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Genentech Gives Back

“Genentech Gives Back” was a week of very special volunteer service. Executive Director Lorraine Moriarty, along with SVdP’s Catherine’s Center Resident Liaison, Laverne Williams, were invited to speak at the kick-off event before Genentech employees. “The presence of SVdP at our Town Hall helped make the meaning behind “Give Back Week” more real and relevant than it otherwise would have been,” said Genentech’s Kristin Campbell Reed.

Twenty Genentech volunteers supported various SVdP programs from serving homeless guests in South San Francisco and San Mateo to sorting donations at SVdP’s new San Bruno store. SVdP’s collection barrels were at the entrance to Genentech building lobbies, where employees could drop off much needed clothes and diapers. SVdP’s Catherine’s Center, our residential program for women recently released from incarceration, appreciated the efforts of volunteers who spent the day painting and gardening.

SVdP is honored to call Genentech a partner in our efforts to make a difference for the poorest of the poor in our local San Mateo County community.



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Fifth SVdP Thrift Store Opens!

On May 11, 2011, the long-anticipated SVdP Thrift Store in San Bruno made its grand opening. The 10,000 square-foot store is located at 1600 El Camino Real.

“Sales of furniture and electronics have been high, and drop-off donations have been very frequent”, said Oscar Perez, SVdP’s Store Operations Manager.

SVdP’s new location at 1600 El Camino Real, San Bruno



To Have & To Give

Special thanks to the anonymous donors who chose SVdP to receive gifts in honor of their recent wedding. Over \$700 was raised to help our neighbors in need.

A gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for a loved one is a meaningful way to honor or memorialize that person. Tribute gifts can be a perfect birthday, wedding, or holiday gift.

For more information please call SVdP’s Development office at (650) 373-0622.

With the addition of SVdP’s fifth thrift store, many more of our neighbors in need will have access to donated, low-cost goods. These donations—such as furniture, clothing, and shoes—make a difference in the lives of those who would otherwise be without these necessities. Our thrift stores especially impact our homeless brothers and sisters, who can receive clothing and other free items with vouchers from one of our three Homeless Help Centers. Last year, over 9,000 free vouchers valued at \$321,200 were given through SVdP’s Peninsula Family Resource Center home visits and at SVdP’s Homeless Help Centers to help people shop at SVdP’s stores at no charge.

The launch of the new San Bruno Store and the success of SVdP’s other thrift stores would not have been possible without the Stores Committee and particularly that of former Stores Committee Chair, Bill Murphy. A dedicated Vincentian for nearly 50 years, Bill was a member of SVdP’s Board of Directors and Stores Committee Chair for 18 years. His guidance and leadership helped maintain a strong stores network. Though illness unfortunately led him to resign earlier this year, he was very supportive and enthusiastic about the San Bruno Store endeavor.

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San Bruno Store Opening

(continued from page one) Though his spirit and ministry will be irreplaceable, SVdP is delighted to welcome aboard our new Stores Committee Chair, John Denniston. A partner in a venture capitalist firm, he is a member of SVdP's St. Raymond's Conference in Menlo Park and was first introduced to SVdP about one year ago. "I've had the good fortune to meet many great people and families on home visits," he said. "It's amazing to me how so many are able to persevere through the dramatic challenges and setbacks in their lives. I have to say it's also so inspiring to see what a big difference the Society makes for so many."

For John, receiving a call with the invitation to join the Board of Directors and become the new Stores Committee Chair was a very pleasant surprise. Since his tenure began, he has felt a strong sense of obligation to do his part to help continue the wonderful work done by the Board and the Stores Committee over time. Though he never had the opportunity to work with Bill, he knows he would have learned a lot from him.

"I wish Bill the very best," John said. "Every single person I've spoken with about Bill speaks in such glowing terms about him. We all owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude, in particular me. He set a very high standard, and it'll be a big challenge for me to live up to. I'm grateful all of the other members of the Stores Committee are continuing on – they're each fabulous, and will help guide me."

SVdP is grateful to have John with us, and we send many blessings to Bill as his journey continues on. We look forward to the growth of our new San Bruno Store and that our stores in Redwood City, San Mateo, South San Francisco, and Daly City continue to make affordable goods available to our neighbors in need.



Pictured with SVdP's Store Operations Manager Oscar Perez, are San Bruno Store staff Joanna, Juan, and Store Manager Isidro Alonzo.

SVdP's Art & Essay Contest Winners



Over 200 students from throughout San Mateo County entered this year's art and essay contest. For a complete list of awardees, please visit www.svdP-sanmateaco.org

This year's winning art entry was created by Josef Rapadas, a 4th grader at All Souls School. Josef's illustration, which was created for SVdP t-shirts, shows how the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County demonstrates best "Our Duty to Care" for those we serve. Josef is pictured above with his parents, Lisa Collins, SVdP's Youth coordinator, Lorraine Moriarty, SVdP's Executive Director, and Principal Vincent Riener.



First place essay winner Jonathan Kitts, a 7th grader at St. Catherine's School, is pictured in front of Pastor John Ryan. Also included is Conference member Marlin Ang (left), Principal Sr. Antonella, Lorraine Moriarty, and fellow honored students.



St. Gregory's School brothers Randall (left) and Ming Williams are pictured with their mother and grandmother. Randall placed second in the SVdP essay contest, and Ming was highly commended for his art entry. They are also congratulated by SVdP's Executive Director Lorraine Moriarty, along with St. Gregory's Conference President John O'Shaughnessy.



Sequoia Healthcare District Caring Community Award

Sequoia Healthcare District recently awarded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County a \$25,000 grant to be used toward the purchase and distribution of healthy food and food vouchers through SVdP's Peninsula Family Resource Center and SVdP's Redwood City Homeless Help Center. Last year, over 10,800 South County individuals and children living in the Sequoia District were helped by SVdP. CEO Lee Michelson (right) presented Lorraine Moriarty with the grant at a June 7th awards dinner.

We Remember...

We remember those who have died and in whose memory the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has received donations between January 1, 2011 and June 1, 2011.

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