

✠ SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ✠

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ST. JAMES, ST. JOSEPH, OUR LADY OF LOURDES, HOLY REDEEMER

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Fall Season always makes one stop and contemplate where the year has gone and brace oneself for the upcoming holidays. This year it was a special occasion when the Vancouver Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul celebrated their 70th year anniversary at their annual banquet. It's amazing to see how this service organization has grown to reach out to the many people we serve on an annual basis. Not only did we celebrate our 70th year of service in the Vancouver area, but we also celebrated our 10th anniversary in our own building. We have been able to offer so much more to our clients having our own building that is open every weekday. God has truly blessed this society in many ways. And among those blessings are our members and volunteers, we would accomplish nothing without their dedicated service. Also at our annual banquet we were fortunate to honor one of those special, outstanding members, James DeLong, who has served this conference for forty years. There are a lot of great people who have made this conference what it is today and sadly many of them are no longer with us, but we wanted to be sure and take the opportunity to thank Jim for all his hard work, dedication and outstanding service to our conference.

As we ready ourselves for the holidays there is a lot of opportunities for volunteers who might be thinking of joining us. We have the Thanksgiving Baskets, Christmas Baskets and the Coat & Shoe programs all coming up. You can help fill baskets, hand out baskets, or take a family shopping for coats and shoes. If you would like to help out with any of those programs, or get more information on these programs, give our office a call. Besides "people power" we can always use donations of non-perishable food and money to fill up those holiday baskets. We thank all of you for your continued support of our programs and know that without you we would not be able to provide for those in our community in need. God Bless You All.

Shirley Buckmier

Our 70th Year of Serving Vancouver

Started at St. James	Our Lady of Lourdes is added	Facility is moved to an unused Kai- ser Permanente Office	Opening of the new Stapleton Road facility	We joined the Columbia River Council	
1938	1958	1986	1997	2002	2007
1952	1979	1989	2000	2007	
St. Joseph's is added	New Coats and Shoes for Children Program begins	Facility is moved to St. James gymnasium	Holy Redeemer is added and the statue of St. Vin- cent de Paul is dedicated.	Celebrating our 70 th year of serving Vancouver	

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Courtney and Brittany Louie are seen here selling their home-made cookies on the 4th of July. All of the proceeds are used to purchase toys for kids at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Christmas. They began this program about five years ago and usually purchase about 100 items each year. They both agree that handing out the toys to all the excited kids is one of the highlights of their Christmas season.



HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

The dates are set for the filling and distributing of Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets. This is a great way to volunteer for a day or two and to even make it a family event. We are able to distribute over 300 Thanksgiving Food Baskets and over 500 Christmas Food Baskets, from donations of food and money, so we could really use some help getting the baskets filled and handed out. This is a very rewarding volunteer opportunity. We hope to see you there.



Estate Planning

Last year St. Vincent de Paul was named as beneficiary to estates that have enabled us to help more people in need. We are truly thankful for the thoughtfulness that went into these individuals who made plans for the Vancouver community to benefit from their life-long work. Please remember St. Vincent de Paul in your will.

Fresh eggs, vegetables, and fruit have been arriving at St. Vincent de Paul, thanks to all the farmers and gardeners out there who are willing to help us supplement our food bags and not let fresh food go to waste. **Thank You!**

Back to School

Our Back to School Clothing and Supplies Program went better than ever this year. We were able to add another week of giving away clothing and school supplies thanks to all the generous donations of clothing, supplies, and cash. Overall, 720 children (275 families) were assisted in making their back to school successful. This year we were able to help out 50 more children than last year! Thank you for everyone's very generous donations!

Christmas Coats and Shoes Program

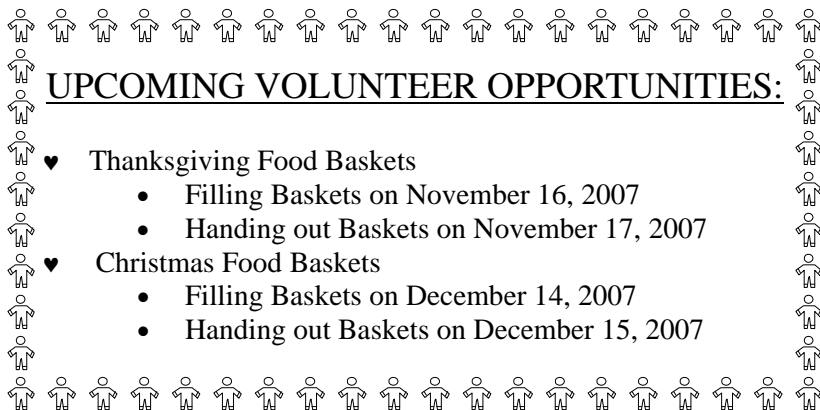
Again, we are feeling the Christmas Spirit thanks to a local family who has donated money for the last 28 years to help buy new coats and shoes for children. We are planning on helping more than 170 children this year! May God bless this caring family, the members who volunteer to shop, and all the families that this program assists.

The Columbian Morning River Walk

It was a beautiful day for a walk along Vancouver's River Front. St. Vincent de Paul was able to raise about \$400 from this enjoyable walk. Thank you to all who bought tickets and to all who walked!



Sylvia Van Selow and her son, Tyler ready to walk!



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- ♥ Thanksgiving Food Baskets
 - Filling Baskets on November 16, 2007
 - Handing out Baskets on November 17, 2007
- ♥ Christmas Food Baskets
 - Filling Baskets on December 14, 2007
 - Handing out Baskets on December 15, 2007

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WISH LIST

- With the weather getting colder we could really use blankets, sleeping bags, and coats.
- Volunteers to make home visits
- Drivers to pick up bread and produce
- Hygiene products (laundry detergent, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper)
- Monthly or weekly volunteers
- Paper and Plastic bags

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Vancouver Conference Vancouver, Washington

Value of Goods & Services Provided

October 2006 – September 2007

FOOD

Regular Food Bags	19,108 Bags @ 40.00	764,320
Thanksgiving Food Boxes	321 Boxes @ 35.00	11,235
Christmas Food Boxes	502 Boxes @ 35.00	17,570
FOOD TOTAL		\$793,125

CLOTHING

Regular Clothing	24,118 People @ 30.00	723,540
School Clothing	720 Children @ 50.00	36,000
Christmas Clothing	196 Children	12,013
CLOTHING TOTAL		\$771,553

OTHER ASSISTANCE

Christmas Gifts	1,075 Children @ 15.00	24,195
Household Items	4,726 Families @ 10.00	47,260
Furniture	235 Families	4,700
Rent	271 Families	85,797
Emergency Shelter	33 Families	1,792
Medical	72 Families	2,154
Gas & Transportation	97 Families	1,855
Utilities	133 Families	13,427
Hygiene Products & Misc.		7,202
OTHER ASSISTANCE TOTAL		\$188,382

GRAND TOTAL		\$1,753,060
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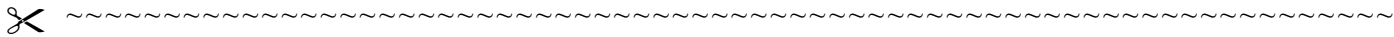
DONATION HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM - 3PM

Vehicle Donation Program:



You can donate your car, truck, motorcycle, recreational vehicle, and even your boat with trailer! We are partnered with Volunteers of America who will pick up your vehicle and sell it. St. Vincent de Paul receives some of the proceeds and you get the tax deduction. Call St. Vincent de Paul at 694-5388 for more information.

DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD AND CLOTHING MAY BE DROPPED OFF DURING OFFICE HOURS OR IN THE CHURCH BINS LOCATED AT ST. JAMES, ST. JOSEPH, OUR LADY OF LOURDES, AND HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCHES.



Yes, I want to help!

- Cash Donation
- Donation of Non-Perishable Food
- Donation of Clothing/Household Items
- Become a Member/Volunteer of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Name _____

Address _____

Thank you for your donation! Phone # _____