Dear Friend of St. Vincent de Paul,

This edition of our combined annual report/spring newsletter has ‘building blocks’ as a theme.

You’ll read how various folks have overcome misfortune and crisis and taken the building block of affordable housing or a job to create a stable foundation of progress for themselves and their families.

You’ll see examples of the amazing generosity of this community, from helping children to providing housing for veteran families.

I hope you’ll be inspired to join our work (or continue)! We appreciate all the donations of time, talent, and treasure and every day see the results of your generosity.

I’ve been privileged to lead this organization since 1984. As we head into our 60th anniversary next year, the words of Ronald Reagan come to mind.

“Each generation goes further than the generation preceding it because it stands on the shoulders of that generation. You will have opportunities beyond anything we’ve ever known.”

I am hopeful for the future. The ‘mine’ of society’s discarded goods continues to yield raw materials for remanufacture or reuse, creating jobs and revenue for our charitable work. And it’s not just here in Lane County. St. Vincent de Paul is mentoring other groups in the United States and developing partnerships overseas so we can help more people do more good.

Hard work, but pretty simple, actually. Kind of like building blocks.

Thanks again for your support and let us hear from you if you have an idea, a suggestion, a way to help us do even more.

Sincerely,

Terry McDonald
Executive Director
Affordable Housing:
St. Vincent de Paul provides beautiful, quality, affordable rental housing in Lane and Marion Counties. Over 1,100 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, for up to two years, helps families break the cycle of homelessness. 37 families graduated in 2013.

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 15 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, VIDA served 139 individuals. 55 people graduated from the matched savings program, and 16 people graduated from financial literacy classes.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF):
A new program helping homeless veterans and those at risk of homelessness with the resources needed to become or remain permanently housed. In 2013, SSVF helped 138 individuals.

Veterans Living Independently Following Treatment (VetLIFT):
VetLIFT provides assistance to chronically homeless veterans who are dually diagnosed with substance abuse and mental health issues. VetLIFT helps veterans access permanent housing and increase income and job skills. Currently, VetLIFT provides housing for 59 veterans.

The highest reward for a person’s work is not what they get for it, but what they become because of it. -- John Ruskin
Making a difference

A Star among fish

When he isn’t counseling kids at Marist High School or singing with the Celtic/Rock band, Irish Echo, Jerry Ragan can be found organizing service days for Project Starfish, or making home visits to struggling households. He has spent the better part of his life in service, educating children, inspiring others.

Jerry earned his B.A. at St. John’s University in Queens, New York before completing his masters at the University of Oregon. He was hired as the principal at St. Paul Parish School where he became acquainted with St. Vincent de Paul, and then Project Starfish, a program that focused on helping one family at a time. Jerry loved the concept and jumped on board. Soon students were helping raise money for needy families.

Through Project Starfish, he learned more about how St. Vincent de Paul helped homeless families, children, and single adults. He was hooked.

As Jerry and his wife Patty raised their family, Jerry made time to volunteer. As the kids got older, he found even more. He is a member of CRAB (Community Relations Advisory Board) at St. Vincent de Paul. He also recently started making home visits with his wife as part of the St. Thomas More Newman Center Conference.

Jerry is driven to service by his faith and believes we can all do a little. He believes that faith without action is dead and is inspired by Mother Theresa’s philosophy that your character is defined by the “little things” that you do.

“The more each of us do,” he said, “the more we can do.”

Jerry’s “little things” are making a big difference in the lives of those we serve.

Project Starfish was founded nearly two decades ago by former Springfield Mayor Bill Morrisette to help families cover the deposits and other costs of getting into housing.

Irish Echo joins students from Marist as well as O’Hara and St. Paul Catholic schools in holding Project Starfish fundraisers to “do for others” in celebration of Lent.

With their help, an average of 36 families get into housing each year.
Emergency Shelter: Homeless Services

Overnight Parking Programs:
Parking Programs provide legal camping, free garbage disposal, and portable restrooms to homeless families living in their vehicles. 49 families (149 individuals) were helped in 2013 through First Place.

In addition, Eugene has 36 sites with 45 spots housing 72 people. Springfield has 2 sites, 3 spots housing 4 people through the Eugene Service Station.

Interfaith Night Shelter:
Night Shelter is a consortium of more than 30 faith communities offering night shelter, food, recreational activities, and comfort to 10 families per night, for a total of 55 families (196 individuals) helped throughout the school year. In addition, 55 families found housing in the wider community. More than 2,100 volunteers, giving over 10,892 hours of service, make this outreach possible.

Egan Warming Center:
The Egan Warming Center ensures that homeless people in Lane County have a place to sleep indoors when temperatures drop below 30 degrees between November 15 to March 31. From November 2013 to February 2014, over 5,700 shelter beds and 12,000 meals were provided. There were 759 guests new to Egan this year and 23,250 volunteer hours.

Visit www.eganwarmingcenter.com

Eugene Service Station (ESS):
The ESS provides homeless adults with a warm and welcoming place to meet their basic needs and get assistance stabilizing their personal crises. The ESS offers telephones, message services, computer access, and job and housing referrals. In 2013, the ESS helped more than 6,432 adults, and gave more than $58,600 in clothing vouchers, 117,000 meals, and over 18,000 showers utilizing solar hot water.

Christopher and his dog Eagon have come a long way together utilizing both the Eugene Service Station and Egan Warming Center.

The Interfaith Emergency Shelter System, known to most as Night Shelter, is made up of local faith communities supporting the need for shelter for families who are in transition between homes.

For a period of 1-2 weeks, these faith communities provide space for sleeping, home-cooked suppers and breakfasts, and welcome for up to 10 families per night. Through this outreach, 196 individuals and 55 families were able to have some sense of security as they waited for an affordable housing opportunity to come available. Twenty families found stable housing in 2013.

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

Central Lutheran Church
Central Presbyterian Church
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
Harvest Community Church
Hope Lutheran Church
Living Hope Church
Northwood Christian Church
Powerhouse Ministries
Springfield Church of God
Springfield Lutheran
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
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Temple Beth Israel
Thurston Christian Church
Valley Covenant Church
Wesley United Methodist Church
Westminster Presbyterian
Catholic Community Services
Dayspring Ministries
Ebbert Memorial Methodist Church
First Church of the Resurrection
Grace Community Fellowship
Hosea Youth Services
Springfield 7th Day Adventist Church
Trinity United Methodist Church
Valley Covenant Church
Valley River Assembly of God

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Visit www.swelp.us or call to find out how.
(541) 607-4341
# 2013 Financial Statements

## Statement of Activities: October 2012 - September 30, 2013

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| Net Assets, beginning of year           | 38,001,545      | 35,388,024      |

| Net Assets, End of Year                 | $36,806,069     | $38,001,545     |


### ASSETS:

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| Total Assets                            | $56,539,652     | $56,024,478     |

### LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

#### Current Liabilities

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| Total Liabilities                       | $19,733,583     | $18,022,933     |

#### Net Assets

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| Total Net Assets                        | $36,806,069     | $38,001,545     |

| Total Liabilities & Net Assets          | $56,539,652     | $56,024,478     |

* Due to the assumption of 4 limited partnerships
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. In 2013, approximately 2,721 appliances were 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 thrift 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. Items are either given directly to those in need or sold, providing revenue for our charitable outreach.

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 thanks all our generous funders. Please visit www.svdp.us for a list.

Dave Tussing and Val Ko represent the stores during the Rhodendron Festival in Florence.

Come and See. Whether it is one or twenty-one, visitors are always welcome. To arrange a tour of emergency services, housing and/or manufacturing, please contact Kathy Wilson at (541) 743-7147 or kathy.wilson@svdp.us

For a digital copy of our financial report, please log on to www.svdp.us
With 54 affordable units for folks 62 and up, St. Vinnie’s Aster Apartments holds grandparents aplenty. They put on a party this Christmas past that 11 foster children may never forget.

The inspiration came from a tenant who is well aware of how tough the holidays can be for kids living away from their biological families. Her daughter’s foster parents’ network came up with 11 kids for whom a Christmas party would be an especially meaningful treat.

In the weeks prior to Dec. 15, members of the Aster tenants’ association sought donations, stitched, shopped and wrapped, said June Bowser, past president. Their bake sale got snowed out and still raised $600. When the unsuspecting 11 children arrived along with three moms, they stepped into a twinkling wonderland laden with goodies, gifts and Santa. Add to that gleeful seniors, eager for the reaction.

“They were absolutely thrilled,” June said of both kids and tenants.

Following a warm grandparent welcome, the kids received handmade favors packed with candy, Santa bags with school supplies, and from the Bags of Love program, fabric bags containing one quilt, clothing, school supplies, and personal items.

They chatted with Santa from his knee or from the security of a nearby stool, and sang carols with their hosts. They dined on pizza and home-baked cookies, and opened larger gifts chosen especially for them.

“One little boy, opened his shoe certificate and said, ‘Oh, wow!’ He gave us all hugs, even the people in wheelchairs,” June said.

She credits her party planners, including Sandra, Fran, Linda, Marilyn, and Virginia; and the generosity of business donors. It was the highlight of the holidays at Aster, where appreciative feedback continues to flow in from both foster and biological parents.

“They say we have no idea how much we helped, or the help was so terrific,” June said. “We felt pretty good about that.”

Thank you: Fred Meyer, Burch’s, Safeway, Shari’s and Little Caesar’s Pizza for your support.

Aster Angels: A Christmas to remember

Volunteers and donors quietly gathered items for the Holiday Joy program which provides gifts for low-income individuals and families in St. Vinnie’s affordable housing, and those affiliated with First Place Family Center.

More than 150 First Place families were served.

On behalf of every one, our humble thanks to the following businesses and faith communities, and to the countless individuals and families who came forward on their own to provide for others during the holiday season.

Banana Republic
Bi-Mart
Broadway Apothecary
Burley Design
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Dan & Susan Harris
City of Eugene Public Works Parks and Open Space
Eastside Faith Center
Emerald Door & Glass
First American Title
Ideal Steel
Jones & Roth CPAs
Kendall Auto Group
KZEL 96.1 & Mark Rainey
Leathy, Van Vactor, Cox & Melendy
Life Technologies
Lynn Shepard Law Offices
NW Natural
Oregon Endoscopy
Oregon Medical Group
River Road Office
Palo Alto Software
PeaceHealth Laboratories
PeaceHealth Laboratories Finance Dept.
Real Pro Systems
Reddy Ice
States Industries
St. Mark Catholic Church
St. Mary Catholic Church
St. Paul Catholic Church
St. Peter Catholic Church
Steelhead Brewery
Symantec
Umpqua Bank
United Lutheran Church
USPS Processing Plant
Valley Covenant Church
Ward Insurance
Wesley United Methodist Church

We apologize if we have inadvertently missed you. Please let us know so we can include you on our website. Thank you!

Joyful holiday for Affordable Housing

Kristen Larson, volunteer, coordinated the Holiday Joy program for the affordable housing sites.
Bi-Mart fulfills angel’s wish for Christmas

Operation Santa started in 2005 with a nudge from Holley Plummer, a staff member at the Bi-Mart headquarters who had tired of HR’s traditional gift exchange.

“Do we have to do that stupid white elephant thing again this year?” she asked.

Quizzed about alternatives, she suggested adopting a low income family and thought St. Vinnie’s could suggest someone.

“That year we adopted a single mom with 4 kids,” Dennis Down remembered. “From there it grew to 3… to 8… and topped out at 72 families.”

That’s the number of families served by Operation Santa at St. Vinnie’s Oakwood Manor, just as Holley had proposed to Dennis Down months earlier. Diagnosed with cancer in January 2013, she had fought the good fight. On that day in the HR office she knew her time was limited.

Dennis Down balked.

“I told her, ‘Holley, that’s over 70 families. That’s too big!’

“She said, ‘I know, but you can do it.’ How could I say ‘No’?”

Fortunately, Operation Santa had grown with the need, taking in Bi-Mart’s entire corporate staff, the company itself, and generous vendors who donated money or merchandise samples.

They pulled out all the stops to fulfill Holley’s request, working from families’ wish lists. Each family received a spiral-cut ham and all the makings of a holiday dinner plus – as requested specifically by Holley – a laundry basket filled to the brim with household supplies.

Christmas came to Oakwood Manor on December 23rd in a caravan led by Bi-Mart’s shiny fire truck with Santa inside and a merry entourage of elves. Along with the huge smiles and great delight came the quiet understanding that without Bi-Mart – without that final nudge from Holley Plummer – some of those families would have had no Christmas at all.

Back at corporate headquarters, folks are still gliding around.

“There is no feeling like giving to people who are less fortunate than us,” said Dennis Down. “When you couple that feeling with an overwhelming amount of joy, you’re not just walking taller, you’re walking on Cloud 9.”

Whether they can see Holley Plummer on Cloud 9 is beside the point. Her former colleagues will continue Operation Santa in her honor.

Said Dennis Down, “Holley… That’s spelled with an ‘e’ for an ‘Extraordinary’ woman who impacted everyone around her for good.”

Want personal style that turns heads and sets you apart from the crowd? Something, say… artsy?

Original Styles is for you. It’s Mitra Chester’s trendy new fashion destination in the heart of St. Vinnie’s Oak St. Store.

Familiar to the downtown scene for the bold redesigns featured in her own boutique, Deluxe, Mitra Chester has already established a den of DIY (Do It Yourself) at St. Vinnie’s on Division. Anyone seeking to reduce waste by creatively using items at hand will find what they need by way of ideas, materials and inspiration.

Lately Mitra’s had her sights on St. Vinnie’s Oak Street Store and her first passion, resurrecting set-aside garments that have trend-setting potential, either as stand-alones or in combination with other quirky finds. While her target audience is typically young adult, folks of all ages will appreciate the broad range of treasures offered.

Says Mitra, “These items are selected for their ‘style value’ and relevance to current and cutting-edge fashion trends.”

They include vintage, retro, western, military, alternative, hip modern and unique looks.

“The Original Styles section allows our shoppers to find apparel that expresses their unique, artistic tastes at St. Vinnie’s prices,” she said.

How does she know?

One could say she has an eye for it, but there’s more.

“I’ve worked in resale fashion for 20 years, and in the Eugene market for 10,” Mitra explained. “I am an artist and seamstress so I naturally am drawn to what people wear and how the community around me express themselves artistically through fashion.”

To learn more about DIY or Original Styles, please visit our website www.svdp.us and/or our St. Thrifted blog at stthrifted.blogspot.com

Pictured: An ‘original style’ from the Oak Street Store.
Building blocks to success

Shannon was a stay at home mom for 4 years. When we hear those words a peaceful picture comes to mind of a housewife enjoying her “mom” duties: taking the kids to school, spending time with them and participating in their activities. The picture of a divorced mother of two who can’t get a job doesn’t fit within the scope of our hopes and dreams, but that is exactly the portrait life had painted for Shannon until TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) offered a training opportunity through St. Vincent de Paul. TANF, a Department of Human Services (DHS) program helps families cover their basic needs until that they can get back on their feet.

St. Vincent de Paul’s SWEX (Supported Work Experience) program is structured to encourage effective progress to employment and self-sufficiency. Shannon was referred to the program by DHS and through her diligent work and accelerated performance reviews, was accepted into DHS’ JOBS (Job Opportunity and Basic Skills) program. It wasn’t long before she was able to interview with St. Vinnie’s as a store clerk.

“The SWEX program was amazing,” Shannon said. “It was like a huge weight had been lifted off of my shoulders.”

After two years at St. Vinnie’s on Main Street in Springfield, she was promoted to third in charge and within 3 months she was offered a temporary position as the manager at the Oak Street store in Eugene. She loves what she does and couldn’t be prouder of her store. She has been promoted to full-time manager.

“They decided to launch SVDP’s new line ‘Original Styles’ at my store and the feedback is amazing,” she said. “We have beautiful clothing and the college students love it.”

Shannon passes on her story to other women and SWEX workers that she meets. She believes that it is possible to get a great job with a company that respects your efforts.

“I hope they learn a lot from me. Women can rise from divorce, get a wonderful job with a great company and be independent,” she stated.

“The most important thing to me was to provide my children, Gabriel, 6, and Elliana, 4, with the things they needed and to remember to have fun in the process,”

Thanks to their mom’s hard work, the journey is smoother and the future holds great promise.

Ashley wanted his son back. After a stint on drugs and in trouble with the law, did he have what it would take to get him back? Ashley, who hit ‘rock bottom’ in his mid-30’s, discovered that he had what it took...and more.

Ashley’s rock bottom was when DHS took his son away from him. It was then that he turned his back on the life he was living and dedicated himself to becoming a better man and father.

He attended parenting classes, got treatment and started volunteering at St. Vincent de Paul through a program that provided on-the-job training. In order to get his son back, DHS required that he get a job and be able to provide a home for his son.

For 4 months he strove to prove himself worthy of employment. Ashley began his St. Vinnie’s career at the woodshop deconstructing mattresses. Soon he was transferred to the Division store before being asked to help open the store on Q-street in Springfield. From there he was promoted to manager of the Division warehouse and also worked in maintenance.

Ashley, now married and with a baby, found housing at the Lamb building and soon things fell into place.

When a position opened up managing the Florence store, Ashley applied and got the job. He packed up his family and moved to the Oregon Coast.

Ashley enjoys working in Florence.

“I have a great team of employees.”

In his heart, Ashley believes that God guided him to St. Vincent de Paul where he has built a life for himself and his family. He encourages people to give back in any way possible.

Ashley volunteers his time at the Egan Warming Center.

“I know what it is like to be where they are,” he reflects.

“I want them to know that there is always a way to pull yourself up from ‘rock bottom’.”

He still gets emotional thinking about his journey.

“With St. Vincent de Paul,” he says with a smile. “There is always hope.”
Travis was a statistic. In January, the New York Times reported that 16 million American children under 18 are living in poverty. That number may be shocking to some, but for Travis, it is an all-too-familiar statistic that affected him as a child, and even into adulthood.

Travis came from a low-income single-parent family. They lived on the banks of the river for months at a time. His mother was gone much of the time trying to find work. Without supervision, Travis found himself in trouble and without direction.

“It was a miracle that I made it through high school but when that was over, I really got lost,” he said.

He wound up in prison.

“Prison changed me,” he said. “I needed to make a better life.”

Travis discovered that it was hard finding work after prison.

“No one wanted to hire a felon,” he said. “All I needed was a chance.”

Travis had children by now and had to receive state aid. While receiving TANF in the SWEX program, St. Vincent de Paul asked he would like to work for them.

“Imagine that,” he said. “They wanted me.”

Travis worked hard and within three years he was the manager of his own store. Perhaps it is fate that his store is located in Oakridge, where two thirds of the town’s children receive discounted meals at school, an indication that they are at or near the poverty level. Travis understands this town. He feels a connection to their struggles and he truly believes in the work that St. Vincent de Paul does.

“St. Vincent de Paul helps people in need. We give clothing, food, energy assistance and second chances,” he said. “I am a proven example of that.”

Travis is grateful for the second chance and for the way he is treated. He feels appreciated and rewarded for his hard work.

“It feels good to wake up willing and wanting to do good for those that you can,” he said. “St. Vincent de Paul gave me a second chance when no one else would and I’m going to give it all I’ve got.”

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 2013, SWEX helped 331 people.

**Veterans in Progress (VIP)**
VIP helps homeless veterans through employment and training. The VIP program is funded by a Homeless Veterans’ Reintegration Program (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 2013, VIP helped 226 people.

**Vocational Assessment and Job Development**
This program provides skills assessment, training, job placement, and follow-up for adults with multiple barriers to employment. 137 people were helped in 2013.

**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 2013, Second Chance helped 297 people.

Wells Fargo presented a check for $25,000 to help rural residents and recently-returned military veterans find jobs.
Driving through Oakridge on Hwy 58, the redeveloped retail complex is the most visible evidence of St. Vincent de Paul in Oakridge. But a comment by a teacher at a Rotary meeting got us wondering: What has been the impact of SVdP’s investment in a community so deeply affected by years of decline in the timber industry and so distant from a retail center? The answer is: More than we realized.

Over the past four years St. Vinnie’s activity in Oakridge has included:

- A partnership with the Kresge Foundation to redevelop the long-closed skate rink into a St. Vinnie’s retail store, laundromat, business incubators, community room, and social service center.
- Coordinating/delivering social services, including emergency help to prevent homelessness and utility shutoff, coordinating economic development classes/activities/events, providing computer access and assistance, and myriad other tasks as they arise.
- Formation of St. Michael’s Conference, an all-volunteer group that partners with St. Vinnie’s to assist the poor.
- Administration of the Rural Housing Rehabilitation Program (RHRP) to help low-income homeowners with necessary repairs and/or woodstove replacement.
- Acquisition/rehabilitation of the Hillcrest Mobile Home Park and Ironwood Apartments.

The teacher whose comment piqued our curiosity is Lynne Lockhart, a luncheon guest of the Eugene Downtown Rotary, and a social sciences teacher and softball coach in the Oakridge schools. Since St. Vinnie’s opened in fall 2011, she said, students come to school better prepared, having access to affordable clothing, shoes and even sports equipment. This has reduced stress. “There’s less difference between the haves and have-nots,” explained Ms. Lockhart. “I don’t see kids wearing the same clothes every day.”

She was especially pleased that first spring when three softball players were able to purchase cleats for just a few bucks per set. “The kids are really excited about St. Vinnie’s, honestly,” she said. “It’s an outfit they’ve heard of and a nice building that was renovated very publicly. Many of them helped.”

The skate-rink remodel also created space for six offices or retail “incubators” offered at an affordable rent for up to three years and supported with business-related classes and mentoring.

From her first-floor incubator, Sandy Price runs All Points Real Estate & Property Management and serves as president of the Oakridge Chamber of Commerce. Her presence there is a miracle in itself as she was wheelchair-bound for three years and on disability for 15 after being hit by a drunk driver.

After resolving to work again, Ms. Price shopped around for space before settling on St. Vinnie’s complex. She appreciates that her office is modern and affordable, and that the required classes provided a wealth of knowledge about starting and growing a business.

As a property manager, Ms. Price appreciates that St. Vinnie’s Social Service Office helps with housing deposits, appliances, and energy assistance. Tenants who can’t afford other necessities can seek help through St. Michael’s Conference. She agrees that kids are better dressed and frequently offers money for clothing or the laundromat when she senses a need.

Most of all, Ms. Price likes the changes she has witnessed in herself and others regarding Oakridge’s very low-income and homeless population. She admits to “looking down my nose” in the past, but now she makes a point of getting acquainted and advocating. She was surprised to learn that one forest dweller was an engineer before a bicycling accident rendered him hypersensitive to light and noise.

“Before St. Vinnie’s came, I would have thought drugs and alcohol were to blame for their problems,” she said. “The truth is, there are a lot of great people who are having a hard time.”

She has given away sleeping bags and scarves. In exchange, she asks that local property is treated with respect. She is heartened that people have opened their homes during cold weather and that St. Vinnie’s staff is working toward a more formal warming center program, modeled after the metro area’s Egan Warming Centers. “I am appreciative and thankful for what St. Vinnie’s has provided for the community and for myself,” she said. “I think I have come to know my community on a whole different level.”

Aside from his own interest in vintage furniture, Louis Gomez has assessed St. Vinnie’s impact from the perspectives of both police chief and now city administrator. He likes the “trickle-down effect” of improved housing and property management.

“When St. Vinnie’s buys property and goes through and renovates, it instills pride of ownership,” he said.
A year ago at this time, selling donated books online was just a twinkle in the eyes of the staff at the The Cara Program in Chicago. Today, the book project that they’ve dubbed Chapter Two is fully operational, with revenue increasing each month. They went from zero to monthly revenue of more than $7,000 in three months, thanks to mentoring and some financial assistance from St. Vincent de Paul (with the support of a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant). The project now employs two people while providing transitional jobs and training to two more. It’s one more step for them in developing jobs and sustainable revenue that will help them be less dependent on grants and donations.

St. Vinnie’s is currently working with six non-profits. Some are selling donated books, some are recycling mattresses and some are exploring retail thrift, with pilot projects designed to help them determine the quantity and value of the textiles and household goods that they can get access to either through direct donations or through strategic placement of donation bins.

These are all works in progress, but we’re excited by the energy of the partners and their willingness to take a risk that we believe will benefit them in the long run. We’re also excited to be able to unveil a new name for the grant, which we started out calling Sustainable Work, but which has now been renamed – thanks to the work of an amazing marketing firm in New York City – the Cascade Alliance. We’ll be rolling out a new logo with that name in coming months and we envision creating a lasting alliance with these partner groups who can both support and inspire each other even after the formal grant period ends.

“Creating jobs across America: SVDP’s reach extends further”

The Cara Program’s Grace Augustine takes the first load of books sold online to be shipped at the post office. The Chicago project is one of six that St. Vincent de Paul is mentoring.

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“If a child was living in a home that was bad, and then it becomes something positive that’s nice to go home to, that in itself says lot.”

Individual homeowners in Oakridge and Westfir got a boost from RHRP, which made low-interest loans for critical home improvements and/or replacement of malfunctioning woodstoves with more efficient units. In all, 28 owner-occupied homes were improved.

Mr. Gomez appreciates that SVdP-owned properties in Oakridge are closely monitored and negative elements removed. Calls for police assistance have plummeted since the Agency took over Ironwood Apartments and the Hillside Mobile Park.

“Any time you instill pride of ownership in what you have, it’s positive,” he said.

The Retail Thrift Store itself is a community resource. In the two years since St. Vinnie’s opened, Leann Parrish, community member, has found what she needed to stage four weddings, two Halloween parties, and countless birthday parties. She had fun in the process, she said, because St. Vinnie’s is both retail store and community center.

“We visit with each other and laugh with each other,” she said. “It’s like a little community center that we all can meet at.”

With her own kids grown, Ms. Parrish adopted two little girls. She appreciates the friendliness of the store staff toward the children and the unwavering compassion for those in need.

“No one looks at you with prejudice in any way, shape or form,” she said.

“Even if everyone in Oakridge could get to the valley, many couldn’t afford new retail prices,” Leann said. “Since St. Vinnie’s came to town people have a place to buy quality clothing and shoes.”

Added Ms. Price, “St. Vinnie’s really has boosted our economy by giving back in so many ways.”
VHP’s 5th House: More to come

The 5th house in the Veterans’ Housing Project is well on its way to completion for the next veteran to move in this spring. The effort is being led by Mica McOmber of Mica McOmber Construction.

Hundreds of hours of volunteer time have been donated—by novices and experts alike—to repair dry rot, paint, sand, and install trim. Recently, the UO student veterans group built the front deck, and placed dirt and gravel around the foundation. The outpouring of donations from businesses and inquiries from volunteers wanting to get involved has been overwhelming but so welcome!

The VHP began in 2011 with the energy of community leaders from The City of Eugene, Eugene Water and Electric Board, Lane County Home Builders Association, and St. Vincent de Paul. The sixth home will begin rehab later this spring. On behalf of the VHP we extend a hearty thank you to the dozens of businesses and volunteers for their contributions of time, materials and manpower. This truly is a community effort. For more information on how you can help, please visit www.veteranshousingproject.org

In an Emergency, you were there

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 14,400 food boxes. More than 2,300 holiday food boxes were given to families in need 2013.*

Social Service Office
The Social Service Office provides emergency services to low-income families and individuals, in conjunction with our fifteen parish conferences and affiliates. Dedicated volunteers and staff provide emergency aid to more than 8,320 unduplicated adults each year.

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.

Donate
We appreciate donations:
• Non-perishable food
• Backpacks
• Blankets
• Non-prescription medicines
• Personal hygiene supplies
• Baby supplies
• First aid equipment

In 2013, the Social Service Office distributed the following

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* A special holiday food box complete with turkey or ham is featured in December thanks to the tireless efforts of Betty Snowden and supportive local businesses.
Building a foundation of hope

**First Place is first stop for families**

Life wasn’t looking so jolly for Shawn and Crystal a year ago December.

The couple was homeless, alternating between staying with friends and sleeping in their car. Crystal was struggling through a difficult first pregnancy.

Shawn and Crystal were approved for an apartment and had enough money to pay the first and last month’s rent. However, they couldn’t come up with enough cash to put down a deposit.

Then generous donors and Mayor Kitty Piercy stepped in.

In the weeks before Christmas the little family finally got some good news. A Home for the Holidays, a St. Vincent de Paul program championed by Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy and long-time volunteer Ginny Osteen, was willing to pay their deposit. Shawn and Crystal would be able to move into their apartment in time for Christmas.

They have been in their own home for over a year and life is great for Shawn, Crystal and baby Savanna.

A Home for the Holidays helps families get into housing by providing first’s month rent, last month’s rent or a deposit. Everyone who gets help must come up with at least some of the funds on their own.

Staff and volunteers help the families identify barriers to achieving self-sufficiency and resources needed to overcome those barriers. Each family develops an individually tailored action plan in order to move towards stability.

Families receive ongoing support and advocacy as they access housing, secure and maintain employment, and take the steps necessary to address issues that may have contributed to their homelessness.

In 2013, A Home for the Holidays helped 78 families find housing; to date 45 families have found a place to call home.

*Pictured above: Sean and little Savanna have been in their own home for over a year thanks to Mayor Kitty Piercy.*
Occasionally you hear a musician credit someone whose love of music inspired their own. Someone who, for example, might captivate a child with an instrument then pass one forward in a nod to the next generation of players.

It could happen anywhere, even in a night shelter for homeless families with children.

By day, Bob Bury runs Euphoria Chocolate along with his wife Sue Subbot. Off the job he’s a musician, Sunday school teacher, and a volunteer for the Interfaith Night Shelter through First Congregational Church.

The Celtic-rocker of Eugene’s Irish Echo is also a grandfather figure of shelter week, sometimes arriving with his guitar, harmonica, a huge repertoire of age appropriate music and children’s books specially chosen for the values they convey.

“Every year it changes,” said Bob who’s been at it at least a dozen years. “Some kids are into physical play; others are more interested in hearing a story and singing a song.”

This season, Haely was among the latter, sitting rapt while Bob strummed and alternated between his own voice and the harmonica. Bob told her how, at about her age, he taught himself to play and entertained his friends around campfires. In an act of true selflessness, he consented to let her play his own instrument. By bedtime a little band had formed, and Haely didn’t want to stop.

Night Shelter moved on, but Haely stuck in Bob’s mind as kids do when they bond through music. He has given away harmonicas before, and he resolved that Haely should have one, too.

“She’s a kid whose family is on the move,” he said. “A harmonica is something that could be hers, that she could put in a pocket or pack away. Mostly, I thought it would be fun for her.”

He bought one, put Haley’s name on it, and dropped it off at First Place Family Center.

At First Place a note awaits Bob now. It’s riddled with thank-you’s penned in a child’s hand. In the future Haely may tell of her own start in music and how a kind man at Night Shelter went out of his way to encourage her interest.

At the very least, it’s a noteworthy example of how Night Shelter touches lives, and how one person can truly make a difference.

It’s an example Bob wasn’t looking to set.

“It wasn’t about changing the world,” he said. “I was just trying to do one nice thing for one sweet kid.”

So he did.

John Iglesias, CEO, Northwest Community Credit Union, thanked his board of directors for the latest gift to the Veterans’ Housing Project (VHP), saying they had resolved to be more deliberate in their community involvement. The VHP resonated with them because it involves making housing available for a deserving population.

With that, a $75,000 donation from Northwest Community Credit Union was made to help make the purchase of the sixth VHP house possible.

“Who better than our returning veterans,” he asked.

He urged community members to “do what you enjoy” in offering time and talent to rehab homes through the Veterans’ Housing Project. Anyone with energy and skills to share is asked to contact St. Vinnie’s Volunteer Coordinator at 541-743-7147 or by email kathy.wilson@svdp.us

Thank you, John Iglesias and Northwest Community Credit Union for supporting veterans.
Beth Wood not too busy for Egan

Homeless adults in Lane County have a friend in singer/songwriter Beth Wood. Shortly before Christmas she assembled like-minded artists for an evening of entertainment to benefit the Egan Warming Center (EWC). The result was nearly $700 and a huge collection of coats, hats, gloves and other items that ease the discomfort of living outdoors.

At the time, Egan volunteers were still recovering from an 8-day activation that brought more than 400 homeless individuals out of the weather for a meal and a warm and safe to sleep. The Egan Warming Center operated as intended.

The event was the Wood/Caldera Songwriters second collaboration to benefit the EWC. “For a second year we were treated to a great evening of great music and good company,” said Doug Bales, Program Manager.

Beth and her husband, Marty Ochs, moved to Eugene not long after MAJ Thomas Egan froze to death during a cold spell in 2008. She was horrified initially, then greatly impressed by the grassroots effort to launch the cold-weather shelter that operates in Thomas Egan’s name. She wanted to help.

“Because I tour most of the year, I am not here consistently enough to volunteer,” Beth explained. “I tried to think of what I could do instead.”

What she could do was take to the stage at Tsunami Books along with her cadre of talented friends for an evening of music and poetry. Twice, admirers have responded, buying tickets on a sliding scale and showering the cause with clothing and cash. Last year, the cash proceeds alone funded a night of shelter.

Beth is quick to credit her fellow Caldera Songwriters: Lori Kats, Peter Newman, Sean & Hannah Megowan, John Shipe, Kathy Marshall, Della Perry, Steve Gibson, Ken Zimmerman, and Laura Golden, for lending their time, talent and generous spirits. She’s grateful to the folks at Tsunami: Scott Landfield, Katherine, Nate and Sean, for providing space and sound equipment.

And she appreciates those who attended. When Beth arrived in Eugene it was for Marty’s job. The job has changed, but their affection for the place has only grown. Said Beth, “I’m grateful for all the folks who came out to listen and donated money and warm things. I am so grateful to be a part of this community.”

An essential part, according to Doug Bales.

“Benefits like these are the living heart of the Egan system that provides better food, professional staff, supplies and equipment,” he said. “This community has stepped up again to provide for our most vulnerable in their time of greatest need.”

For more information on how you can help, visit www.eganwarmingcenter.com

In 2013, St. Vincent de Paul diverted from the landfill:

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The 5-year old Styrofoam recycling program collected 33,790 pounds of material!

Total weight diverted in Lane County: 11,081,542 POUNDS!

162,000 mattresses were diverted from our Eugene location and DR³ recycling facility in California allowing us to divert from regional landfills: 8,910,000 POUNDS!

SVdP diverted in 2013: 19,991,542 pounds from landfills!
As we prepare for “A Moment in Time” on November 5, 2014 we would like to thank to our 2013 Major Sponsors!

Title Sponsors:

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
St. Thomas More Newman Center

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:

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 rebecca.larson@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 rebecca.larson@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 kathy.wilson@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. Thank you!
First Non-profit First Citizen

Whether you view Executive Director Terry McDonald as socio-economic visionary or eccentric dumpster diver, it’s hard to argue with his motives. From its genesis as a volunteer group having rummage sales to help the needy, Terry has grown St. Vincent de Paul of Lane County with the times, expanding waste-based enterprises to fund social services and addressing the needs of a burgeoning low income population facing grim economic realities.

His efforts have earned Terry the title of Eugene’s 2013 First Citizen, a first in the non-profit world. The award has previously been given to individuals in the for-profit sector.

Terry caught the re-use/recycle bug early. His parents, Harold “Mac” and Irene McDonald, were founding members of St. Vincent de Paul in Eugene, which held rummage sales to help the needy before its Salvage Bureau thrift store opened in 1953.

After college, Terry joined SVdP in 1976, steering the Agency toward reclamation and repair/recycle of items surging through the waste stream. Over the next dozen years SVdP added six retail stores; expanded emergency services; opened its Woodshop, Mattress Factory, and Appliance Shop; and expanded its mission to include affordable housing. Terry was named Executive Director in 1984. As operations strengthened, the Agency took on full-service property management and long-haul trucking, launched the Aurora Glass foundry, and added vocational and self-sufficiency programs.

Today, St. Vinnie’s is Lane County’s largest nonprofit humanitarian organization, operating 12 thrift stores, developing more than 1,000 units of affordable housing, overseeing a varied menu of vocational and self-sufficiency programs, and providing emergency assistance and temporary shelter in cooperation with an army of volunteers. The Agency is also a world leader in waste stream diversion and is partnering with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to establish waste-based businesses throughout the U.S.

Employment has grown from a few nice ladies hired by Mac McDonald to run the original thrift store to more than 400 people in Oregon and California.

Even so, Terry said he’s “surprised and humbled” to be singled out for the First Citizen award by Eugene’s Chamber of Commerce.

“I am also appreciative of the fact that I am standing on shoulders of many volunteers and staff who worked so hard to make this organization the beautiful community service that it is,” he said. “Both my mother and father would be proud.”

St. Vincent de Paul has a tradition of incorporating new and innovative features into each housing project. Stellar Apartments is no exception. One of the twelve buildings was built to the extremely energy efficient Passive House design standard. This pilot project will evaluate the differences in this type of construction by comparing it to another building on site, built to Earth Advantage standards, with the same floor plan and solar orientation.

Passive House construction is commonly employed in Europe and has been used in the U.S. mostly for single family homes; however, it is not very common in multi-family housing in the U.S. This type of construction has an extremely tight building envelope with limited air leakage, using super-efficient windows and doors, and extreme amounts of insulation. An energy recovery ventilation system runs constantly to infuse fresh air and control humidity. The Passive House certification at Stellar Apartments was rigorous but SVDP finally received word at the end of January that our project received its final certification. This one 6-unit building at Stellar Apartments is the first affordable multi-family Passive House in the country! This was quite an achievement for everyone involved but it’s even more exciting to see the energy savings these tenants are experiencing.

SVDP is partnering with the City of Eugene, EWEB and a group of architecture students at the University of Oregon to monitor the energy usage and indoor air quality of this project. The results of this analysis will help us make better choices in how we design and construct better, more energy efficient projects in the future.

Initial findings are promising. Data from the past 5 months shows an average of 50% energy savings on space heating for residents of the Passive House. Project manager Nora Cronin, along with UO Architecture Professor Alison Kwok and the group of students, will be presenting the initial findings at the Passive House Northwest Annual Conference at the end of March.

Data from the past 5 months shows an average of 50% energy savings on space heating for the Passive House.
Your support is worth more than you know.

Upcoming Events!

Picnic Supper
May 8, 2014

Angel Dinner
October 2, 2014

Golf Classic
September 5, 2014

A Moment in Time
November 5, 2014

Receive our E-news. Sign up at www.svdp.us

A MOMENT IN TIME

a benefit for First Place Family Center, a day center serving homeless families with children.

Wednesday, November 5, 2014
Eugene Hilton

Social hour & Silent auction at 5 pm
Dinner and Live Auction at 6:30 pm
Dancing to follow
Stay up to date at www.svdp.us

For reservations please contact Rebecca Larson 541.743.7121 or rebecca.larson@svdp.us