Celebrating 25 years of resourceful leadership that has helped to make St. Vincent de Paul of Lane County...

A world leader in waste-based enterprise...

Provider of nearly 1,000 units of decent & affordable housing...

And a compassionate friend to 65,000 people annually!

Your support makes it possible.
We assist the poor...

Our Board of Directors

Our 2009-10 Board Chair is Louise "Molly" Westling of Eugene. Molly is a professor of English and Women's Literature at the University of Oregon and serves on our Housing Advisory Board. She is also an amateur sheepherder using Australian Kelpies.

At this year’s Angel Dinner, Bob Welch described the 4 kinds of angels he’s encountered in his work as a Register-Guard columnist and author: Those who help in the "nitty gritty" of life, those who inspire others by going out of their way for strangers, those who teach, and those who proclaim hope. St. Vincent de Paul’s conference volunteers fall into every category, collecting funds to assist the poor, making home visits, sharing information, and bringing hope to individuals and families in crisis. More than 200 people attended this year’s dinner, representing conferences based in nearly every Catholic church in Lane County. Special honors were bestowed upon Lyle and Geraldine Teman, C.J. Frieze, and Joe Foelker of the St. Peter Conference; Julie Stephenson of the St. Mary Conference, and Bob and Becky Venice of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Conference in Cottage Grove. Conference volunteers have made more than 1600 home visits since October 1, 2008.

As always, the Angel Dinner included a heavenly meal prepared by staff and volunteers from the Lindholm Center, and served with grace by 8th graders from O’Hara Catholic School, including Rose Culley, Ivan Garcia, and Mark Vettman.

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You are angels...
Business Mentors, Inc. • Carman B. Johnson
Souther Insurance
Dr. Sandra Hamilton • Dr. Timothy Arbow
Stephen and Kathryn Hutchinson
Laneco Federal Credit Union • Weber Coastal Bells
Long’s Meat Market • Vistra Framing Gallery
O’Hara Catholic School • St. Mary Catholic Church
Ben Franklin Crafts • BJ’s Restaurant • Cash and Carry
Emerald Fruit & Produce • Izzy’s Pizza
Mazzi’s Restaurant • Organically Grown Co-op
Papa’s Pizza • Safeway • Wendy’s Hamburgers
And all who attended the Angel Dinner!
Utilizing every resource...

From the desk of
The Kitchels

What an honor to be chairs for St. Vinnie’s 2009 Dinner Theatre! We are amazed at the work St. Vinnie’s does here in our community. Their ability to incorporate recycling into operations throughout the organization is amazing. We are a throw-away society, and it’s exciting to see the recycled, reuse process in action, especially at First Place Family Development Center where it benefits homeless families with children.

Please join us in further supporting homeless and low-income families by attending the Dinner Theatre for First Place. You’ll enjoy a show brimming with youthful energy and wonderful talent.

As the winter months approach, emergency food, clothing, shelter and other basics will be increasingly needed in our community. As families turn to First Place, we cannot turn away.

We’ll be looking for you on Nov. 4!
Scott & Kathy

Penny McNeer has been happily employed as a RideSource driver for more than 10 years thanks to St. Vinnie’s Self-Sufficiency Services. After having a brain tumor removed in the early ’90’s, Penny sought work that would accommodate her special situation. She came to the Richard W. Lindholm Center discouraged, but the staff cast Penny in her best light and assured her they would find something. Now Penny transports disabled and elderly riders and has offered heartfelt encouragement to those who disembark at the Lindholm Center.

Self-Sufficiency Services

Thank you, Friends of First Place...
Rippee Family Fund/San Francisco Foundation
$1,240 for coat lockers in the Kids Center
Thurston High School, Community 101 Class
$1,230 for children’s cots

Laural, a wife and mother of 5, faced the dual dilemma of job loss, certain home foreclosure, and a husband struggling to readjust after three tours of duty in Iraq. To protect their credit, Laural and her family gave up their home and joined the 467 families that utilized the services of First Place Family Development Center and the Interfaith Night Shelter this past year. While living in a camp trailer, Laural sensed that passers-by wondered what she had done wrong. Now, she shares her story to let people know how normal she and her family are, and how much they were helped by First Place Family Development Center. You can help families like Laural’s by attending Dinner Theatre.

At an open house, the Self-Sufficiency staff accepted heavy-duty help from Wells Fargo to provide advanced clerical training and job experience. Wells staff from far left, Randy Snyder, Thomas Thai, and James Weber, with Cythia Weiss and Jul Orr of the Self-Sufficiency staff.

St. Vincent de Paul’s 3rd Annual Ball 10 New Talent Variety, featuring:
Divas • On the Rocks • Irish Céo • and more!
Wednesday, November 4 • The Hilton Table $75 • Individual Tickets $75

St. Vincent de Paul’s Annual Dinner Theatre

Auctioneer Sid Voorhies

Social hour & Silent auction at 5:30 pm
Dinner Auction Show at 6:30 pm

Put me in your brochure!

For reservations or more information call
Rebecca Lorton, 541.687.3520 x121

A benefit for First Place Family Development Center St. Vincent de Paul’s day shelter serving homeless families with children
Decent and affordable housing...

The Donald L. Lamb Bldg., Eugene

A big “pull-down” was held at West 11th and Hayes to help raze St. Vinnie’s old thrift store and make way for the 4-story Donald L. Lamb Building. A combination of retail and affordable one-bedroom apartments, the project was a long-held dream of volunteer Don Lamb. His widow and son, Maryann and Michael, accepted the commemorative plaque that will be displayed in the lobby. Maryann said Don would be “thrilled and humbled” because the project embodies two of the things that he was passionate about: affordable housing and books.

One outbuilding at 11th and Hayes held a beehive that was collected with care by beekeeper Pony Boy Gilbert. St. Vinnie’s share of the honey will be served in 2010 at the grand opening of the Donald L. Lamb Building. A metal outbuilding from the same site was deconstructed and stored, to be resurrected later as an energy-efficient office building created from recycled materials.

Heather Glen, Veneta

A handcrafted replica of the Wells Fargo stagecoach was presented to Heather Glen by Judith Olsen, Community Development/CRA Manager for Wells Fargo, the construction lender.

Heather Glen, Veneta

Two mighty tugs by local officials and St. Vinnie’s volunteers failed to budge the old West 11th store so heavy equipment was summoned to expedite the task. When complete on the same site, the Donald L. Lamb Building will offer one-bedroom apartments for $385 to $425 per month.

Thanks!

For helping to bring VIDA to rural Lane County!

For VIDA in Cottage Grove:
1,000: Doyle & Donna Shepherd Foundation and 1,000: Northwest Community Credit Union

For VIDA in Florence:
1,000: Florene Kiwanis Foundation and $500, Rotary Club of Florence

To learn more call Colleen Stewart, 541-687-5820 x142

When the Doak family became 3 in 2008, Julie, Jami and Jeremiah moved in with a friend, making due in limited space and grateful to have it. Julie had lived in Veneta for 9 years and didn’t want to leave so she was delighted to learn that the new construction she saw on her daily walk was St. Vinnie’s affordable housing. One of Julie’s best days came when she got her home of choice in Heather Glen, a unit conveniently located for a handicapped friend. Julie said the experience has given her family a new sense of community responsibility.
During the opening ceremony at Heather Glen, appreciation was extended to Dennis Maricle, left, and Darrel Spiesschaert. As Veneta residents and St. Vinnie’s volunteers, their help was invaluable in all stages of the development.

Fernridge Librarian Colin Rae followed the progress of Heather Glen and contemplated the patrons that family housing might generate. “Housing, like information, is a vital part of life that should be viewed as a right rather than a privilege,” Colin said. “As a librarian, I was thrilled to watch the construction progress knowing that each home would bring not just patrons, but information seekers… be they readers, job-hunters, computer users, volunteers.”

As the National Guard prepared for the largest deployment of Oregonians since WWII, St. Vinnie’s opened Vet LIFT III, 10 units of housing for chronically homeless veterans.

At left, a grand-opening Color Guard was provided by members of the Springfield VFW Post 3965. At right, Rep. Peter DeFazio, left, and Sen. Ron Wyden welcomed veteran housing.

The Aster Bldg; affordable apartments for seniors

Springfield gained 54 units of affordable senior housing with the opening of the Aster Apartments. Residents, 62 and better, enjoy a community and TV room, transportation to shopping and appointments, and other amenities for comfortable aging.

Got styrofoam? St. Vinnie’s is your recycler for clean blocks & peanuts!

Peanuts & other packing material must be in boxes or bags. 50-cent minimum charge, $3-4 per 20-gal. bag.
The veterans of Vet LIFT II held an appreciation barbecue for public officials, the V.A. staff, and St. Vinnie’s volunteers. They celebrated the first year of the Grant and Per Diem program, which provides case management and transitional housing for up to two years. Outside Vet LIFT II with case manager Cindy Leming are Dan, Patrick, Dennis, Taylor, Dave and Tony.

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A recent Vet LIFT II graduate, Bill uses his speaking and writing skills to educate the public about homeless veterans, and veterans about the opportunities that begin at Vet LIFT’s weekly support group.

After 5 years in shelters and under bridges, Taylor found a home in Vet LIFT. With the passing of his mother and brother, Taylor fully realized the caring of his Vet LIFT family.

55 kids from Ross Lane, Santa Clara Place, and Oakwood Manor attended Summer Joy Camp, 6 weeks of fun and educational activities. During Kids in the Kitchen week they donned chef hats and aprons for an outdoor barbecue, and they toured Full Circle Community Farm and tasted garden-fresh foods.

Volunteer Tutors Needed!
Santa Clara Place: Tues., 4-5 p.m. & Wed., 2-3 p.m.
Ross Lane: Mon. & Wed., 3:30-5 p.m.
Oak Terrace (Florence): Mon- Thurs, 3:30-5 p.m.
Call Val Ko: 541.687.5820 x167
Thank You Golfers, Sponsors & Volunteers for Taking Part in St. Vinnie’s Golf for Kids Tournament

With your help more than $20,000 was raised to provide enrichment activities for more than 500 kids living in St. Vinnie’s affordable housing!

Special appreciation to these major Tournament sponsors:

- Springfield Country Club!

Old-fashion bookstore!

Thousands of titles and a pleasant atmosphere for browsing make St. Vinnie’s new bookstore a daily stop for collector Tom Pike. Located at East 11th and Oak in Eugene, the store also features maps, artwork, and recycled creations from St. Vinnie’s Aurora Glass Factory. As with all St. Vinnie’s enterprises, proceeds are used to assist low-income individuals and families in crisis.

Emergency Services
Provided at the Richard W. Lindholm Center
October 2008 - September 2009

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T. Atkinson Food Room
Food boxes distributed: 14,200

Social Service Office
Emergency assistance to individuals & families

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In-kind donations from St. Vinnie’s thrift stores: $44,500

Emergency Services
Day shelter for homeless adults

Any charitable work to advance the mission.

Opening in November: St. Vinnie’s at 2220 Pacific Blvd. SE, Albany!

Captain Service
by Dennis Mariele

- Captain Service: Champion of all things Vincentian. He tirelessly advances awareness of the Society and its work.
- Voice of the Poor: Promotes human dignity and integrity, redressing the situations that cause poverty.
- Walk for the poor: We show solidarity with other Vincentians from around the Country on behalf of the poor.
- Minister to the poor: Making home visits to those in need is an excellent way of putting Gospel values into practice.

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- Enterprise
- Beecher Carlson
- Schnitzer Steel
- Chase

and to the Springfield Country Club!
St. Vinnie’s, partners, volunteers, neighbors...

Pulling Together...
so that all may move forward

“Pulling down” the old West 11th store to make way for the Donald L. Lamb Building are, from left, SVdP Board members John Antone and Eugene Organ, Rita Antone, founding Vincentian Bob Lyford, Beth Wirtz of Key Community Development Corporation, Mary Ann Lamb, Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy, SVdP Executive Director Terry McDonald, and 50-year St. Vincent de Paul volunteer Dick Rademacher.