



St. Vinnie's Voice

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SVdP-aligned manufacturing effort builds in Eugene

Steel workers once created heavy-duty logging equipment in the cavernous manufacturing plant at 888 Garfield St., dating to 1957. After the timber industry's decline, the facility served as mostly quiet warehouse space for several decades. Soon, another generation of laborers will usher in a new era of productivity at this West Eugene industrial landmark.

Starting in mid/late 2023, HOPE Community Corporation (the acronym stands for Housing Options Production Enterprise) will bring a bustling manufactured-home production line to life in the former American Steel facility. An estimated workforce of 125 will eventually roll four finished units out of the 80,000-square-foot plant's bay doors every work day.

But this will be no ordinary housing factory. It will be one of the first of its kind anywhere, unheard of in the industry: A nonprofit enterprise, operating alongside St. Vincent de Paul of Lane County (SVdP), dedicated to producing quality homes quickly and at reduced cost for low-income families.

The intent of this innovative effort is to help remedy a severe and growing shortage of housing for



SVdP's Terry McDonald (above, center) is shown with (l-r) Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch, State Rep. Nancy Nathanson, State Senator James Manning, and State Rep. Pam Marsh in a July 22 photo. Renderings of future HOPE production facility courtesy of PIVOT Architecture.



low-income Oregonians, including thousands who lost their homes to wildfire in 2020. Through this initiative made possible by \$15 million in funding granted by the 2022 Oregon Legislature, "the state will develop a

profound new asset in the form of manufacturing capacity committed to serving the needs of low-income residents," says SVdP Executive Director and HOPE Community Corp. President Terry McDonald.



Learn More Online

Learn much more about HOPE Community Corp. in a recent blog post and video at bit.ly/HOPESVdP.

< OR, scan QR code at left to go directly there.



DID YOU KNOW? SVdP owns and manages manufactured-home parks from Cottage Grove to Portland!

Letter from Leadership:

All-Seasons Care for Our Community

The equinox is upon us, bringing with it refreshingly crisp mornings and those unmistakably autumnal feelings of transition and reflection. Just as we pause to recall the year's struggles to date — once again including a late-summer wildfire to remind us that it's not time to breathe easily just yet — we count our blessings.

This year, we have a rich harvest of achievements to celebrate as we grow our community impact. For example, we consolidated many SVdP services into one site to better serve families experiencing homelessness (see Page 3). We broke ground on a transitional-housing complex that will provide families in crisis a needed step between emergency shelter and permanent housing (Page 7). We embarked on a remarkable effort with a new nonprofit enterprise, HOPE Community Corp., to help Oregon build its way out of a dire affordable-housing shortage (Page 1).

We also continued to lead front-line efforts to address homelessness, operating two Safe Sleep sites in partnership with the City of Eugene along with our other ongoing shelter programs. As a community, we are providing more respite, delivering more services to the unsheltered, and getting more people into stable housing.

So we're making wonderful progress on many fronts, finding ways to come together to address issues that are important and overarching for our society. Those include an ever-growing need for environmental stewardship, and here at SVdP this fiscal year, we doubled the amount of Styrofoam we recycled and continued to grow our nation-leading mattress-recycling operation (see some statistics on Page 3).

But back to the changing seasons. As it gets colder and darker through the months to come, we must knit together as a community to help our most vulnerable neighbors weather winter's dangers. We will again look to grow our compassionate, volunteer-driven Egan Warming Center network, and we know our community will rise to the occasion — as many of you did when we asked for help with September wildfire-relief efforts. When the Cedar Creek Fire forced the evacuation of Oakridge-area residents, donors stepped forward in less than 24 hours to help SVdP collect several pallet loads of water bottles and blankets needed by evacuees — AND almost \$4,000 to assist the displaced with buying essentials like groceries and gas.

Now, we hope you will continue to support our efforts to serve neighbors in need whether it's as a volunteer, a financial or in-kind donor, or even an SVdP employee. Together, we will care for our community through every season. Thank you!



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ABOUT US

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County (SVdP) is Lane County's largest nonprofit human-services organization. We serve those most vulnerable in our community, including individuals and families experiencing homelessness; at-risk youth; formerly incarcerated individuals; seniors; Veterans; and community members living on low incomes. SVdP manages more than 1,600 units of affordable housing and two day access shelters for those experiencing homelessness, as well as emergency shelters; offers low-barrier employment; administers many programs that foster long-term stability; and operates a variety of innovative environmental stewardship and recycling-based initiatives.

OUR MISSION

We assist the poor and those in need of consolation, seeking out and utilizing every resource. Being mindful of the sanctity and dignity of all, we know that any charitable work that advances those goals is within the mission of St. Vincent de Paul.

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Youth, family services consolidate at Annex site

On Aug. 1, SVdP's Emergency, Youth, and Family Services programs and resources merged into one central location — the First Place Annex at 4060 W. Amazon Drive in Eugene.

For more than 30 years, First Place Family Center (FPFC) has been a supportive refuge for children and their families who are low-income, at risk of losing housing, or already experiencing homelessness because of job loss, health issues, and other crises. As SVdP strives to provide compassionate, trauma-informed care for our neighbors, we are confident this consolidation of services will enable us to offer an even better level of care.

Our YFS team and participants are loving their new space, 2 miles down the road from the previous FPFC/First Place Kids location, and settling in at The Annex. Thanks to SVdP's maintenance team, new shade structures allow kids to enjoy outdoor play time. And in addition to standard programming, weekly Family Fun Days and monthly Family Wellness Events will soon return at the new location.



A preschooler enjoys a new play area at The Annex, now home to First Place Family Center and First Place Kids after a consolidation of SVdP's emergency family services into one site.



We are so grateful to our staff, volunteers, and generous donors who make these life-stabilizing services available for under-housed families and youth in Lane County. Our emergency family services are primarily funded by the community, with limited government funding. So YOUR support is what has enabled us to shelter 119 families, offer more than 700 families access to essentials through our day center,

help 10 unaccompanied minors into stable housing, and provide therapeutic daycare to 150 children whose families were experiencing homelessness last year alone.

Learn More & Donate

- SVdP Youth & Family program pages: www.svdP.us under "Services"
- "Annex now home to all SVdP emergency family services": bit.ly/FPFCmove
- Donate to help families: bit.ly/3P5vdiL

A Year of Environmental Impact at SVdP



96 **564**
Cars recycled Cars resold



60
Tons of Styrofoam recycled



20,876,792
Pounds of waste diverted from the landfill



366
Recycling and retail jobs supported



332,014
Mattresses recycled

St. Vinnie's Locations:

Know where to stop, shop, and donate!

St. Vinnie's operates 12 retail-thrift stores, one car lot, and (as of Sept. 29) an "as-is" thrift store in Oregon, covering Eugene-Springfield and the greater Lane County area — and extending north to Albany, Salem, and The Dalles. All sites (other than the car lot) are open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and most also have a drive-up donation lane. To see all location hours and donation details on SVdP's website, scan the QR code at bottom.

EUGENE:

- * 201 Division Ave.; 541-762-7837
- * 705 S. Seneca Road; 541-345-8036
- * 2890 Chad Drive; 541-743-7117
- * 2167 W. 11th Ave.; 541-284-5024
- * 888 Garfield St. (as-is store opening Sept. 29); 541-313-4888
- * 1175 Hwy. 99N (car lot); 541-607-4541

SPRINGFIELD:

- * 4555 Main St.; 541-747-5811
- * 199 Q St.; 541-746-7784

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FLORENCE:

2315 Hwy. 101; 541-997-8460

OAKRIDGE:

47663 Hwy. 58; 541-928-1559

ALBANY:

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SALEM:

445 Lancaster Drive NE; 503-400-7550

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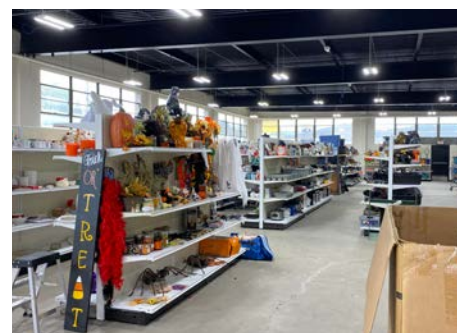


New St. Vinnie's store at 888 Garfield offers fresh bounty for value hunters

You can pretty much always find something you need, or maybe just really, really want — and at a price you can afford — when you shop at St. Vinnie's. On the off chance that you don't find just the thing at one of our 12 existing retail-thrift stores, you'll have a whole new type of bargain-hunting destination to explore when a unique new St. Vinnie's store opens on Sept. 29 at 888 Garfield St. in Eugene.

This new west Eugene location will offer unique items, even bigger discounts from retail prices, and a thrifting experience similar to what many local value-seekers will recall from St. Vinnie's former warehouse-style store nearby on Broadway.

This site will veer from St. Vinnie's usual store model in several ways, including its lack of clothing and books for sale. The emphasis here will be on furniture, housewares, and miscellaneous items, including some needing minor repairs or touchups; home-improvement materials; as-is appliances (think missing handles, crisper bins, etc.); a large electronics department;



Newly stocked shelves, including plenty of Halloween items, inside St. Vinnie's new store opening Sept. 29 at 888 Garfield St.

and an always-interesting, changing array of donated overstock items.

St. Vinnie's will continue offering quality resale and like-new items at most stores, while utilizing 888 Garfield as a dedicated storefront for unique/special-interest items and more well-used products that are desirable for refurbishment, refinishing, or other upcycling uses.

The as-is store and donation center will occupy some 15,000 square feet in front of the SVdP-affiliated HOPE Community Corp. manufactured-home factory (see Page 1).

Follow @ShopStVinnies on social media for updates ahead of the Garfield store's Sept. 29 opening.



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Life Cycle of a Book Donation to St. Vinnie's



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Books are initially separated, and those in poor condition sent for recycling.



SHIP

Books determined to be in good condition are shipped to our Chad Drive warehouse.



HAND-SORT

Books are sorted based on whether they will be sold online or in our stores, or are vintage.



DISTRIBUTE

Finally, most books are boxed and shipped to all of our St. Vinnie's stores for sale!

DID YOU KNOW? SVdP has recycled almost 5 MILLION mattresses and box springs since 2000!

Many Ways to Support SVdP

Shop, Donate & Recycle

Every donation and purchase at our retail-thrift stores funds our life-stabilizing programs.



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Learn more at www.svdP.us

Why I Give to St. Vinnie's:

SVdP Supporters in Their Own Words

We at SVdP find it inspiring and energizing to receive incredible support from our community here in Eugene and beyond. It has been an amazing year so far with support from you all, and we are deeply thankful for your continued support! Here, in donors' own encouraging words, are reasons for that generous giving:

"Hearing your Terry McDonald with Dave Miller on OPB radio yesterday was a breath of fresh air! His thinking and approach to our many community problems was the smartest I've heard in my 18 years here (after 28 years in NYC). Keep up all the great work you, Terry and all SVdP's folks are doing!"

"I continue to be impressed with everything St. Vincent de Paul does. Each of the programs, new and old, are essential to the community."

"This is my first donation from my own bank account. After being on the streets for 20 years and being fed at the service station every week, it's a joy to give back now that I can."

"I had no idea St. Vincent de Paul did so much in this community! We have been looking to support an organization for kids in need, for the homeless and for Veterans — but as it turns out, all we needed to do was donate once to you!"

Volunteer opportunities in store (and more)

Volunteers in St. Vinnie's retail-thrift stores play one of the most important roles in the organization. From sorting and processing donated items, to providing staff support, customer assistance and more, volunteer help allows us to maximize the reach of our people, material, and financial resources as we serve the greater community.

The retail-thrift stores form the backbone of our programs and bring in the largest percentage of our funding. For many community members, St. Vinnie's stores also represent their first encounter with SVdP as an organization. But with the current national labor shortage, a large percentage of our stores are understaffed and in great need of

extra hands; in fact, SVdP's primary current need for volunteers is in stores. Even if it's only 2 hours a week, a single volunteer can greatly improve the productivity and capacity of our store operations.

To volunteer with SVdP, first visit svdp.us/get-involved/volunteer/, where you'll find three applications. The first is SVdP's general volunteer application; complete it if you want to help in our retail-thrift stores, with group volunteer projects, or other general volunteering opportunities with SVdP. The second application is for those who want to volunteer in support of Egan Warming Center's cold-weather shelter sites, and the third is for those who want to volunteer at First Place Kids.

Thank you, grant funders!

First Place Family Center funder:
Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund

Annex playground funders:
Key Bank, Banner Bank foundations

Technology capacity building funder:
Lane County

Preschool Promise Classroom funder:
Oregon Department of Education

FPFC Parent Education funder:
United Way

CBT Nuggets' donation gives rise to Ascend Home

SVdP broke ground July 12 on Ascend Home, a new eight-unit transitional housing apartment complex adjacent to SVdP's First Place Family Center at The Annex, 4060 W. Amazon Drive. These units will provide supportive housing for local families transitioning out of homelessness, serving as a new resource designed to bridge the daunting gap they face between emergency shelter and long-term housing. The project is made possible by a \$2 million donation from CBT Nuggets, a Eugene-based online IT training company.



Architects' rendering shows Ascend Home, new SVdP transitional housing to open in 2023.

This long-anticipated development is the result of nearly five years of collaboration between SVdP and CBT Nuggets to create positive change for families in crisis. These apartments will help address the local lack of case-managed transitional housing, which creates barriers for families who wish to move from temporary housing into more permanent homes.

"There's currently a critical gap between emergency housing and sustainable, affordable housing solutions for families in Lane County," reads a statement from CBT Nuggets' social-responsibility



division, NuggetLove. "This gap can cause generations of families to end up trapped in a continual struggle to find stable housing and financial security — resulting in further reliance on social systems that are already at their breaking point. We believe there's a better chance for these families to achieve long-term stability if they're able to transition out of emergency shelter and into supportive housing alongside the case workers they've built relationships with."

Ascend Home will include eight two-bedroom, one-bath apartments of about 800 square feet each; a common laundry area; and a meeting space enabling families to connect as needed with their case managers, service providers and others. It will provide a safe harbor where families can anchor long enough, out of crisis, to focus on the work necessary to secure lasting stability in housing, employment and more.

Learn More Online

Read much more about Ascend Home in a recent blog post at bit.ly/SVdPAscendHome.



Don't miss SVdP's 'Home Is Where the Heart Is' art show

Throughout the month of October, New Zone Gallery in Eugene will feature art created by participants in SVdP programs, including Youth & Family Services, Veteran Services, Affordable Housing, Homeless & Emergency Services, and more! The month-long art show coincides with the start of the Eugene Art Walk and will be open to the general public. The theme of

this second-annual SVdP art show is "Home Is Where the Heart Is."

We are excited to feature artwork from across the wide array of SVdP programs. Our goal is to not only highlight the incredible creativity of program participants, but to honor their voices and experiences as they reflect on the impact of SVdP's services in their lives.

Still seeking event sponsors

We are still looking for partners to sponsor "Home Is Where the Heart Is," and would love to work with organizations from across Eugene-Springfield for this month-long celebration. If you are interested in partnering with SVdP by sponsoring the event, or have any questions about the opportunity, please call Jack Boisen at 541-600-8454.



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