



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OF SEATTLE/KING COUNTY

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“Compassion in Action”

MEDIA ADVISORY

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DISTRIBUTING BLANKETS & COATS IN SUB-FREEZING WEATHER

(SEATTLE/KING COUNTY)—St. Vincent de Paul Society of Seattle/King County is distributing blankets and coats to help the homeless, needy families, and victims fleeing from domestic violence. Items are being distributed in Seattle, Kirkland, Duvall, Des Moines Federal Way and Auburn through its programs, local St. Vincent de Paul conferences and partner agencies.

“With freezing cold weather St. Vincent de Paul is working to provide some warmth and a little hope to neighbors and families going through difficult times,” said Andre de Klaver, Executive Director of St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle/King County.

St. Vincent de Paul is also experiencing record calls for rent, food and utility assistance from neighbors in need—up 53% over the same time last year. Every day St. Vincent de Paul volunteers in 100 groups in Western WA make home visits to prevent eviction, hunger, utility shut-off and more. Donations are welcomed at www.svdpsseattle.org, 206-957-7241 or by mail to: 5950 4th Ave. S. Seattle, WA 98108

In Seattle and King County, the Community Information Line (211) refers more people to St. Vincent de Paul for basic needs assistance than any other charity. St. Vincent de Paul’s motto is *“Compassion in Action.”*

About the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle/King County

St. Vincent de Paul is known for its home visits to the poor, community thrift stores, and food and meal programs which provide more than 1 million meals annually. In addition St. Vincent de Paul has case management outreach to homeless people and ex-offenders in the Central District of Seattle. This past year 48,000 neighbors in need called for help—a 53% increase over the prior year. More than 83,000 hours of volunteer service annually are given by generous people in our community.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul internationally was a 2008 Nobel Peace Prize nominee. The Catholic lay-run charity helps the needy in 142 countries.

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