

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

For the fiscal year
October 1, 2004
through
September 30, 2005

What Are We About?

The mission of the Society 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 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded by volunteers dedicated to performing acts of charity. With leadership at the Board of Trustees level, SVdP's Special Works Projects are coordinated by Committees and implemented by staff and volunteers.

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

Conferences are organized by Catholic parishes, and members are known as Vincentians. These volunteers provide support to any member of their community in need through home visits and direct assistance.

Special Works Projects, coordinated by the District Council, have evolved over time to provide more complex services in targeted geographic areas. Current projects include the Champion Guidance Center for Men, Food Locker, Free Dining Room and Visitation Center for Women and Children.

The District Council coordinates Conference efforts and manages Special Works Projects and Retail Services.

Retail Services consist of thrift stores, an auto donation programs, container sales, recycling and other earned revenue ventures.

In 2005, more than 100,000 people in need received services from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County. SVdP is supported through donor contributions and thrift store operations.

Society Highlights 2005

SPECIAL WORKS

The Free Dining Room secured more than \$1 million in donated food last year which was used to feed the hungry. Also, this spring the Free Dining Room will partner with the Adult Education Program of the Oakland Unified School District to launch the Community Academy Kitchen. This innovative program will train participants for jobs in the restaurant industry.

The Visitation Center formed partnerships with organizations such as Catholic Charities and Drawbridge to bring counseling services and a summer arts program on-site.

The Champion Guidance Center continued to build its services to meet the needs of men who are struggling. Homeless Care in Court was offered several times, and August's Neighborhood Block Party was a huge success. Also, the One Warm Coat campaign is in its third year, and in December the Seldom Scene Theater Troup held its debut performance at the Oakland Museum, with more appearances to come.

RETAIL SERVICES

For the past four months, **Retail Services** has netted a profit, helping to fund SVdP's direct services work. Additionally, our Functional Found Art Project, funded by StopWaste.org, has been a huge success in our Alameda store.

What Have We Done This Year?

Service Numbers Through Conference Work

Referrals to other agencies	1,855
Spiritual aid/Sacraments	2,439
Travel aid	627
Home contacts	4,456
Other client contacts	22,448
Inmate contacts	125
Patient contacts	766
Home for the aged/daycare contacts	1,051
Jobs obtained	28
Total Cases	24,788
Total People Served	37,213
Total Hours of Service	36,568

Who Are We?

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<i>Number of Conferences Affiliated with the District Council</i>	46
<i>Vincentian membership in the District</i>	488
(Statistics based on 28 of 46 conferences reporting)	

DISTRICT COUNCIL STAFF

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Active Committees: Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, Champion Guidance Center Committee, Development Committee, Disaster Committee, Extension/Spirituality Committee, Food Locker Committee, Free Dining Room Committee, Housing/Homelessness Committee, Ministry to the Sick Committee, Real Estate and Property Committee, Retail Stores Committee, Twinning Committee, Visitation Center Committee, Voice of the Poor Committee, Warehouse Committee, Young Adults Committee

Special Thanks

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County expresses our deepest gratitude to our donors who supported us with contributions over \$100 between October 1, 2004 and September 30, 2005. Although we are not able to list all of our contributors, we are grateful to all who have supported our work.

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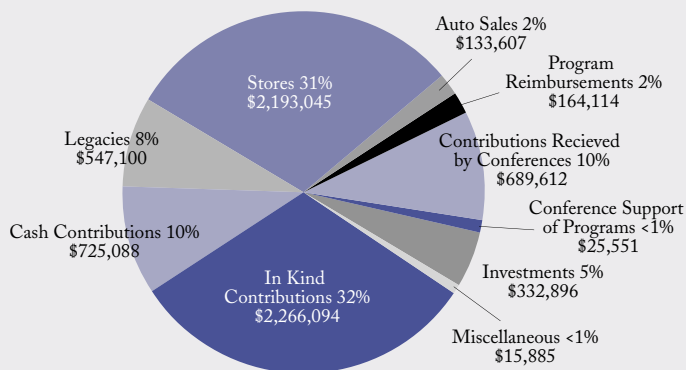
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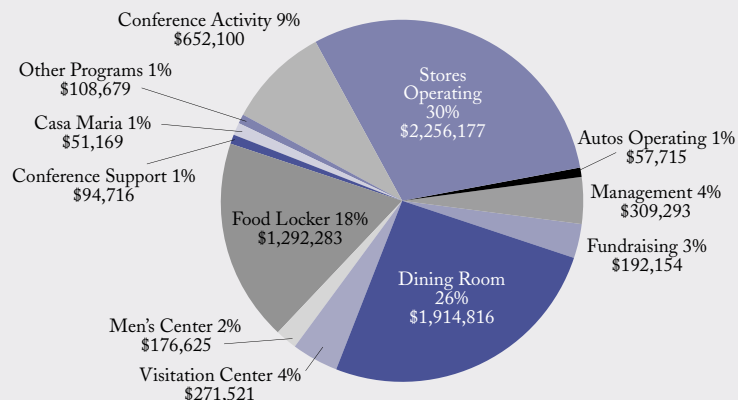
Sources of Revenue

Total Receipts: \$7,092,992



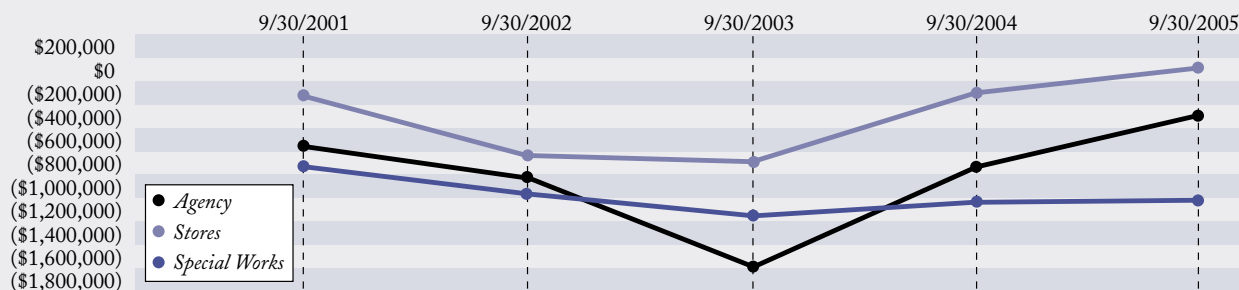
Uses of Funds

Total Expenditures: \$7,377,248



Note: Sources of revenue and use of funds include \$2,266,094 of in-kind donated food

Five Year Operating Results Comparison



Special Works Projects

Free Dining Room

Located in downtown Oakland, The Free Dining Room is the oldest and only major facility in Alameda County to serve hot meals to the hungry seven days per week. In addition to meals served on-site, the Free Dining Room prepares meals for 17 satellite locations in Alameda County and offers brown bag lunches to seniors and those with a medical referral.

Number of meals served during the fiscal year 550,897

Visitation Center for Women and Children

The Visitation Center is a daytime, drop-in center offering refuge, support and services for at-risk women and children. All guests are low-income, marginally housed or homeless. The Visitation Center offers a variety of services, such as distribution of clothing, formula and diapers for infants; shower and laundry facilities; counseling; English as a Second Language (ESL) and computer literacy classes; and art classes for children.

Number of visits during the fiscal year 23,012

Champion Guidance Center for Men

Modeled after the Visitation Center, the Champion Guidance Center is a drop-in resource facility that assists disadvantaged men, the majority of whom are homeless. The Champion Guidance Center offers clothing distribution; shower and laundry facilities; alcohol and substance abuse support groups; legal assistance; and employment training. Many service recipients regularly volunteer and assist with operating the Champion Guidance Center.

Number of visits during the fiscal year 15,720

Food Locker

Located at the District Council headquarters, the Food Locker is a 10,500 square foot warehouse that stores and distributes groceries and staples. Last year, 30 out of 46 Conferences purchased food and were served by the Food Locker. In the same time period, this facility distributed over \$560,000 in free food to the conferences and an additional \$480,000 in food to partnering organizations.

Casa Maria

SVdP owns and operates eight units of below market rate housing, located above the Champion Guidance Center for Men.

Other Project Support

- Hospital Visitation – Fairmont and Veterans Hospital – Livermore
- The Oakland Rotary Endowment – SVdP Doctor Run Clinic
- The Nurse Run Clinic

Other Conference Activities

National/Foreign Twinning:

- St. Catherine's – Nabbingo, Uganda
- St. Mary's Thooaba Rode – Kevala, India
- Tanlajas Catholic Mission – Santa Ana, Mexico

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