

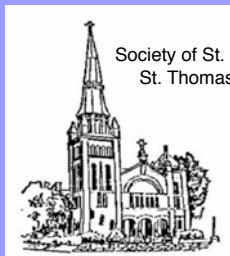


# St. Vincent De Paul's VOICE

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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

This is my last letter to you, the friends of St. Vincent de Paul. My 3 year term as Board President comes to an end November 1. My term has been an emotional experience for me with some times of joy and celebration over goals reached and some moments of great disappointment. But the good times outnumbered the bad.

We opened the H.E.L.P. Center 3 years ago and it has been successful beyond our dreams with thousands of people receiving aid. We built the Lynn Peterson House. We built the Kathy Reed House. We opened a warming center, a community kitchen which serves a thousand meals a month, and living facility for homeless Veterans. But no matter what we do the needs continue to increase faster than we can provide services. Recently we have had to turn people away from our emergency shelters because we are at capacity and it is not winter yet.

The low point during my term was the closing of Mary House where we housed single women with children. We had to close after 6 months due to lack of funding and an increase in rent. Seven women and their children had to move out. This was a terrible disappointment for the Board and staff.

We will be opening our warming center on November 1. To finance the center we will be having our annual Soup-Off contest on November 17, 11:30 to 1:30 at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds. There will be 25 different soups served. The cost is \$10. There will be several events during Homelessness Week (Nov. 14-18) but the soup event is my favorite - something to do with food.

Some big Thank Yous to some of the greatest people I have ever had the pleasure to know and work with. The 80 staff members and many volunteers are dedicated to helping people no matter what it takes. Those who work in the stores and the warehouse - we could not do what we do without your efforts. To the Board - all I can say is your patience with me is legendary. Thank you.

And thank you to all who donate items to the stores and shop there as well. Thank you.

When Lynn Peterson retired the Board hired Jeff Conroy as Executive Director. Of all the decisions I participated in, that was by far the best one. Jeff's leadership, dedication and vision are recognized on a statewide and national level. So, carry on Jeff. So very many people need you.

I leave St. Vinny's in excellent hands. Our new President is Linda Mitchell, only the second woman in 65 years to be President. Linda is a great leader and I am pleased to hand her the reins.

To Jeff: It's been a Great Run my friend.

*John Bruning*  
Board President



## Message from the Executive Director

This year marks the end of a term for President John Bruning. Within the by-laws of St Vincent de Paul it states that board members can only be on the board for a maximum of 6 years and this November marks term limit for President Bruning. In the President's Message John talks about the accomplishments that have happened during his Presidency. But what John does not talk about is the relationships he has developed during his tenure.

Over the past three years John has reached out to the staff of St Vincent de Paul. He helped create an environment of friendship, family and motivation between the staff and Board of Directors. At his core, John truly believes in "I will not ask others what I'm not willing to do myself". As an Executive Director to have a partner like John has been a dream. He is at every staff meeting at 6:30am talking to staff and remembers their names. For the past 3 years, he was always with me setting up for the soup kitchen at 4:30am during Homelessness Awareness Week (not sure how we didn't blow that trailer up). In the community, John represents SVDP at the Region 1 Meetings, IHFA Meetings, and the City's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness meeting, just to name a few. And, without fail, John comes to every St Vincent de Paul sub-committee meeting to support the group. John cares about people.



On a personal level, John Bruning has become an interwoven piece of my family. He was there at my daughter's high school graduation. He was at Spring Dash with me and my son as we all ran it, and we were invited to he and Sheila's 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary party this year. When my father passed away 2 years ago he was the first one there for me. John is my friend and mentor and always will be.

We have accomplished a lot my friend. You have helped bring about positive change and a sense of family to St Vincent de Paul. But what I'll remember most is our friendship. That will stay with me forever.

Jeff Conroy  
Executive Director

## November brings change on the Board of Directors

Six of the 12 board members have fulfilled their term limits and will be making room for a new class of board members. Leaving the board are President John Bruning, Treasurer Gordon Ramsden, Secretary Garry Loeffler, all who spent 6 years as a board member and officer. Others are Zoelle McKenzie, Gary Damiano, Spirituality Chairman, and Konni Leichner, Store Board. President Bruning will stay on the board as Past President Non-Voting. Under President Bruning's leadership and board support, St Vincent de Paul evolved over the past few years and have focused on the needs of the community. Affordable housing was built with the Lynn Peterson House and Kathy Reed House. Ross Point East and Homestead housing was also obtained to provide more affordable living places to those who need low-income housing. The Sandman was purchased to provide housing for our Veterans. New programs were started with the HELP Center, a "one stop shop" for multiple nonprofit and governmental agencies providing services to the community in one location. Harger House was started to provide employment opportunities for those with mental illness. Through the board's vision 2 warming centers were opened to provide shelter from the cold when the temperature fell below 20 degrees. Programs to help those who are homeless were started such as Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing were developed to take homeless off the street and into housing. PATH was developed to take the chronic homeless off the street, given housing and services so they can contribute again to society, and housing for Veterans were all started by this board. Public awareness showing that St Vincent de Paul North Idaho is "More Than A Store" was a focal point for this board. A new logo was made, flyers and brochures have been developed and printed, Souport the End of Homelessness, Run a Mile in their Shoes 5K, Hoops for Homeless, Candlelight Vigil for the Homeless, and the Steak Fry all started by this board. This board has seen the social service department grow from a 200 square foot area to over 12,000 square feet that serves over 100 people in need per day. Through board leadership St Vincent de Paul has grown to serve over 3,000 per year and providing nearly 18,000 services. These wonderful people leaving the board were instrumental in many of the changes that have occurred over the past 3.5 years and much of the vision is to their credit. Thank you all for your service and time.

## Linda Mitchell becomes 2nd Woman President in 65 Years



At the end of the November Linda Mitchell becomes only the 2nd woman to hold the seat of President of the Board of Directors for St Vincent de Paul North Idaho. For the past 3 years Linda has been a member of St Vincent's Housing Board, Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Linda and her husband John have been married for almost 27 years. In fact, they were the first couple married at St Pius X Catholic Church by Father Bill Wassmuth when the church was brand new! Linda was born in Burley Idaho, graduated from the University of Idaho and attends St Thomas Catholic Church. Linda and John have 3 great kids, Melissa, Molly and Andy. Linda has a very infectious energy that will take St Vincent de Paul North Idaho to the next level focusing on her passions of family, ending homelessness and serving our community.



**Donate Today to Bring Families Off the Street.**

Your gift of \$25 or more between now and December 31<sup>st</sup> will help those in need and qualify your favorite participating charity for \$25,000 in challenge grants. Presented by the Home Partnership Foundation.

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# HOMELESSNESS

November

November is Homelessness Awareness Month and from November 11 to bring about awareness of the homeless. Attached are some of

NOVEMBER IS HOMELESS AWARENESS MONTH

1st Annual

# HOOPS FOR THE HOMELESS



## 3 on 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

**Saturday November 19th 8am-8pm**

**KROC CENTER**  
1765 W Golf Course Road  
Coeur d'Alene, ID

**FREE THROW & THREE POINT CONTEST FOR ALL AGES**

**Adult • Mens • Womens • Coed**  
Sign up your team today!  
Teams consist of 4 players, minimum 3.  
\$100 team fee includes t-shirt & sports bag for each player.  
Registration deadline is November 5th.

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For more information or registration form contact Marvin Sears 208.659.2363 or marvins@kleinsdki.com  
*Ask about being a sponsor!*

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL NORTH IDAHO WARMING CENTER



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

**Souport the End of Homelessness**

## SOUP-OFF CONTEST

**November 17th, 11:30 to 1:30**  
**Kootenai County Fairgrounds**  
4056 N. Government Way, cost: \$10

**Enjoy 25+ different soups served by 15 celebrity waiters and vote for your favorite!**

Chief Kerry Gabriel, City of CDA Fire Dept.  
Chief Mayor Long, City of CDA Police Dept.  
Commissioner Todd Tondos, EC Com.  
Mike McDowell, Kootenai County Assessor  
Mayor Sandi Bloom, City of CDA  
Mayor Dan Wallinger, EC Sheriff's Dept.  
Steve Wilson, CDA Chamber CEO  
Irene Hanson, 4th Chamber CEO  
Chief Scott Haug, City of PF Police Dept.  
Chief Kevin Fure, City of Rathfrum PD  
Mayor W. Holmes, City of Rathfrum  
Wendy Gabriel, CDA City Administrator  
Mayor Clay Larkin, City of Post Falls  
Jan Ingab, CDA Deputy City Administrator  
Gordon Dabbs, CDA City Engineer  
*...And other willing waiters!*

ALL proceeds are going to support the St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho Warming Center, where the homeless can find warmth during the cold winter months.

For Tickets call 208.664.3095 or visit the Coeur d'Alene Press, North Idaho Title or St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store.

**LAUREL WOOD**  
More Than Just The Food

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL TO OPEN WARMING CENTER

Shelter located at 202 W. 7th Street in Post Falls, behind the Post Falls St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, in the Kamps Apartment Complex. Site will be active between Nov. 1-Feb 28.

St Vincent de Paul North Idaho is committed to provide a warming center for homeless individuals during bouts of extreme cold this winter. "We are pleased to offer this necessary service to help some of the most vulnerable people during harsh weather", say Jeff Conroy. "in planning for the harsh weather we must consider the homeless and their safety".

The warming center will be activated when temperatures are predicted to fall below 20 degree

temperatures, St Vincent's shelter will be open from 6:00pm-7:00am between Nov. 1, 2011 and February 28, 2012. St Vincent de Paul is able to shelter 60 individuals and will have available sleeping bags, blankets, gloves, stocking caps, coats, a full bathroom, warm food and drinks The Center is not set up for regular housing.

A huge **Thank you** to everyone who has taken the time to donate sleeping bags, blankets, and food. St Vincent de Paul will be accepting donations of warm food, warm clothing, blankets and sleeping bags. If you are able to help or donate please contact Warming Center Coordinator Joe Hutchinson at 208-699-7886.

# AWARENESS WEEK

11th - 19th

November 19 St Vincent de Paul will have an exciting week of activities the flyers we will have circulating. Please ask if you have any questions.

Join the **Knights of Columbus** for a



## Spaghetti Dinner

St. Thomas Catholic Church  
Parish Center  
919 E. Indiana  
Coeur d' Alene, Idaho

**Saturday, October 29, 2011**  
5:00pm-8:00pm  
cost is a donation



A great Italian dinner and a fun evening with community-interested people  
A Benefit for the St Vincent de Paul Warming Center

20% of the nation's homeless population are veterans.

*1st annual*

## Run A Mile In Their Shoes

5K Run/Walk and Pancake Breakfast  
to benefit St. Vincent de Paul's Veteran's Programs

**Saturday November 12**  
Race Starts 9am

Behind O'Shay's Pub along the beautiful shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho  
Off 1-00 take exit 15, Sherman Avenue. Race will start behind O'Shay's Pub, 213 Coeur d'Alene Drive and will continue along Coeur d'Alene Lake Drive.

\$10 Run, T-shirt and Breakfast  
\$10 Run and Breakfast Only

Register at or mail to: St Vincent de Paul Warming Center, 201 E. Sherman Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 (509) 836-3100 or online at [www.stvincentdepaulcda.org](http://www.stvincentdepaulcda.org)

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No Shirt Option \$10  With Shirt Option (Shirt Size 200, 40, L, M, S) \$15  
We have a limited number of shirts and will accept no cash. To be eligible to receive a shirt, you must be the registered and confirmed participant. Once the shirt order is placed, you will receive an email with the shirt size and color options. Please allow 2-3 weeks for the shirts to arrive. Please allow 2-3 weeks for the shirts to arrive. Please allow 2-3 weeks for the shirts to arrive.

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REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 4, 2011  
No cash register or purchase tag for shirt size tag to be used.  
Have checks payable to St Vincent de Paul for more information call Barbara at 208-664-3095

St. Vincent de Paul's Veterans Programs currently includes temporary and long term housing, food, clothing and case management.



help those who served you





## Candlelight Vigil for the Homeless

Independence Point in Coeur d'Alene  
Monday, November 14, 2011  
5:30pm-6:00pm

### Tour St Vincent de Paul North Idaho

Visit the HELP Center, the warehouse, the family transitional housing facility, both the Men's and Women & Children's Emergency Shelters, and the Harger House-home of Vinny's Deli

**"It's more than a store"**  
Call Janet for tours at  
208-664-3095

# Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-Housing: Preventing Homelessness

In October 2009 St Vincent de Paul North Idaho was awarded \$854,354, over 3 years, in federal stimulus money to administer a Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) program for the 5 northern counties. The program is really 2 programs in one. ***Homeless Prevention*** funds are for working with families/individuals who are being evicted by the court. The ***Rapid Re-Housing*** funds are used to work with the working homeless, taking them off the street and getting them into affordable housing. Both of these programs would not have been so successful without the help of local property management companies and landlords.

At the end of September 2011, St Vincent de Paul's HPRP Coordinator, Karen Lindbergh and her team have saved 279 households or 837 local people from becoming homeless through the ***Homeless Prevention*** portion of the grant. The average cost we are spending to prevent these families from becoming homeless with stable affordable housing is \$1,779.59 per family total.

***Rapid Re-Housing*** is also seeing success. We are working with the regions shelters offering those who are working a permanent place to live off the

streets. In the same time period, 172 homes have been provided for 517 people who were homeless. The average cost of \$1,665.57 total per family to get them permanently housed. These few dollars are making a huge difference in these people's lives.

To keep things in perspective, in 2008 Coeur d'Alene's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness Committee contacted all of the churches, non-profits, governmental agencies, and organizations who serve Kootenai County to ask what they spend annually serving the homeless or those in deep poverty. The annual cost these organizations spent was **\$6.5 million-annually.** St Vincent de Paul North Idaho, in just over 2 years, has prevented 279 households from **becoming** homeless, and has taken 172 households **off the street** and put into affordable housing for a cost of **\$782,983.96.** That's a total of 451 total households-1,354 individuals who work and live in our communities-no longer looking at homelessness as their only other option. And a lot less than \$6.5 million.

Thank you Karen Lindbergh and her HPRP Team for making such a huge difference in so many lives.



## Art on the Edge

### "Where does your head lie"

Art show for Homeless Awareness week

November 11th, 5:00

Human Rights Education Institute

Reception and artist talk

Cake provided by Taste Cafe



## Day of Caring



Thank you U.S. Bank Call Center Volunteers for helping paint our Post Falls Store and helping build a new storage building for our books. It was amazing work!

## North Idaho College Donates Blankets



North Idaho College donated to St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho 30 blankets that were made by students on the day of service last month. We'd like to give our thanks to Team Leaders Sara Schmelzer and Amanda Beringer, Lynn Bates, Marilyn Quinn, Sarah Welker, Frances Collins, Linda Schafer, Julie Salinas, Jamie Salinas, Evie Scrobeack, Robin Blake, Debbie Stone, Marilyn Hardy, Robynne Therrian, Dee Miller, Katrina Buechler, Brianne Scrobeack, Vicki Shanley, Annette Gifford, Lilly Bennett

## St Vincent de Paul is Blessed to have 2 Endowments Started

The Father Geo. Rassley Endowment for St Vincent de Paul Emergency Shelters endowment fund with the Inland Northwest Community Foundation (INCF) ensures the long term financial stability of our emergency shelters. Gifts of cash, appreciated stock or other assets to the Endowment not only contribute to the future of St Vincent de Paul emergency Shelters but provide immediate tax benefits for you. To make a charitable gift to the Endowment, please phone contact Barbara Smalley at 208-664-3095 or PJ Waters at the Inland Northwest Community Foundation 509-624-2606.

Another endowment has been set up by the Board of Directors to address the needs of the women & children who need the services of St Vincent de Paul. "The Endowment for Women & Children's Programs at St Vincent de Paul" has been set up through the Idaho Community Foundation (ICF). This endowment will ensure that there will always be future programs for women & children who need shelter, clothing, food, diapers, baby food, domestic violence services, parenting services, and case management. To make a charitable gift to the Endowment please contact Barbara Smalley at 208-664-3095 or Robert Hoover at 208-342-3535.

### 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.

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Michael & Tara Keith

In Memory of John O'Brien  
Yvonne Deitz  
Healey's Studio  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Leahy  
John And Mary Ann Mchugh  
Eleanor Smith  
Tony & Patti Strasser  
Frederic & Kathleen Von Lehr

In Memory of Jerry Divine  
Juanita Divine

### Bronze (\$500-\$999)

Bob & Amy Burton, Doug Fagerness, Garry & Bonnie Loeffler, Geoffrey & Crystal Emry, James Michal, Jeff & Sandy Medved, Ken Eppler, Paul & Nancy Burton, Sharla & Scott Harris, Shirley Bade, Thomas & Sally Stuber, Bulldog Communications, Early Ford V-8 Club of America, Eversons Jewelry Inc., Mountain West Bank, Platinum Home Mortgage Corp, Resort Property Management, Southlake Services, Inc., Maura Gregg, John & Sheila Bruning, Shawn & Sarah Swanby, Todd & Kerri Ohse, Coeur d Alene Mines, City of Post Falls, Irene & Gary Cuff, Natalie & Andy Adams, Stewart & Molly Butler, Coeur d Alene High School, Leadership Coeur d Alene, North Idaho Community Services Corp, Lois Beno, Albert & Alfreida Gouveia, A H Summers, Mitch & Beth Dremann, Rita & Vladimer Fofanoff, Presbyterian Church Board Deacons, Bernice Hancock

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