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*Celebrating 70 Years
of
Serving our Community*

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Message from the Board President



As we welcome with excitement the new year 2016, I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Happy and Blessed New Year. 2015 was a busy and productive year for St. Vincent's - we are thrilled to have completed our remodel of Father Bill's Kitchen, which will allow us to provide meals, showers and laundry facilities in one location. We will be having an open house for this space on March 6th and would love for you to join! Please see our calendar for more information. We also acquired Trinity Group Homes this past year, a nonprofit organization that provides housing and mentoring to mentally disabled individuals. Our store sales, which are the main source of funding for many of our services, have continued to increase thanks to the generous donation of goods from our remarkable community. We are always grateful for these donations, so as you're doing your winter and spring cleaning, or if you are moving, redecorating, or just need to downsize, please consider donating your gently used items. Clothes,

toys, cars, boats, washers, dryers, stoves and furniture are always sought after by our customers, and we offer free pick-ups to maximize convenience. We do so appreciate all of our donors and we could not do what we do without your continued support. THANK YOU!

While we look back with gratitude on 2015, it's time to look forward to 2016! This year marks the 70th birthday of St. Vincent de Paul of North Idaho, and we have certainly come a long way from the church closet back in 1946. We will be hosting the 2016 Western Regional Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference at the Coeur d'Alene Resort on May 26, 27, and 28th, welcoming the various St. Vincent de Paul councils from the surrounding thirteen western states. This will be our first time hosting the event and we are looking forward to sharing our wonderful community and beautiful town with our visitors.

Many of you who shop at our CDA thrift store may have noticed that the outside section of our store is in dire need of help - it's very exposed to the elements and we unfortunately lose many of our donated items due to damage sustained by exposure to wind, rain and snow. One of our continued goals for 2016 is to come up with a solution and therefore increase our potential sales from these outdoor items. We are always open to suggestions and feedback, so please share any and all ideas with us!

Before I sign off, I would like to thank two gentlemen from our men's shelter who reminded me that there are people who stand by their word no matter their circumstances. I had hired them to rake leaves on our property the day before our historic windstorm. They came early that morning and I paid them upfront as I would not be back before they would be done. When I returned I noticed not all the leaves were raked and I felt a bit disappointed. The next day I noticed these two gentlemen were out raking the remainder of the leaves in the brutal wind and rain. I had not called them. When I went out to talk with them, they simply commented, "We told you we would do this and so we came back to finish." And, the reason they didn't finish the day before was because they had to go and help with the soup kitchen. I was really humbled. So thank you gentlemen. It's always nice to be reminded of the warm, caring, and honest people in our community. I would also like us to remember a wonderful member of our St. Vinney's Board family, John McHugh, who passed away in December. He was a selfless volunteer and will be greatly missed.

Thank you to all of our readers and benefactors, and onwards to 2016!

Blessings to all,

Chris Fritz
Board President

Message from the Executive Director



Happy New Year everyone! We ended 2015 on such a high note I am really looking forward to 2016. Just a report card but in 2015 we served 3,637 individuals and provided them with 27,501 services such as rental assistance, utility assistance or food. Our dining hall provided 14,104 meals in 2015 and our veteran's services program served 1,654 veterans with housing, employment preparedness and case management. 2015 was a "hi usage" year for us.

In October 2015 we decided to close our Fresh Start location as a money saving measure. Rent alone was close to \$20,000 a year for an operation that was being duplicated and better served at the HELP Center where those funds could be put to better use. October also saw the construction of Father Bill's Kitchen. We saw an

opportunity to increase a dining hall that seats 17 people at a time, preparing meals in a small residential kitchen, and expanded it to seat 72 at one sitting and a new commercial kitchen. The remodel also included two full bathrooms with showers and a laundry facility for the population we serve can use. The Warming Centers opened November 1 sheltering 45 at both centers (90 total), a successful Christmas Eve lunch was sponsored by the Lynne Ruffin-Smith Charitable Trust and served 154 people in our community who might not get a Christmas meal. And we ended the year with a windstorm that dismantled roofs, and knocked trees over. I am so ready for 2016!

The New Year marks 70th Anniversary serving our community. Starting out as a clothes closet at St Thomas Catholic Church in 1946 we continue to honor our humble beginnings in 2016. We also begin the year preparing for the official ribbon cutting of the new Father Bill's Kitchen with an Honor Wall displaying everyone who is supporting that project. Always looking for ways to improve, we're looking at providing new services, new stores and better ways to serve our community. Our

founder Frederick Ozanam once said "no act of charity is foreign to the society". We will continue to strengthen our relationships with the new Crisis Center, Kootenai Health, and other local agencies as we figure out how to provide "poverty ending" services to our families and neighbors. 2016 will see us serving more Veterans, as the numbers increase through our doors. But our staff is prepared and collaborating with local services to make sure those who protect our country won't sleep on our streets.

I look forward to great Comedy Night, Steak Fry, Fashion Show and Soupport the End of Homelessness events as we try to bring more awareness to our community.

The services and events of 2015 happened because of the support of a great community but also a very good staff and the backing of a great board of directors. Our staff is encourage to not be acceptable in their positions but to be exceptional. Exceptional in service, exceptional at home, and exceptional with each other. And I hope it shows. I want to thank everyone for their support in 2015 and I look forward ready to tackle 2016.

Jeff Conroy
Executive Director

Father Bill's Kitchen Grand Opening! March 6, 2016



Please come for the blessing and ribbon cutting of
Father Bill's Kitchen.

Enjoy refreshments, view the new Honor Wall, and
take a tour of the remodeled facility.

1317 North 1st Street
Coeur d'Alene

Sunday, March 6, 2016
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Please RSVP with Janet Brock at
208-416-4717

The new space includes:

- Increased seating capacity from 17 to 72 guests at one time.
- A Commercial kitchen
- 2 Full bathrooms with showers
- A Laundry room with 2 washers and 2 dryers

To support this project and have your name on the donor wall, please donate to:

St Vincent de Paul North Idaho
Attention: Fr. Bill's Kitchen
201 E. Harrison, CdA, 83814

Souppport the End of Homelessness

A big Thank You for everyone who attended this great event and enjoyed the 40 different soups!

Winners:

Chefs Choice Winner-East Side Fire District

Peoples Choice Winner - East Side Fire District

Table decor winner - Alliance Data

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Art on the Edge

Our new Drum Circle Program is fantastic. Everyone is invited to attend our February 20th Drum Circle, 6:00 p.m. at the Art on the Edge studio. For more information, contact Tarin at (208) 664-3095 ext 388.



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Vincent de Paul's Comedy Night

April 8th 2016 at the Coeur d' Alene Casino

Show starts at 8:00 pm, doors open at 6:00 for games and drawings.

\$25.00 per person

Tickets are available at Ticket Master or purchase at the HELP Center or Thrift Stores.

Hotel Packages and Event sponsorships are available.

For more information call Barb Smalley at: 208-416-4716 barbara@stvincentdepaulcda.org.

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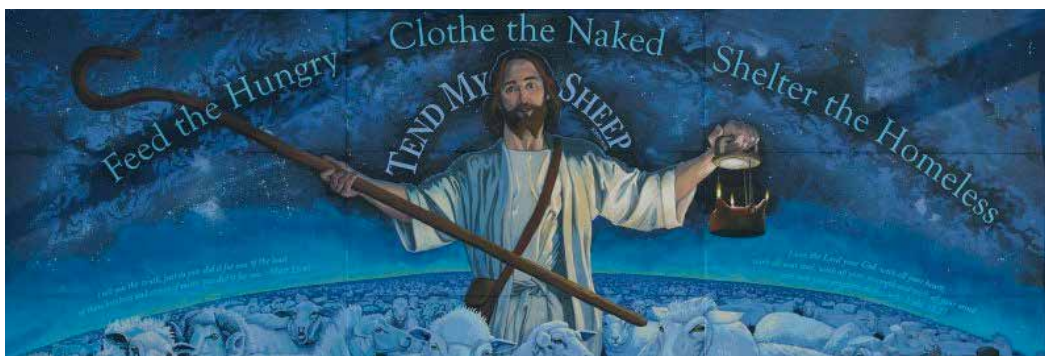


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www.stvincentdepaulcda.org

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FREE DONATION PICK-UPS!

Kootenai County Residents call 208-416-4699
Silver Valley Residents- 208-556-1460

A SALE EVERYDAY!

Visit our website at stvincentdepaulcda.org
to see what today's sales are!

Thank You!

Your Donations *Stay* in Your Community



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In Memory of Jeanette L. Conroy

Jeff & Jeannette Conroy

2015 Christmas Lunch



1st Annual Christmas Lunch was a HIT! We had it all; Christmas tree was decorated, Santa and his elves were there handing out Christmas gifts to the children, live Christmas music, a complete Christmas meal with turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, and a room full of Christmas cheer! A great day!

Thanks to a generous gift from the Lynne Ruffin-Smith Charitable Foundation who underwrote the event, St Vincent de Paul North Idaho had our 1st Annual Christmas Lunch on December 24th. With the support of Michael D's Restaurant, Timber Gastro Pub and wonderful volunteers we fed those in our community who wouldn't otherwise have a Christmas meal.

Thank you everyone and we are looking forward to the 2nd Annual Christmas Lunch on December 24, 2016!

Sponsored by Lynne Ruffin-Smith Charitable Foundation



By the Numbers

In 2015...

1,654
Veterans served.

3,637
Individuals served in the HELP Center.

14,104
Meals served out of Father Bill's Kitchen.

27,501
Services provided.



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

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