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St. Vincent de Paul receives \$25,000 grant from New Grant Program of Renton Community Foundation & First Financial Northwest Foundation Fund

(KING COUNTY) The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle has received a \$25,000 grant from the First Financial Northwest Foundation Fund through the Renton Community Foundation. St. Vincent de Paul is among the initial group of grant recipients. The grant will be used to prevent evictions, hunger, utility shut-offs and provide other basic assistance to neighbors in need in King County.

“We commend the leadership of Renton Community Foundation & the First Financial Northwest Foundation Fund for making new funds available at a time when so many organizations are cutting funding,” says Andre de Klaver, Executive Director of the Society’s Seattle/King County Council.

The Renton Community Foundation is a 501 C3 not-for-profit organization comprised of groups of charitable funds established by individual donors and local non-profit organizations, benefiting such causes as healthcare, the arts, education, youth and families, even senior emergency pet care! It serves the greater Renton area (and beyond) with over \$3 million and 40 individual funds. Their goal is to connect donors to the causes they care about most, while partnering with local charitable organizations to increase efficiencies and strengthen their ability to deliver critical services.

-Renton Community Foundation -Lynn Bohart, Executive Director, 425-282-5199 www.rentonfoundation.org

St. Vincent de Paul has 53 parish-based conferences in Seattle/King County whose members make home visits to families and individuals in need. Timely intervention during a crisis can prevent a downward spiral that devastates a family. Home visits provide the most personal way to help people, enable community connections, and make assistance accessible by removing the challenge of having to arrange transportation and childcare to seek help. St. Vincent de Paul members grow spiritually through prayer, reflection and direct service to the poor.

In addition to home visits, St. Vincent de Paul’s “Special Works” include thrift stores which recycle five million pounds of materials yearly, food banks and meal programs providing more than one million meals to the hungry and case management outreach to homeless people and ex-offenders in the Central District of Seattle.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul internationally was nominated for the 2008 Nobel Peace Prize. The Catholic lay-run charity helps the needy in 144 countries. In Seattle and King County, the Community Information Line (211) refers more people to St. Vincent de Paul than any other charity for basic needs assistance.

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