**Media, Networking, and Community**

1. **How close can you get to 80?** - Volunteer 80 times throughout the year in any of our volunteer activities and receive a prize at the end of the year. Look for opportunities throughout this list.
2. **Boar interest –** Serve as part of our Board of Directors.
3. **Approach your local business** and ask them to support SVdP by making either an in-kind donation or a gift to SVdP.
4. **Connect four**- Connect us to 4 people in your circle who may be an avenue for a new partnership.
5. **Extra, extra!** -- Have connections with a local newspaper? Assist us in sharing a press release with them to get the word out about SVdP happenings.
6. **Share your story! -** Share your history with our organization as we celebrate our 80th anniversary. It might just be featured in our monthly newsletter.
7. **Family recipe** - Share with us a family cooking recipe for our Kitchen of Champions trainees to learn.
8. **Tell your friends –** Share what you know about SVdP with your friends, family, and colleagues with the hope of getting more people involved in our mission.
9. **Lights, Camera, Action!** - Volunteer your talents and create a video that commemorates the 80 years of service of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County.
10. **Calling filmmakers –** Need practice filming to build your portfolio? Capture staff, volunteer, and guests' stories at our downtown campus and thrift stores.
11. **Become a blogger** – Work with the Development Department to plan unique stories to be featured on the SVdP blog.
12. **Leave a review** – Share your experience with SVdP on websites like Yelp and Google for others to see.
13. **Like us** on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/SVdPalameda), follow us on Instagram (@svdpac), and check out our blog ([www.svdp-alameda.org/blog](http://www.svdp-alameda.org/blog)).
14. **Tag us** – Post a photo (tag @svdpac on Instagram!) or ask for support for SVdP through your social media accounts.
15. **Pray for us –** Set an intention based on our mission and pray for it as much as you can. We appreciate all who think of us and our guests.

**Direct Services**

1. **Everybody clean up-** Get together a group to organize and clean out our downtown campus storage rooms.
2. **DIY Center refurbishments-** Help with general maintenance, painting, and repair of facility.
3. **Remodel the Clothing Closet**-Get together a group, bring the supplies, and come “refashion” our clothing closet-from painting to reorganizing to building new drawers and racks for storage.
4. **Got a green thumb?**- Help us begin and/or maintain above ground veggie garden and planters.
5. **Serve 500 meals**-Volunteer in our Free Dining Room and help us serve a hot and healthy meal to our guests, from 9am-1pm, open Tuesday through Saturday.
6. **Volunteer in our Men’s Guidance Center** where we offer a safe space for men during the day to shower, do laundry, stay warm.
7. **Volunteer in our Women’s Visitation Center** where we offer a safe space for women and children during the day to shower, do laundry, and stay warm.
8. **Be a shopping partner-** Volunteer in our Clothing Closet and help people pick out free clothing.
9. **80th Anniversary-** Volunteer in the Development Department. Help us prepare for our 80th Anniversary celebration and fundraising events.
10. **Lions, tigers, and BOOKS, oh my! -** Volunteer to sort books in our thrift stores. Our thrift stores are full of interesting books that need to be sorted so we can effectively re-sell them.
11. **Do what you do best**- Have HR experience, an MBA, photography skills, carpentry, etc.? Lend your professional expertise to SVdP.
12. **Phone Center** – Volunteer in our downtown campus phone center and gain a glimpse into the life of an everyday SVdP employee.
13. **Interview -** Participate as an interviewer during our mock interviews for our Kitchen of Champions trainees.
14. **Volunteer in our Livermore Thrift Store**, Monday through Sunday 10-5pm. Tasks include sorting and organizing merchandise.
15. **Teach -** Provide a professional development or computer skills workshop for our Kitchen of Champions students
16. **Share a hobby-** Have a hobby you can’t wait to share with others? Share it with our guests in our drop-in centers.
17. **It’s my party!-** Volunteer to work with the Development team to put together a small gathering of friends, family, work colleagues, fellow church goers to raise funds. It’s easy we’ll help.
18. **Volunteer in our Fremont Thrift Store**, Monday - Sunday 10am -5pm.
19. **Volunteer in the Development Department** - Identify/research potential partners and/or resources for collaboration.
20. **Hablas Español** – Lead English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to our clients.
21. **Personal development workshops** – Provide personal development workshops (e.g. body image, anger management, parenting) in either of our Drop-in centers.
22. **Conference support**- Volunteer through one of our 37 affiliated parishes throughout Alameda County.
23. **Volunteer** in our Food Locker; sort our products for easier delivery.
24. **Volunteer in the Dish Room –** Make sure that our dining room has clean dishes for service in our dish room, open Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.
25. **Winter Shelter –** Donate your time to volunteer in the North County Winter Shelter, open every day from 6:00 PM – 8:00 AM until June 11.
26. **Movie night** – Get your friends together and host a movie night and dinner in the Winter Shelter.
27. **Data entry –** Love clerical work? Assist our team in entering data into the ETO system to track our services.
28. **Open house volunteer –** Volunteer at one of our community open houses, either for Back to School, Christmas, or Easter.
29. **Volunteer substitute –** Want to volunteer but can't commit consistently? Sign up to be a volunteer substitute, and we will call you if a regular volunteer cancels.

**Donations**

1. **Make it official**- Provide ServSafe Certification Prep and tests for 4 Kitchen of Champions culinary training students- $500.
2. Help us **feed 80 children** for a month- More than 31 million children received a free or reduced lunch at school. Help us organize a fundraiser to raise $6,864 to feed 80 children for one month over the summer.
3. **“Sharing is caring”-** share/ donate time share, season tickets, rewards points, miles for us to raise funds for the organization.
4. **Change It –** Start a competition between classes, families or individuals by giving them each a coin jar to collect change for a designated amount of time. The one with the most collected wins a prize, and donate all that is collected to SVdP.
5. **Skip a Meal –** Join with your peers to commit to giving up a meal together and give the money saved to St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County.
6. Provide **course materials** and supplies for 3 students- $250.
7. **Birthday Pledge –** Ask for donations to SVdP instead of birthday gifts.
8. **Give it Up –** Commit to give up a regular activity, e.g. buying a latte at Starbucks, or a bagel from Noah’s for a month, and donate the money you save to SVdP.
9. **Donate** your gently-used furniture or household goods to any of our thrift stores.
10. **Hygiene kit drive**- Collect hygiene kits or raise funds to purchase hygiene products for our drop in centers include: shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant etc.
11. **Men’s Center Drive-** Hold a drive for our Men’s drop-in center and include: socks, white t-shirts, underwear, sweat pants, etc. and make it a goal to collect at least 80 items.
12. **Women’s Center Drive-** Hold a drive for our Women’s drop-in center and include: socks, shirts, pants, underwear, sweat pants, etc. Make it a goal to collect at least 80 items.
13. **Provide bus passes** for 2 Kitchen of Champions trainees for 1 week - $100.
14. **Sponsor a student -** Provide a scholarship for our one of our Kitchen of Champions culinary trainees - $450.
15. **Children’s Room Drive-** Hold a drive for our children’s center and include: diapers, socks, shirts, pants, sweat pants, etc. and make it a goal to collect at least 80 items.
16. **Laundry supply drive**- Last year our drop-in centers offered over 3,000 laundry services. This year help us provide more by organizing a drive for laundry supplies, like high efficiency liquid detergent, fresh towels, and laundry bags.
17. **Knife set**-Provide starter chef knife rolls for 10 students- $1,000.
18. **Bake sale-** Hold a bake sale at your school and donate the proceeds to SVdP.
19. **Read-a-thon –** organize a read-a-thon at your school. Have each person collect donations for books they complete and donate the proceeds to SVdP.
20. **Take on a fundraising goal -** as an individual or with a group, organize your own fundraising committee to raise **$800** for one of our homeless service programs.
21. **Wages for a trainee -** Provide wages for 5 of our Transitional Employees for a week- $1000.
22. **Top Chef**- Provide a Chef Coat for 1 student- $50.
23. **Bike-a-thon**- Organize a bike-a-thon and have each person collect donations for each lap they complete. Donate the proceeds to SVdP.
24. **Canned food drive-** Collect canned goods in your school and make it a goal to collect at least 80 cans.
25. **Flash drive**-Collect new or used flash drives for our trainees to use in job search.
26. **Support SVdP socials** - Buy a ticket to at least one fundraising event.
27. **Happy feet**- Donate a new pair of shoes or raise money to purchase new shoes to be given out at our podiatry clinic every month. Our goal is to collect **80 pairs** of shoes.
28. **Help a trainee find a job-** Donate or help us raise money for a job search tool kit, to include: resume paper, folders, pens, portfolio’s etc.
29. **Provide interview outfit for graduating trainee**- Organize a professional clothing drive, work with friends, neighbors, family and provide for our trainees’ job search.
30. **Backpack school supplies** – Ensure a child is prepared to go to school ready to learn. Hold a school supply drive or raise funds to purchase school supplies for our annual back-to-school giveaway on August 4.
31. **Coat drive** – Help keep our clients warm. Organize a coat drive and donate to SVdP.
32. **Does your company match**? - Check into your company’s matching program when you donate to potentially double your donation.
33. **Hold an e**-**waste drive**- Over 2 million tons of electronics are dumped each year and only about 25% of those electronics are recycled. Hold a drive and help us divert electronics from landfills.
34. **Layette set drive** – Donate a layette set or raise funds to purchase layette sets for children in the Women’s Visitation Center.
35. **Toy drive** – Help put a smile on a child’s face during the holidays! Donate a new toy or help raise funds to purchase toys for our annual Christmas give-away.
36. **Diaper Drive –** Host a diaper drive and bring the donations to SVdP. Our Women’s Center is always in need of wipes, baby powder, and diapers, especially in sizes 4, 5, and 6.