshops and summer camps. This day is made possible by our major sponsor, STCU, the generosity of Riverstone and the tireless work of many volunteers.

# GENEROUS DONATIONS



## Festival of Trees

Jim Isaac Northwest Imaging donated \$1200 for the SVDP tree at this year's Festival of Trees.

*Left to Right:* Konni Leichner, Linda Mitchell, Jo Smith, Kathy Reed, Janet Brock and Jessica Brock  
Not pictured: Diane Raugust and Barbara Smalley



## North Idaho Physical Therapy

North Idaho Physical Therapy has been collecting blankets and sleeping bags at their three locations in Hayden, Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls. Between the three locations they have already collected approximately 75 blankets. If you drop off a blanket, put your name in a drawing for a free massage.

*Pictured left to right:* Theresa Foster, marketing co-coordinator and Blake Hallaway, a student observing.



## Spokane Teachers Credit Union

Spokane Teacher's Credit Union's Elizabeth Hooker, and Anne Hagman, with Jeff Conroy, Executive Director of St Vincent de Paul



## Texas Roadhouse

Texas Roadhouse sold \$7.00 lunches to support the SVDP Warming Center and raised \$815 in just an hour and a half.

### St Vincent de Paul North Idaho NEEDS YOU!

Anyone interested in volunteering in the H.E.L.P. Center? You set your hours and pick your days. Please call Janet at 664-3095 ext. 305.



Check out our new updated website!  
[www.stvincentdepaulcda.org](http://www.stvincentdepaulcda.org)

# Thank you for your Gifts

St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho's President's Club

## In Memoriam

**In Memory of Robert Hebeisen**  
Anonymous

**In Memory of Marvin Lenz**  
Michael & Tara Keith

**In Memory of Norm Mahoney**  
Scott & Mary Lou Reed

**In Memory of Faith Claxton**  
Joella Sausen

**In Memory of Steve Schauer**  
Pat Schauer

**In Memory of Johnathan White**  
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## Bronze (\$500-\$999)

Albert & Alfreida Gouveia, Texas Roadhouse, Bernice Hancock, Rita & Vladimer Fofanoff, Presbyterian Church, Board Deacons, Lois Beno, Thomas & Marie Collier, Leadership Coeur d Alene, Elizabeth Lee, Shawn & Sarah Swanby, Natalie & Andy Adams, Thomas & Sally Stuber, Coeur d Alene High School, John & Sheila Bruning, Todd & Kerri Ohse, Bardenay Restaurant & Distillery, Terrell & Constance Williams, Edward Anson, Paul & Nancy Burton, Stewart & Molly Butler, Irene Cuff, Geoffrey & Crystal Emry, Ken Eppler, Doug Fagerness, Thomas & Margaret Ann Frey, George & Florence Grismer, James Howell, Jeff & Sandy Medved, James Michal, John & Linda Mitchell, Bill & Bonnie Stonebraker, John Terris, Black Sheep Sporting Goods, Early Ford V-8 Club of America, North Idaho Physical Therapy, Platinum Home Mortgage Corp., Robideaux Motors Co Inc., Southlake Services Inc., Wal Mart #3472, Home Depot

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