

# Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County Annual Report of District Council

For the fiscal year  
October 1, 2003  
through  
September 30, 2004

## What are we about?

The mission of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County (SVdP) is to serve the needs of the disadvantaged through direct engagement with individuals and families in our communities and to nurture fellowship and spirituality in Vincentian members.

We are a 501c3 organization with roots in Conferences, leadership occurring at the Board of Trustees level, Special Project coordination through Committees, and implementation through volunteers and District Council staff.

SVdP has been at the forefront of assisting those in need in Alameda County since 1938. Programs are designed to aid the needy in virtually every corner of Alameda County including food pantries, housing referrals, clothing distribution, spiritual support and other essential services.

**Conferences**, a group of Vincentian members based in a Catholic parish, provide support to any member of their community in need through home visits and direct assistance.

**Special Projects**, administered by the District Council, have evolved over time to provide more complex services in targeted geographic areas. Current Special Projects include: Dining Room; Visitation Center for Women; Champion Guidance Center for Men, Food Locker.

**The District Council** provides support and coordinates Conference efforts as well as manages the Special Projects and Retail Services.

**Retail Services**, which consists of 5 thrifts stores, auto sales, container sales, recycling and other earned revenue ventures.

In 2004, more than 100,000 people in need received services from The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County including 400,000 meals served from the Free Dining Room. SVdP is supported through donor contributions and through its thrift stores operations where merchandise is sold or given away directly to those in need.

### Special Projects Highlights 2004

**Baking Classes in the Dining Room** is a powerful collaboration between a nonprofit called The Bread Project and Oakland Adult Unified. In the Fall 2004 pilot, 18 students graduated and are on their way to finding a new career.

**Rotary Medical Clinic**, a huge volunteer effort by Dr. Schmitz and Dr. Flanigan operated on Fridays throughout 2004, providing important medical services for those that have no access to healthcare for serious conditions.

**Champion Workforce** went to town in 2004, painting three of our SVdP thrift stores and containers and filling in with a variety of other temp work assignments.

**Recycling, Reuse and our ReStore Tenant.** SVdP rediscovered its recycling roots in its thrift store operation.

**Nonprofit vouchers** were created and sold to assist other nonprofits by tapping into our thrift store operations and help clients access inexpensive clothing and household items.

## What have we done this year?

### Service to People Through Conference Work

Number of Referrals in other Agencies	439
Number of Spiritual Aid/Sacraments	1,219
Number of Travel Aid	1,389
Number of Home Contacts	3,188
Number of Other Client Contacts	16,115
Number of Inmate Contacts	115
Number of Patient Contacts	1,470
Home for the Aged/Daycare Contacts	1,035
Number of Jobs Obtained	8

<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>26,666</b>
<b>Total People Served</b>	<b>28,892</b>
<b>Total Hours of Service</b>	<b>35,631</b>

## Who are we?

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vaughn Donahue, <i>President</i>	Peggy Doherty
Gary Flinders, <i>1st Vice President</i>	Ed Frakes
Frank Whitman, <i>2nd Vice President</i>	Bill Giammona
Bernie Murray, <i>Secretary</i>	Richard Nivens
Ross Cadenasso, <i>Treasurer</i>	Dave Nolan
Don Boufford	Richard Oakman
Nelson DeBasa	Donna Watson

How many Conferences are affiliated with this District Council	43
Total membership in the District	624

(Statistics based on 31 of 43 conferences reporting)

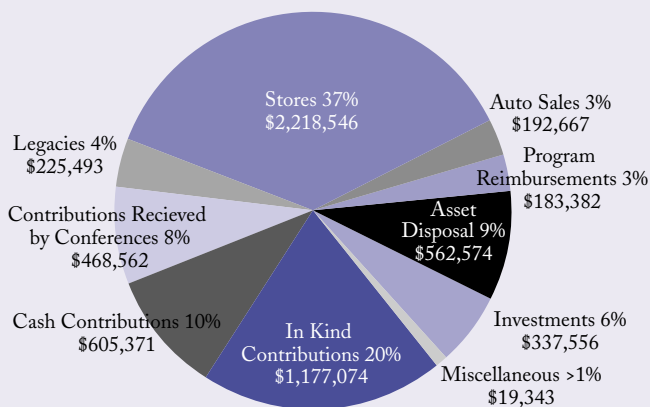
### DISTRICT COUNCIL STAFF

Philip Arca, <i>Executive Director</i>
Inga Lewis, <i>Executive Assistant to E.D.</i>
Kelli Zenn, <i>Communications Director</i>
Lu Cuevas, <i>Director of Conferences/Vincentian Life</i>
Christine Comella, <i>Development Director</i>

**Active Committees:** Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, Dining Room Committee, Young Adult Committee, Extension and Spirituality Committee, Voice of the Poor, Men's Champion Center Committee, Visitation Center Committee, Housing Committee, Stores Committee, ElderCare Committee, Detention Ministry Committee, Hospital Visitation Committee.



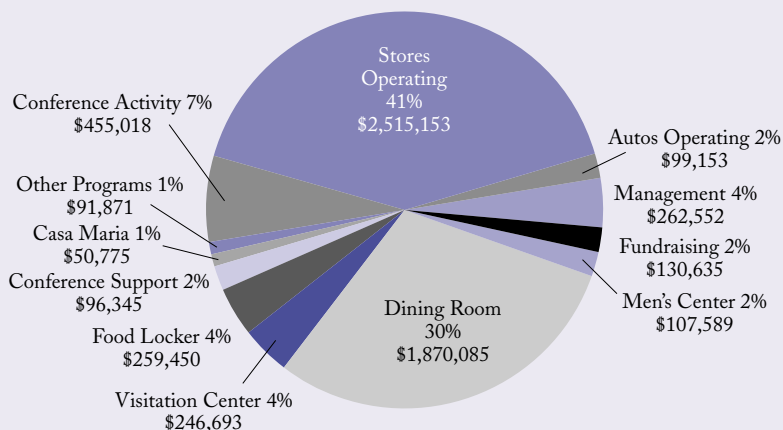
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## Sources of Revenue

Total Receipts: \$5,990,568

Note: Revenue includes sale of property assets values at \$562,574



## Uses of Funds

Total Expenditures: \$6,185,319

**Major Foundation Support Includes:** Philanthropic Ventures Foundation; Diamantine Family Foundation, Inc.; Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program; Y & H Soda Foundation; The Schwab Fund for Charitable Giving; O'Shea Foundation; The Thomas J. Long Foundation; The Rockridge Woman's Club; Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund; Bellini Foundation; Walter & Evelyn Haas Foundation; Lakeside Foundation; and Wayne & Gladys Valley Foundation.

## Special Projects

### St. Vincent de Paul Free Dining Room

We serve hot meals during the noontime, 7 days a week, along with "Brown Bag Lunches – To Go" at our downtown Oakland Facility. We provide meals for satellite sites at 10 locations throughout the County.

Number of meals served during the fiscal year 449,436

### Visitation Center for Women and Children

Our newly renovated Visitation Center is a day drop-in center for homeless and low-income women and children living in or near Downtown Oakland. The Center provides a place where mothers can enjoy a few moments of relative peace in a supportive environment. The Visitation Center offers a variety of services such as distributing free clothing and household goods, laundry and shower facilities, counseling, computer training, play area for children, etc.

Number of visits during the fiscal year 17,419

### Champion Guidance Center for Men

Our Men's Center is modeled after our Women's Visitation Center. We offer a variety of services: free clothing distribution, laundry and shower facilities, counseling and an area of respite for the men living in or near downtown Oakland. We facilitate AA and NA meetings each week at the Center. The center is sports-themed and run by volunteers and interns under the supervision of our Men's Center Manager.

Number of visits during the fiscal year 14,976

### SVdP Food Locker Distribution Center

Our Food Locker is located at our District Council headquarters. We served 30 out of the 43 conferences with food purchased from the SVdP food locker. The Food Locker has distributed over \$500,000 in free food to the conferences and an additional \$350,000.00 to collaborative direct service providers.

### Casa Maria

We own and manage eight low-cost, affordable housing units, which are located in the same area as the Free Dining Room.

### Other Project Support

- Detention Ministry (collaboration with Catholic Charities)
- Hospital Visitation – Fairmont and Veterans Hospital

### Other Conference Activities

- National/Foreign Twinning:
- Our Lady of Guadalupe – Arizona
  - St. Anthony – Rice Bowl – Philippines
  - St. Catherine Laboure – Cavite, Philippines
  - Tanlajas Catholic Mission – Santa Ana, Mexico

## St. Vincent de Paul stores

**Alameda**  
2315 Lincoln Ave.  
(510) 865-1109  
Manager: Leah

**Fremont**  
3777 Decoto Road  
(510) 792-3711  
Manager: Beth

**Livermore**  
1817 W. 2nd St.  
(925) 455-1104  
Manager: Margaret

**Oakland (East)**  
9235 San Leandro St.  
(510) 636-4252  
Manager: Anastacia

**Oakland (Downtown)**  
2272 San Pablo Ave  
(510) 834-4647  
Manager: Aida