

Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County

Annual Report of District Council

For the Fiscal year October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003



What have we done this year?

Service to People Through Conference Work

Number of Jobs Obtained	30
Number of Referrals in other Agencies	875
Number of Spiritual Aid/Sacraments	7,625
Number of Travel Aid	1,313
Number of Home Contacts	3,190
Number of Other Client Contacts	21,658
Number of Prisoner Contacts	177
Number of Patient Contacts	5,226
Home for the Aged/Daycare Contacts	7,755

Total Cases	47,841
Total People Served	30,369
Total Hours of Service	54,751

What are we about?

The mission of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County (SVdP) is to serve the needs of the disadvantaged through direct engagement with individuals and families in our communities and to nurture fellowship and spirituality in Vincentian members.

We are a 501c3 organization with roots in Conferences, leadership occurring at the Board of Trustees level, Special Project coordination through Committees, and implementation through volunteers and District Council staff.

SVdP has been at the forefront of assisting those in need in Alameda County since 1938. Programs are designed to aid the needy in virtually every corner of Alameda County including food pantries, housing referrals, clothing distribution, spiritual support and other essential services.

Conferences, a group of Vincentian members based in a Catholic parish, provide support to any member of their community in need through home visits and direct assistance.

Special Projects, administered by the District Council, have evolved over time to provide more complex services in targeted geographic areas. Current Special Projects include: Dining Room; Visitation Center for Women; Champion Guidance Center for Men.

The District Council provides support and coordinates Conference efforts as well as manages the Special Projects.

Retail Services, which consists of 5 thrifts stores, auto sales, container sales, recycling and other earned revenue ventures.

In 2002, more than 100,000 people in need received services from The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County including 400,000 meals served from the Free Dining Room. SVdP is supported through donor contributions and through its thrift stores operations where merchandise is sold or given away directly to those in need.

Who are we?

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vaughn Donahue, <i>President</i>	Peggy Doherty
Gary Flinders, <i>1st Vice President</i>	Ed Frakes
Frank Whitman, <i>2nd Vice President</i>	Bill Giammona
Bernie Murray, <i>Secretary</i>	Richard Nivens
Ross Cadenasso, <i>Treasurer</i>	Dave Nolan
Don Boufford	Richard Oakman
Warren Crecy	Donna Watson

How many Conferences are affiliated with this District Council	44
Total membership in the District	804

DISTRICT COUNCIL STAFF

Philip Arca, <i>Executive Director</i>
Kelli Zenn, <i>Director of Administration</i>
Lu Cuevas, <i>Director of Conferences/Vincentian Life</i>
Inga Lewis, <i>Executive Assistant to E.D.</i>

Active Committees: Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, Dining Room Committee, Young Adults Committee, Extension and Spirituality Committee, Voice of the Poor, Men's Champion Center Committee, Visitation Center Committee, Housing Committee, Stores Committee, ElderCare Committee, Detention Ministry Committee, Hospital Visitation Committee.



District Council of Alameda County

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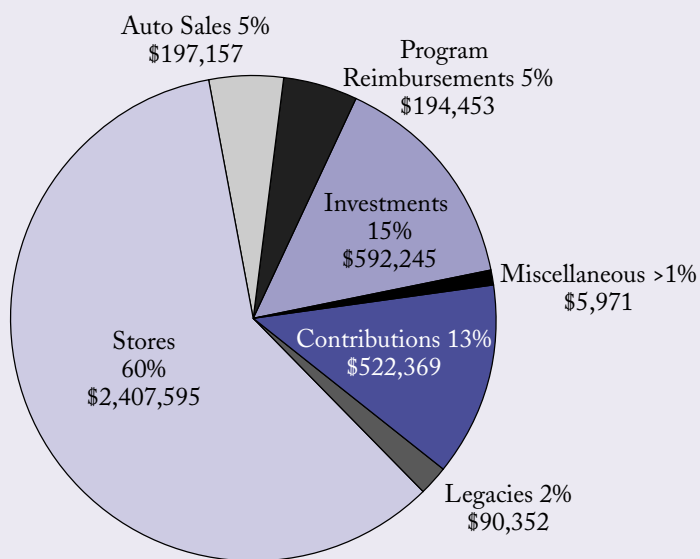
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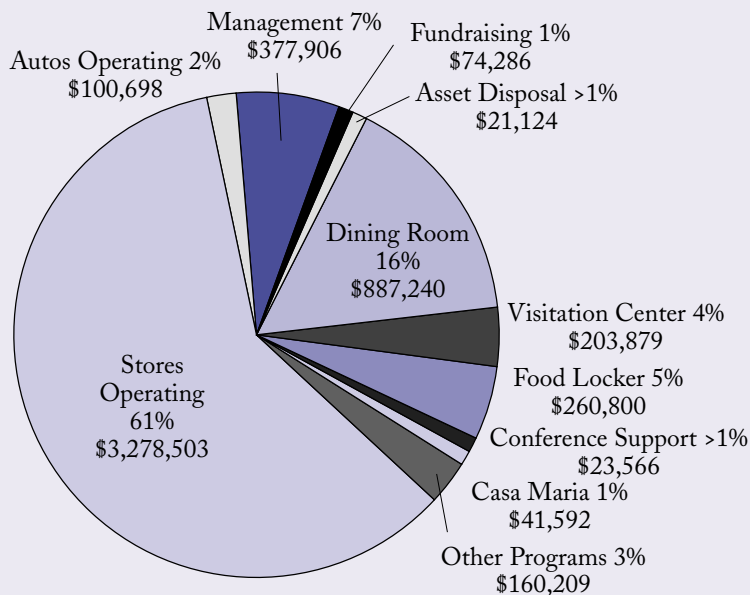
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Sources of Revenue

Total Receipts: \$4,010,142



Uses of Funds

Total Expenditures: \$5,429,803

Special Projects

St. Vincent de Paul Free Dining Room

We serve hot meals during the noontime, 7 days a week, along with "Brown Bag Lunches - To Go" at our downtown Oakland Facility. We provide meals for satellite sites at 10 locations throughout the County. This fiscal year we served over 407,300 meals.

Number of persons served during the fiscal year 407,300

Visitation Center for Women and Children

Our newly renovated Visitation Center is a day drop-in center for homeless and low-income women and children living in or near Downtown Oakland. The Center provides a place where mothers can enjoy a few moments of relative peace in a supportive environment. The Visitation Center offers a variety of services such as distributing free clothing and household goods, laundry and shower facilities, counseling, computer training, play area for children, etc.

Number of persons served during the fiscal year 16,109

Champion Guidance Center for Men

Our newly re-opened Men's Center (June 2003) is modeled after our Women's Visitation Center. We offer a variety of services: free clothing distribution, laundry and shower facilities, counseling and an area for respite from for the men living in or near the downtown Oakland area. We have recently provided the space and facilitate AA and NA meetings each week at our Center. This center is sports-themed and run by volunteers and interns under the supervisor of our Men's Center Manager.

Number of persons served during the fiscal year 1,875

SVdP Food Locker Distribution Center

Our Food Locker is located at our District Council headquarters. We served 30 out of the 44 conferences with food purchased from the SVdP food locker. The Food Locker has distributed over \$500,000 in free food to the conferences and an additional \$350,000.00 to collaborative direct service providers.

Casa Maria

We own and manage eight low-cost, affordable housing units, which are located in the same area as the Free Dining Room.

Other Project Support

- Detention Ministry (collaboration with Catholic Charities)
- Hospital Visitation - Fairmont and Veterans Hospital
- Catholic Housing Initiative - (collaboration with the Diocese of Oakland & Catholic Charities)

Other Conference Activities

National/Foreign Twinning:

- Our Lady of Guadalupe - Arizona
- St. Anthony - Rice Bowl - Philippines
- St. Catherine Laboure - Cavite, Philippines
- Tanlajas Catholic Mission - Santa Ana, Mexico

Saint Vincent de Paul stores

Alameda
2315 Lincoln Ave.
(510) 865-1109
Manager: Aida

Fremont
3777 Decoto Road
(510) 792-3711
Manager: Beth

Livermore
1817 W. 2nd St.
(925) 455-1104
Manager: Margaret

Oakland (East)
9235 San Leandro St.
(510) 636-4252
Manager: Leah

Oakland (Downtown)
2272 San Pablo Ave
(510) 834-4647
Manager: Mary