The Junkyard King

Terry McDonald spins gold from other people’s junk. pg 9
Dear Friend of St. Vincent de Paul,

The “why” is more important than the “what.”

By their very nature, annual reports and newsletters are filled with stats and stories. It’s important to me that you know the “why”: some of the beliefs that ground St. Vinnie’s.

We believe in business. St. Vinnie’s operates a variety of waste-based operations that reuse goods, creating jobs in the process. Last year, our businesses plowed $21.7 million back in the local economy. If you’ve ever shopped at one of our Stores or donated at an Attended Collection Center, you’re part of this effort. Thank you.

We’re also in the business of doing good-- revenues from these businesses, combined with community donations, support our outreach to homeless and low income people. Hundreds of volunteers-- Egan Warming Center and Interfaith Emergency Shelter come to mind--bring a personal touch that is priceless. Thank you to our donors and volunteers.

We believe in the sanctity and dignity of every individual and that people who can work, should have that opportunity. Our Veterans in Progress (VIP) program on page 12, is a good example.

St. Francis of Assisi famously said, “Preach the gospel always. If necessary, use words.”

Hopefully, these few words of mine as well as what you’ll read about local people in this report, will give you a little more insight into our shared work.

Thank you-- we value your help. Because there’s more to do.

Terry McDonald
Executive Director
We Volunteer.

Volunteers are vital to the work St. Vincent de Paul does in the homeless community. Community partners, such as those pictured here from Oregon Community Credit Union, worked together to maintain and update the laundry room at Bagley Downs, one of St. Vincent de Paul's affordable housing communities.

St. Vincent de Paul helps over 80,000 people each year and must depend on volunteers every day to help meet the needs of those in our community who turn to us for help. We offer volunteer opportunities that can fit almost any schedule and can accommodate just about anyone from individuals, groups, students, families, and seniors.

We are in need of volunteers to assist with many projects. For more information about volunteering, contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Kathy, at (541) 743-7147 or visit our website at www.svdp.us and fill out an interest form today!

Affordable Housing

St. Vincent de Paul provides beautiful, quality, affordable rental housing in Lane and Marion Counties. Over 1,000 units of housing have been developed since 1988.

Connections Transitional Housing Program:

Connections helps homeless families transition from repeated episodes of homelessness to stability. Intensive case management, innovative and appropriate services, and affordable housing for up to two years help families break the cycle of homelessness. 48 families graduated in 2012.

Living Independently Following Treatment (LIFT):

The LIFT Program provides supportive housing for 18 households annually. Participants have clinically assessed co-occurring mental illnesses with addictions and are in recovery having received inpatient treatment. Currently, LIFT is serving ten families.

Resident Services Program:

Resident Services provide information and referral, educational, recreational, and community building services to assist with providing enrichment and stability to residents in St. Vincent de Paul’s affordable housing.

Valley Individual Development Account Program (VIDA):

VIDA helps households achieve major life and financial goals through matched savings, training, and support. Last year, 55 people graduated from the matched savings program, and 9 people graduated from financial literacy classes.

Veterans Living Independently Following Treatment: (VetLIFT)

Vet LIFT provides assistance to chronically homeless veterans who are dually diagnosed with substance abuse and mental health issues. Vet LIFT helps veterans access permanent housing and increase income and job skills. Currently, Vet LIFT provides housing for 54 veterans.

Veterans’ Housing Project:

Veterans’ Housing Project is a partnership of private, public, and non-profit organizations, and volunteers, providing affordable rental housing for veterans returning from overseas deployments. In 2012, two homes were renovated. For more information, please visit the website veteranshousingproject.org

Kids in SVDP’s Santa Clara Place conduct a volcanic science experiment during Summer Camp.
When being First is more than just a Place.

First Place Family Center:
First Place provides crucial assistance and support to families with children who are in transition due to homelessness, job loss, health issues, or other critical problems. Services help meet families’ immediate needs as well as help promote self-sufficiency. In 2012, First Place helped over 585 families, with 1,765 children.

First Place...
• is the only center in Lane County solely dedicated to sheltering and supporting children and their families.
• is the “first place” families in transition come for basic needs: food, showers, laundry, etc.
• connects families to Interfaith Emergency Shelter System and Overnight Parking Program.
• provides support and referrals to community resources, encouraging self-sufficiency and stability.

$42 a month provides necessary services to a family in need for two weeks.

It’s the First Place They Turn

Saying good-bye to his toys was hard, but becoming homeless before the age of 5 was even tougher on Rowdy. You’d never know it by his constant grin as he plays with other kids in the Interfaith Night Shelter.

“Those toys are just material things,” said Rowdy’s father, James.

Dad’s right: What counts most are the people who we can lean on, who we can count on, and who challenge us... our families.

Rowdy is one of about 1,000 children whose families relied upon First Place Family Center in 2012.

Rowdy’s family was also accepted into Night Shelter where they get a hearty meal and a comfortable place to sleep. Rowdy had traveled around the Northwest with his parents as they sought work, even to Alaska where James fished commercially. When job prospects dried up they came to Eugene, set up camp alongside a river, and turned to First Place Family Center to begin anew. Rowdy got into Head Start. His mom entered a recovery program and got help for some mental issues.

“Not having work breaks your spirit,” James commented.

The family’s spirits have been bolstered by the moral and practical support of First Place staff and Night Shelter volunteers. They can cook and share a meal, shower and wash clothes, use the computers to look for work, and sleep safe.

“It’s the only thing we have now,” James said, “But it’s a good thing to have.”

Pictured above: Rowdy and his family are thankful to be at First Place Family Center.

Our 6th Annual Dinner Theatre, raised over $150,000 for First Place Family Center and homeless children like Rowdy! Call Rebecca Larson at 541-743-7121 and find out how you can help.

Because YOU care.
# 2012 Financial Statements

## Statement of Activities: October 2011 - September 30, 2012

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| Change in Net Assets         | 2,613,521  | 2,138,175     |
| Net Assets, beginning of year | 35,388,024 | 33,249,849    |

| Net Assets, End of Year      | $38,001,545 | $35,388,024 |


### ASSETS:

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### Property and Equipment

### Other Assets

### Notes receivable, Rural Rehabilitation program

### Notes receivable, related parties

### Investments

### Other assets

| Total Assets | $56,024,478 | $49,770,784 |

### LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

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| Total Liabilities & Net Assets | $56,024,478 | $49,770,784 |
For Kathy and her son, the prospect of buying a brand new home was so far-fetched one might have said it would take an Act of Congress.

In a sense it did, along with some prodding by a persistent older sister. But on February 18, 2013, Kathy’s newly completed home was the main attraction in Lowell, Oregon as a steady stream of visitors wandered through, marveling at the spacious floor plan and mountain views visible through huge windows. They admired the earth tones throughout and breathed in the smell of fresh paint and new carpet.

The experience was a long-time coming. Initiating an Act of Congress was one of many hurdles cleared over a 15-year period by St. Vincent de Paul of Lane County and its partners in the Home of Your Own Program (HOYOP).

Kathy’s new digs was the first of up to 20 affordable homes to be built in the new subdivision located in the shadow of Mt. Zion. Since then, five more families have moved into homes and three more are in the works.

Kathy couldn’t be happier, especially as her house payment will be just a little more than she’s been paying in rent for an un-insulated house so dilapidated she could look into a closet and see blue sky. Her new house has four bedrooms, two baths, a ductless heat pump, and numerous energy-efficient amenities.

Kathy’s sister, who lives nearby, received a HOYOP postcard in the mail and urged Kathy to attend an informational meeting.

“I almost didn’t go,” Kathy admitted. “I thought it couldn’t be that great; there had to be a catch.”

HOYOP evolved out of an offer by the City of Lowell to donate a parcel of land for development. In doing so City officials hoped to attract young families and boost enrollment in their rural schools.

St. Vincent de Paul has partnered with Adair Homes, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO) to help make dreams of home ownership a reality for some who thought they would never own their own home.

This unique partnership is formed to create beautiful architecturally designed homes that are affordable to build and affordable to own.

For more information on the HOYOP, or how you can help make these dreams come true, please visit www.svdp.us.

Welcome home, Kathy.

Self-Sufficiency Services

People must have steady employment and decent wages to move out of poverty. Employers need skilled, consistent employees. Self-Sufficiency Services addresses both these goals by helping people with multiple barriers to employment find work. Programs include the following:

**Supported Work Experience (SWEX)**

SWEX participants are referred by the Department of Health and Human Services (SSP Division) to gain work experience. To qualify, participants must currently be receiving TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) and involved in the JOBS program. Clients are placed at various St. Vincent de Paul worksites between six and fifteen hours per week. The services and components are structured to support effective and efficient progress to employment and self-sufficiency. In 2012, SWEX helped 145 people.

**Veterans In Progress (VIP)**

VIP helps homeless veterans through employment and training. The VIP program is funded by an HVRP Grant through the Department of Labor/VETS. Clients receive situational assessment, paid work experience, job search assistance and placement, case management, individual career planning and certifications. In 2012, VIP helped 239 people.

**Vocational Assessment and Job Development**

This program provides skills assessment, training, job placement, and follow-up for adults with multiple barriers to employment. 79 people were helped in 2012.

**Second Chance Renter’s Rehabilitation**

Second Chance gives people with poor rental and/or credit history the tools they need to regain housing stability. The 8-week educational series is both an intervention and prevention program. In 2012, Second Chance helped 347 people.
Recycling for Good

Appliance Recycling
In Oregon, major appliances, propane tanks, and fire extinguishers cannot be landfilled. Whenever possible, appliances are repaired for resale; the remainder are recycled. Each year, approximately 4,300 appliances are repaired.

Aurora Glass Factory
Unlike bottle glass, window glass has few applications for recycling. Aurora Glass creates architectural accents, gift products and custom awards from recycled window glass. Visit us at www.auroraglass.org

Dogma Pet Beds
Dogma Pet Beds are pet-sized real mattresses made from recycled mattress materials and stuffed with EcoFiber (soft batts of recycled cotton). All materials are diverted from the waste stream, conserving space in landfills.

Mattress Recycling
St. Vincent de Paul is the world leader in mattress recycling. We obtain mattresses for reuse and recycling in California, Oregon, and Washington. We also helped establish successful nonprofit mattress recycling programs in Florida and Connecticut.

Retail Sales
We operate 12 retail stores and a car lot in Oregon. The stores create jobs and training, as well as reusing many items that would otherwise end up in landfills.

Styrofoam Recycling
St. Vincent de Paul is Lane County’s only recycling center for Styrofoam.

Woodshop
Utilizing cutoffs from local wood product manufacturers, the Woodshop produces furniture that is sold in our retail stores or given to low-income families.

EcoFire
Utilizing post-consumer cotton (from recycled mattresses) and paraffin from used candles, EcoFire is a simple fire starter that can be used in camp fires and wood stoves.

St. Vincent de Paul’s recycling-based businesses are central to meeting the agency’s mission. Each business helps meet a quadruple bottom line:

• Create jobs with benefits
• Responsibly reuse and recycle materials, keeping them out of landfills
• Generate revenue to support our charitable activities
• Provide quality goods and services to local people

For a digital copy of our financial report, please log on to www.svdp.us
If you're a fan of OPB or NPR, you've likely heard programs supported by the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation. Add another acronym to the list: SVDP. This past year, St. Vincent de Paul received a grant from the Foundation to mentor other groups around the country in the gritty art of waste-based businesses. Two mattress recycling businesses are up and running now: one in Orlando, Florida and another in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The Foundation, whose primary focus is health care, recognizes that a stable job with health insurance is one of the best ways to ensure good health for the workforce.

Terry McDonald, St. Vinnie's executive director, grew up in the Thrift Business. His father, Mac, was the Agency's first executive director. Terry was his assistant and became executive director upon his father's death in 1984. Having an entrepreneurial spirit, a heart for the poor, and seemingly boundless energy has served Terry, and our community, well. Under his direction, St. Vinnie's has grown stores and businesses that help support more than 1000 units of affordable housing and an array of services for homeless and low income people, serving 84,000 this past year.

St. Vinnie's waste-based business model, the focus of the Robert Woods Johnson funding, turns one person's trash into treasure: jobs and revenue. Jobs divert items from the waste stream, creating new, value-added products; revenue to supplement community donations.

Waste-based business is not for everyone. “I visit a lot of dumps,” said Terry McDonald. “The waste stream is amazingly rich, but it’s not easy.”

Start-up funding, product acquisition, permits and regulations, workforce development, branding, countless issues must be addressed before a non-profit successfully launches its own waste-based business. “Waste-based business is one more tool that can enhance a community’s health and well-being,” said McDonald. “We’re grateful to the Foundation for their commitment to this new endeavor.”

McDonald’s compelling story is featured on RWJF's website listed below.


Give Me Your Junk! McDonald’s quest to mine the wastestream

Terry McDonald inspects one of the 142,000 mattresses that St. Vincent de Paul keeps out of the wastestream each year.

In 2012, St. Vincent de Paul diverted from the landfill:

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<td>Plastic</td>
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<td>Polyurethane Foam</td>
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The 4-year old Styrofoam recycling program collected 31,000 pounds of material!

Total weight diverted in Lane County: 10,657,088 POUNDS!

142,000 mattresses were diverted from our Eugene location and DR³ recycling facility in California allowing us to divert from regional landfills: 7,810,000 POUNDS!

SVdP diverted in 2012: 18,467,088 pounds from landfills!
No one could have described St. Vinnie’s Connections Transitional Housing program with more passion than did Jerod and Christina, guest speakers at a recent meeting of St. Vinnie’s Housing Advisory Board. Christina choked with emotion as she told of her drug use which began with marijuana at age 10, progressing to intravenous drugs in her teens, and continuing while her children were small.

“I’ve been on the run my whole life,” she said. “I never got to experience people who really want to help you.”

By 2009, the couple knew their lives were on the line and they had to get clean and sober.

One year into recovery, they contacted Connections, which provides up to two years of transitional housing and case management to families that are homeless but have enough income to pay utilities and household expenses. Participation requires a demonstrated desire for change, including staying clean and sober; accessing community resources; and pursuing or holding onto a job.

It took until Dec. 17, 2011 to get in, but the Connections staff made sure the family had the basic furniture and household items they needed to begin again.

Connections has capacity for 24 families in housing throughout Eugene and Springfield, according to Program Manager Casi Totten. To qualify, a family must earn no more than 50 percent of Area Median Income and have at least one minor child. Rent is 30 percent of household income.

Initially, case managers visit weekly to get updates, suggest resources, problem solve, and celebrate success. They help create household budgets and open savings accounts to fund families’ eventual move to permanent housing.

Mothers attend Boundaries, a series of 12 classes that teach communication and the art of setting healthy personal boundaries. Lasting friendships form among its students.

Connections contracts with a life coach who helps parents identify and overcome barriers to education and/or employment. According to Casi Totten, parents’ confidence soars as they realize many of their barriers were of their own making.

A licensed social worker meets with families in office and home to observe family dynamics and offer techniques for positive parenting. Job seekers get help with resumes and interview skills. Christina and Jarod’s greatest success so far is that the kids, a daughter and son, are happy and comfortable, and attending schools within 10 blocks of home.

“To see the kids from we were to where we are now,” said Christina, “there’s a complete difference.”

“We have a lot more life to live,” Jarod said. “We are so very thankful for all that’s been done for us.”
Finding storage for stuff, staying safe, avoiding police, and “the heavier worry: where will I be tonight?” has been answered for these men and other homeless adults through the Overnight Parking Program.

Campers are placed on business, institution and church parking lots, and on undeveloped property. A given site can have up to three units on a paved or gravel surface.

Campers must be 18 or older and generally need a vehicle although one site has a tent camper. Portable restrooms and garbage pick-up are provided.

Additional spaces are needed. How many? Keith Heath supervises 32 sites and could utilize more with 96 people on a waiting list. “We need more spaces for people to park longer term,” said Heath.

While no rent can be exchanged, campers do keep an eye on things. In return, some property owners offer access to water and/or electricity. A few have even offered jobs, and that’s the OPP at its best, according to Heath. “It’s an opportunity for our clients and really builds their self-esteem,” he said. “I’ve had a couple of people who were hired and then saved enough money to be able to buy a vehicle.”

Jim and Robert are disabled veterans in their mid-50’s and roommates for more than a year. They do not consider themselves down and out, just two self-reliant guys who needed a place to stay. Their spot is sandwiched between a busy street and a residential area: A tidy lot that accommodates two, sometimes three, RV’s and three meticulously tended gardens, with romping space left over for two good dogs.

Robert offers this perspective about homelessness. “Some people choose to be,” Robert said. “Maybe it’s circumstances they got caught up in somehow and their coping abilities aren’t as good as others…”

Compassion is what I would like the world to know. Walk a mile in a person’s shoes before you make a judgment.”

~ Robert

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Mayor’s Campaign Brings Hope for Families

Hope was in the air at First Place Family Center as Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy launched “A Home for the Holidays” on December 14, 2012. The Mayor aimed to raise “40 for 40” or $40,000 to help 40 homeless families get into housing.

The concept originated in 2006 with Ginny Osteen, a community volunteer who has helped more than 90 families afford their move-in costs. Thanks to Mayor Piercy and friends, the expanded campaign will help many more homeless families.

Eligible families are working or have other income. They must be graduates of St. Vincent’s Second Chance Renter Rehabilitation program or associated with First Place or St. Vincent’s Social Service Office. Each family must contribute a portion of the total amount required.

“First/last/deposit—typically more than $1000—is a real barrier for families who are homeless,” said Terry McDonald, St. Vincent de Paul’s Executive Director.

The “A Home for the Holidays” campaign got a substantial boost from a check for $20,000 presented by Oregon Community Credit Union’s CEO, Mandy Jones who spoke about the importance of sustainability and self-sufficiency. Oregon Community Credit Union is part of Savers’ Alliance, a consortium of local credit unions that works non-profits to offer financial literacy and access to credit union services to program participants. OCCU’s large-format check catapulted Mayor’s fund past her original goal, causing her to raise the bar.

Jay Keller’s family was the first family helped by the Mayor’s fundraising efforts. “You should have seen the look on my sons’ faces when they were able to put toys in their own room. It is a miracle how supportive this community is,” said the single dad.

“This is a true... blessing.”

The blessing continues. To date, xx families have been helped by the $72,000 raised by the Mayor’s efforts.

Hosts and Volunteers Make the Difference

Amidst the flurry of graduations, vacations, and other celebrations another milestone quietly occurs: the end of Night Shelter season.

Night Shelter, short-hand for the Interfaith Emergency Shelter System, is the 20+ year old response of local faith communities to the need for shelter for families who are in transition between homes.

It’s a simple but profound concept: hosting families who are without homes for a period of 1-2 weeks, providing space for sleeping, home-cooked suppers and breakfasts, and welcome for up to 10 families per night.

Through this outreach, 83 families were able to stay together and retain some sense of security as they waited for an affordable housing opportunity to come available.

Not that the waiting is passive.

First Place Director, William Wise, is a busy man.

"This is very active waiting,” Wise said. “Families come to the Center during the day and shower, do their laundry, cook a meal, use the computers to apply for jobs and housing. It’s a busy place."

The evening brings a van ride to Night Shelter and the caring outreach of Night Shelter volunteers.

On behalf of the families, thank you to the following:

Central Lutheran Church
Central Presbyterian Church
Ebbert Memorial
Emerald Bible Fellowship
Emmaus Lutheran Church
Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
Faith Center Eugene
First Baptist Church of Eugene
First Baptist Church of Springfield
First Christian Church
First Congregational Church
First United Methodist Church
Friendly Street Church of God
Harvest Community Church
Harvest Community Church
Hope Lutheran Church
Living Hope Church
Northwood Christian Church
Northwood Christian Church
Powerhouse Ministries
Springfield Church of God
Springfield Faith Center
St. Alice Catholic Church
St. Helen’s Catholic Church
St. Jude Catholic Church
St. Mark Catholic Church
St. Mary Catholic Church
St. Mary’s Episcopal Church
St. Paul Catholic Church
St. Peter Catholic Church
Springfield Lutheran
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Temple Beth Israel
Temple Beth Israel
Thurston Christian Church
Valley Covenant Church
Wesley United Methodist Church
In the good ole summertime..... begins a song from Tin Pan Alley in 1902 and the good ole’ summertime gets a lot better for the children living in St. Vinnie’s affordable housing thanks to the summer camps provided with funding from the Golf Classic. Resident service coordinators (RSC’s) enlist the help of community volunteers to provide hours of enriching activities, field trips, swimming, cooking classes, group sports, and lessons disguised as fun, so that reading and math skills are maintained in the weeks out of school. Last summer, the children in Samantha Heath’s summer camp built their own volcanoes for an experiment involving baking soda and vinegar, performed a skit in French (thanks to the tutelage of a volunteer teacher), and enjoyed an end-of-camp block party with their parents and other community residents. If you have a hobby to share (sewing, juggling, fishing, etc.) and would like to make a difference in the life of a local child, consider becoming a volunteer. Or help out by sponsoring or golfing in the annual tournament, September 6. For information on either, please call 541-743-7147. Here's some feedback from parents:

“(My daughter) got to do a lot of cool things this summer that she wouldn’t have gotten to do. Without Summer Camp she would have been cooped up in the apartment all summer with nothing to do.” – Stephanie

“It was nice having a male volunteer for the boys. He was a great role model. Summer Camp was a hit, and the day at the lake was great.” – Dana
VIP takes on an additional meaning at St. Vinnie's. VIP is Veterans In Progress a program that provides job assessment, training and placement for veterans who are homeless or at-risk for homelessness. The program receives grant funds from the U.S. Department of Labor. VIP helped more than 239 veterans in our community in 2012.

Veterans like 61-year old Dennis. Dennis originally contacted the Veterans Administration seeking help for problem drinking, and fearing that he might lose the small house in Santa Clara that he has rented for eight years. In the first phase of his recovery Dennis attended 46 group meetings in 30 days. He brings the same commitment to the VIP program.

“He's easy to get along with and never misses a class,” said Harold McCain, Employment Specialist.

Dennis's ideal job involves people, physical activity, and a short shift that doesn't overtax his legs and exacerbate existing health issues. He's been working the River Road area hard, hoping for a dishwashing job that's close to home.

“I am honest and a hard worker,” he said. “I work well with people. I enjoy a challenge, and I enjoy moving around.” Based on the progress he's made since that first call to the VA, Dennis has reason to hope. “I don't want to retire, and I can do a lot of things,” he said. “I can only go up from here.”

If your business could use a veteran who has worked hard to adapt to a changing economic climate and comes complete with a support team, contact Karen Fleener, Program Manager for Veterans In Progress, 541-607-5020 or kfleener@svdplaneccounty.org.

Dennis, a Veteran in Progress client, works on a fence at SVDP's newest location on Chad Drive as he awaits permanent employment.

We Need You.

Give
The Social Service Office is always in need of financial support to provide emergency assistance to people in need. Please use the enclosed donation envelope or donate online at www.svdp.us

Volunteer
Volunteers receive guests, answer phones, and help in the food room. In addition, volunteers are needed to visit families requesting support and fellowship. For more information on volunteering, please call Kathy Wilson at (541) 743-7147.

Volunteer
We appreciate donations:
- Non-perishable food for the holidays
- Backpacks
- Blankets
- Non-prescription medicines
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Baby supplies
- First aid equipment

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There in an Emergency...Because we care.

Theron Atkinson
Food Room
At the Food Room, clients select their own items, choosing what best suits the needs of their family. This approach decreases wasted food and is more like shopping at a grocery store, helping people maintain their dignity.

In cooperation with FOOD for Lane County, St. Vincent de Paul provided more than 14,000 food boxes and 2,300 holiday food boxes to people and families in need last year.

Social Service Office
The Social Service Office provides emergency services to low-income families and individuals, in conjunction with our fifteen parish conferences. Dedicated volunteers and staff provide emergency aid to more than 6,432 unduplicated adults each year.
As we prepare for Dinner Theatre on October 23, 2013, we would like to thank to our 2012 Dinner Theatre Sponsors!

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Benefitting Sponsor: Hamilton Construction Company

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A Very Special Thank You: Alberty Asset Management LLC

We hope to see you again in 2013!

Our Thanks to our District Council Conferences & Affiliates: Home visitors who bring hope and assistance to our neighbors in need.

- Eugene Christian Fellowship
- First Baptist Church of Eugene
- Justice and Peace/Voice of the Poor
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
- St. Benedict Lodge
- St. Alice Catholic Church
- St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
- St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
- St. Helen Catholic Church
- St. Henry Church
- St. Jude Catholic Church
- St. Mark Catholic Church
- St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Albany
- St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Corvallis
- St. Mary Catholic Church, Eugene
- St. Mary Catholic Church, Our Lady of the Dunes, Florence
- St. Michael Catholic Church
- St. Paul Catholic Church
- St. Peter Catholic Church

You can help a single mom, a hungry child, an elderly person, or a neighbor through St. Vincent de Paul’s work in Lane County.

Here’s how you can help:

**Monthly Giving**

Our monthly giving program offers a convenient and efficient way to provide continuing support to those in need in our community. For more information please call Rebecca Larson at 541-743-7121 or email rlarson@svdp.us

**Planned Giving**

You can give beyond your lifetime by including St. Vincent de Paul in your estate plans. Your legacy gift is a testament to the lasting value you place in our shared work. For more information call Rebecca Larson at 541-743-7121 or email rlarson@svdp.us

**Take Hands-On Action Now**

More than ever, St. Vincent de Paul is encouraging folks to get involved in the issues and programs that help achieve positive change. For information, call our volunteer coordinator at 541.743.7147 or email volunteer@svdp.us

**Stay in Touch**

There are many ways to stay updated on what St. Vinnie’s is doing in Lane County. Visit us at www.svdp.us: follow us on Facebook and Twitter, sign up for our printed newsletter or our monthly email newsletter.
In September 2010, the Eugene City Council unanimously approved funding for Stellar Apartments, a 54-unit family housing development located just north of Westmoreland School site on City View. A year later, St. Vincent de Paul was awarded funds from Oregon and Housing and Community Services. Groundbreaking occurred May 25, 2012 and Stellar Apartments will open its doors this August.

Stellar is a mixture of one, two, and three bedroom townhome style apartments and flats, with some units targeted for veteran families and National Guard families.

“The need for affordable housing doesn’t seem to be slowing down,” said Terry McDonald, Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul. “We have hundreds of people on our waiting list who make 50 percent less than the median income in Eugene. Stellar will be a beautiful and significant addition to our housing.”

St. Vincent de Paul designed Stellar Apartments with energy efficiency in mind. All units meet Earth Advantage standards, and one building is designed to meet the even more stringent requirements of the Passive House program. (see website for a story on the Passive House at http://www.svdp.us/news/article/getting-our-high-heels-muddy/). These green standards not only help the environment, they also decrease tenants’ utility costs, making the units very affordable for low-income members of the community.

Stellar Apartments will also provide supportive services for its residents. These include: asset-building programs; services to help families achieve financial and life goals; community building opportunities; and activities for youth and children. Additional support services will be provided for the VetLIFT and National Guard populations through collaboration with other organizations.

“The whole point of affordable housing is to provide a foundation for families,” McDonald says. “It allows people to become more stable and improve their economic situation, which will allow them to move on to a better living situation.”

The wait list for Stellar opened on April 15, 2013 and remains open. Interested applicants must meet the 50% Median Family Income requirement. To apply for the waiting list, visit 2890 Chad Drive Eugene, OR 97408 and request a waitlist application. For more information, call the St. Vincent de Paul’s Waitlist Department at 541-743-7119.

Cold wintery weather brings thoughts of the fast-approaching holiday season for most people. For some particularly compassionate people it’s another season: Egan Warming Center. As Lane County’s “Egan Season” ended this spring, it did so with an infusion of new energy.

That new energy comes from Sean Kampstra who has taken the leadership position held for the past three years by Doug Bales at the Egan Warming Center (EWC). Sean inherits organizational responsibility for the six host sites, 400 volunteers, and extensive mobile infrastructure that comprise this coalition of community members representing service providers, religious congregations, nonprofit support agencies, social activist communities and local government. These groups come together to ensure that homeless people in Lane County have a warm and safe place to sleep when temperatures drop below 30 degrees between November 15th and March 31st.

This season alone, the EWC sheltered 672 unique individuals over nine nights when the temperature was 29 degrees or below; providing 2,470 beds and 4,940 meals.

Sean got acquainted with the EWC because Hosea is the host site for homeless youth.

“It was volunteering at the EWC youth site that truly nurtured my spirit,” he said.

Volunteers at the EWC see this transformation in their adult guests as well.

“One woman was very skittish about crowds,” remembers volunteer Holly Cabel. “But she had enough confidence in us that she could come in and eat, even though she paced a lot. Eventually, she could settle down and go to sleep.”

Major Thomas Egan, whose name lives on in the EWC, slept outdoors one night December 18, 2008 on a street in Eugene and froze to death. The EWC does everything it can to make sure that doesn’t happen again.

“One night it was just so bitter cold, and had been for several days. This man came in but his wife wasn’t with him. He said she was just ‘la,la,la’ he couldn’t get her to come in-- Major Egan was dysfunctional because of his alcoholism. CAHOOTS went out and brought her to us.”

Holly, a member of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, serves on St. Vinnie’s Board of Directors, and is the lead volunteer at Valley Covenant Church, an Egan site. “I got someone else to take the lead, but he moved out of town,” she laughed. Come November, Holly and hundreds of other EWC volunteers will be watching the weather closely, checking the website, and conferring with Sean. For more information about EWC visit www.eganwarmingcenter.org
Upcoming Events!

**Picnic Supper**
May 23, 2013

**SVDP Golf Classic**
September 6, 2013

**Dinner Theatre**
October 23, 2013

Your support is worth more than you know.

We are so grateful for our generous community. An ongoing thank you for community support can be found at [www.svdp.us](http://www.svdp.us) under the "Get Involved Tab".

Open your heart and use the enclosed envelope to send what you can. I am without a home. Not without hope.

A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS!!!

Make a difference and consider being a volunteer in one or more of the following areas:

- **First Place Family Center**
  - Playground supervision
  - Painting of concrete ramp and railing

- **Home of Your Own Program**
  - Volunteers needed to help with painting, yard work and construction clean up

- **Kids Summer Camp**
  - Starts in mid-June

- **School Supply Drive**
  - Starts in July

- **Lindholm Center**
  - Laundry room assistant on the weekends at FSS
  - Food prep and clean up in the expanded kitchen starting mid-summer

- **Golf Tournament**
  - September 6th

For more information please call

Kathy Wilson, Volunteer Coordinator at (541) 743-7147
email at volunteer@svdp.us
[www.svdp.us](http://www.svdp.us)