



Standing Together

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What We Do



Services We Provide

- Emergency financial aid
- Food and clothing
- Furniture and bedding
- Referrals to other resources

Day Worker Centers

- Jobs for Day Workers
- English as a second language (ESL) classes
- Computer training
- Other employment skills

Thrift Stores

- Vouchers for those in need of clothing and furniture
- Community outreach
- Proceeds help provide emergency aid





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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Vincentians and Friends:

You have heard about the promise of Kelley Park Community Resource Center for some time now. With the ribbon-cutting and opening festival behind us and renovation nearly complete, it's time to bring the full potential of this new operation to serve the people in need.

Fortunately, we have in our main partners—O'Connor Hospital, the Daughters of Charity—organizations that follow the same dedication and commitment to serving the poor that the Society does. As organizations founded on St. Vincent de Paul's teachings this should come as no surprise. Santa Clara University, with its Jesuit tradition, has also become a valuable addition to this unique collaborative.

Our current emphasis is to ensure that every person who comes to Kelley Park Center has the opportunity to fully utilize the services here. As we work with people to determine their needs, we will bring additional resources to the Center where that is efficient, or establish relationships with nearby service providers who will help clients in other ways.

Kelley Park Center began as a way to find a new home for the day worker center. It has become that and so much more. I ask for your continued prayers for the development of the Center as I pray that you receive the graces you require to continue your work with the poor.

God Bless,

Steve Pehanich

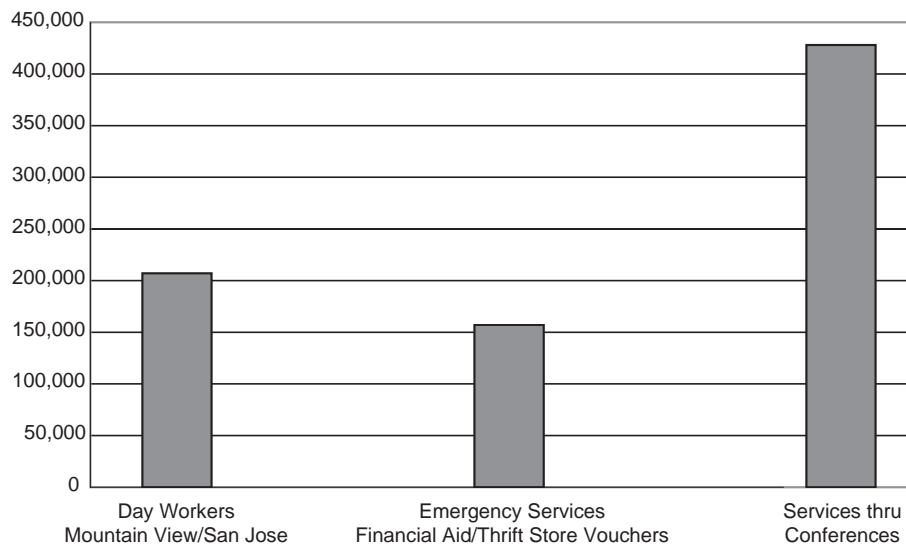


A client receives help in his job search efforts.



One of the many offerings at Kelley Park Center is legal services.

Money Used for SVdP Services—Fiscal Year '03



Letter from the President

Greetings my sisters and brothers:

The celebration of our grand opening of the new Kelley Park Community Resource Center (KPCRC) on March 11, 2004 was indeed a grand affair. On a personal level, this event fulfilled the primary purpose for my becoming council president for this Diocese—the assurance of a permanent place for The Society in the County of Santa Clara. However satisfying the result, I do know that this achievement was reached because of the extraordinary efforts of our Executive Director, Steve Pehanich. The Council is truly blessed in having an executive of Steve's caliber, and we are grateful for his continued and dedicated service.

Another talented executive whose largely volunteer efforts cannot go unrecognized in driving this project to completion is John Armenta. John retired from General Electric and joined us for this project and others. His experience and training enabled us to complete the effort on time and within budget.

The dedicated efforts of two Board members of St. Vincent de Paul who sit on the Kelley Park Board must also be acknowledged; Mike Ferrero and Don Sifferman continue to provide a double effort in guiding and sustaining St. Vincent de Paul along with this multi-purpose center.

The primary movers of this collaborative effort are the Vincentian followers of St. Vincent de Paul. In the cholera-ravaged slums of Paris in 1835, it was a Daughter of Charity, Sister Rosalie, who enlisted the support of a young student of the law, Frederic, and together they initiated the Society's efforts in serving the poorest of the poor. The agencies who reside within this new facility are all direct outgrowths of the Daughters of Charity and Saint Vincent.



The Ribbon Cutting: The quality and diversity of the leaders present that day speak to the kind of leadership we have in San Jose.



Bishop McGrath thanks Joe and Louise Migliozi who so graciously reduced the price of the property for the nonprofit agencies. If it were not for their generous spirit and kind heart, the Center would not have been possible.



Kevin Krave and John Rinaldi, SVdP Board Officers, at the March 11th Ribbon Cutting.

For all of this wonderful opportunity to serve the poor we must be, and we are, truly grateful. With every benefit however, there of course comes a burden. And, in this case our continuing burden will be the financial support necessary to pay for this beautiful location. Indeed, the financial pressures of lost business during the move coupled with the terrible economy are pressuring the Board mercilessly. Pray for us as the Board struggles to meet these financial challenges, remembering that we can only be stewards of the charity that is bestowed upon us.

May God's blessings continue for you and yours,
John Rinaldi, President-Board of Directors

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Easter Bonnets and Baskets

This spring, Easter Bonnets and Baskets was held in the three St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store locations on Saturday, April 3rd. Easter baskets and new or gently used clothing were given to over 200 children who attended. A wide spectrum of the community was served that day, including needy Day Workers and their children, clients of the St. Vincent de Paul financial assistance program, and children involved with the Friends Outside and Sacred Heart Community Service agencies.

In Gilroy, 60 children were given new Easter outfits and Easter baskets. Special eggs were given to each participating family. Local parishes and schools made numerous donations of time and treasure; special thanks are extended to Dave Cox of the St. Joseph Center, Gilroy High School, conference members of St. Catherine Parish, and St. Mary's School in Gilroy. Staff members Thelma and Alice worked even harder than usual; Manuel ended his vacation early to be sure the Gilroy site was able to serve all the people who came to join in the festivities.



At the Mountain View Bonnets and Baskets celebration, 70 children were given outfits, socks, and baskets. While the parents chose clothing, the children dyed eggs, had their faces painted, and assembled their own Easter baskets. As Virginia Caldeira, store manager said, "This year's Bonnets and Baskets festival was so successful because of the great volunteers who helped. Five churches donated clothing and candy to be given to the children. About 20 volunteers helped us gather donations and then played with the children and assisted parents that day. The day

went so well because the staff worked extra hard on this event: Hugo, Leroy and Harriet did all the setting up of tables and baskets and the clothing sorting and racking."



San Jose provided more than 100 children with Easter candy, baskets, and outfits at their Bonnets and Baskets festival. Special gratitude is expressed to Mindy Harada for her assistance as the volunteer coordinator in preparing for the event. With the help of Mindy's volunteers and Ralph, Mike, Keith, and Esther of the San Jose staff, tables were set up for the parents to select new outfits for their children. At other tables, children added toys and candy to their baskets, created pictures for their parents, and had their faces

painted. Special thanks are extended to the schools and church organizations in San Jose that provided donations of money, time and/or materials: Holy Spirit School, St. Martin of Tours School, St. Christopher School, the teachers at Notre Dame High School, Santa Clara Council Girl Scout Troop 177 and local St. Vincent de Paul Conferences.

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Vehicle Donation Program

by Andrew Tait, Manager

Several significant changes have occurred recently in the SVdP's Vehicle Donation Program. The most visible change is the closing of the used car lot on South First Street in San Jose. It had been determined that the operation of the lot represented a major expense.

After very careful consideration it was realized that a more cost-effective way to sell the donated vehicles was through a reputable auctioneer. The auctioneer chosen is Desert View Auto Auction. Because of their policies and procedures, we are now better positioned to meet pending legislation concerning vehicle donations.

Our vehicle donation program will now accept any vehicle, operable or not, provided that it is complete. Desert View now has responsibility for the pick up and sale of the vehicles. Of course, donors who wish to do so can drive the donated vehicle to our location at 749 Story Road where we will do the necessary paperwork.

Since these changes reduce the program's overhead, a greater portion of the sale price of the donated vehicles will now be available for the Society's services.

Questions?

For more information, please call (408) 971-9281.



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Day Worker Centers



What are the Day Worker Centers?

- These centers in Mountain View and San Jose connect day workers and employers in a dignified setting.
- Workers are provided fair employment, education and job skills training, with the goal of achieving full economic self-sufficiency.
- Contractors and individual employers who are looking for assistance with construction, landscaping, moving, elder care and other work can request day workers with specific skills.

How and when can I hire a Day Worker?

- The Mountain View center (located at 1880 California Street) is managed by Maria Marroquin. She can be reached at (650) 938-1298. It is open from Monday to Saturday, 7:00am-2:00pm.
- The San Jose center (located at 749 Story Road, near Senter) is managed by Mary Mendez who can be reached at (408) 923-9019. It is open Tuesday-Saturday from 6:30am-2:00pm.
- Workers are available for Sunday with prior arrangement.

Do we have to pay to be matched up with a Day Worker?

We provide at no cost to the employer the service of finding an available, qualified and skilled day worker for the particular job requirements.

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Your generosity helps those in need.

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Did you know that the money you give to a parish's St. Vincent de Paul Conference goes to directly help the neighbors in your community?

Neither the Conferences nor the Council office see each other's checks. So, donations made to a parish St. Vincent de Paul group are not listed in this Council Newsletter.

Special thanks go to the donors who give to both the Conference and the Council of St. Vincent de Paul. You are helping to meet both immediate and long-term needs.

We Appreciate Our Corporate Donors

In April, the Wal-Mart Foundation of the store on 5502 Monterey Road, San Jose, presented St. Vincent de Paul with a check for \$1,000. The store manager, John Begue, mentioned that St. Vincent de Paul was his mother's favorite charity. The Personnel Officer, Edna De Jesus, commented: "We are giving you this money because we know St. Vincent de Paul is helping many people in our local community."

CISCO has recently listed St. Vincent de Paul as an eligible charity for their matching gifts program. If you are a Cisco employee, please make a note on any donation you make so your contribution will be matched by CISCO.

Thank you, Lockheed-Martin of Sunnyvale for the fifteen computers donated for use by Day Workers and staff.

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Revamped Website

Anyone with computer access might like to look at our revamped web site at: www.svdp.org/santaclara. The information and pictures demonstrate how donations are spent. Volunteers Donna Winslow, Jennifer Wang and Peter Galus have worked long hours over the past 13 months to improve the way information is presented.

Anyone can now make either a one-time donation or a pledge on the website.

- On the menu, look under "Donations" and click on "On-line." This will bring you to the page to make secure donations via ParishPay to St. Vincent de Paul-Santa Clara County.
- Follow the guided questions and your contribution will come from either your checking account or credit card. You choose if you want it to be a one-time or a pledge donation.

Or Kathie Sheehy can process your credit card or EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer from checking account) donations. Call her at (408) 298-7290, ext. 17.

Stock Transfers

Some donors have found stock transfers to be an easy way to make contributions to St. Vincent de Paul.

- To do an Electronic (Digital) Stock Transfer, you can contact Francine Herbner at RBC Dain Rauscher; her phone number is (408) 947-3327. Our "DTC Number" is 0235.
- A stock transfer can be made to St. Vincent de Paul through your own broker. They would need our Digital Stock Transfer (DTC) number, which is 0235.



On Our Wish List—Volunteer Needs

Computer Skills Trainers: to help Day Workers learn work-related skills

Office Work: Mountain View or San Jose (telephone, data input, other)

Retail Work in Thrift Store: Gilroy, Mountain View, or San Jose

ESL Teacher (English as a Second Language): no experience needed

Mentor: to work with a client in basic life skills (paying bills, bus system, etc.), and help with their employment search (form completion, workplace etiquette, etc.)

For more information on how you might serve the community through your volunteer efforts at St. Vincent de Paul please call Kathie Sheehy, (408) 298-7290, extension 17.

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2004 Calendar

- June 9** Board of Directors' Quarterly Meeting
6:00pm-9:00pm
- June 23-27** Western Region Meeting, Eugene, OR
- July 17** Summer Social-Location TBA

Store Hours

- San José** Monday-Friday: 10:00am-6:00pm
 Sat: 10:00am-5:00pm; Sun: Closed
 Donation Dropoff: Mon-Sun 10:00am-4:00pm
- Mountain View** Monday-Saturday: 10:00am-5:30pm
 Thursday: 10:00am-7:00pm; Sunday: Closed
 Donation Dropoff: Mon-Sat 10:00am-4:00pm
- Gilroy** Tuesday-Saturday: 10:00am-6:00pm;
 Sunday-Closed; Monday-Closed