

**St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County** 2019-2020 Annual Report

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## A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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The past year has brought out the best in many of us, and St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Contra Costa County, SVdP, has adapted as never before to help our neighbors in need. For SVdP's volunteers, "Vincentians", across Contra Costa County, the COVID-19 pandemic meant adopting new safety procedures. SVdP was able to increase aid to those facing job loss, food insecurity and eviction. Our volunteers continued serving their neighbors with passion and dedication. Our Conferences, (branches) saw a large explosion of volunteerism as people across the county answered the call to help.

SVdP believes in face-to-face service. By visiting with people in their homes, we develop relationships and learn how to help comprehensively. Our Vincentians got creative during the pandemic. Home visits took place on porches and in parking lots.

SVdP could not have responded to the crisis without the commitment of our donors and community partners. Together we worked to meet the growing need. One example is SVDP's large-scale food distributions which fed over 93,000 people in 2019-2020. These events are collaborations with the Food Bank of Contra Costa/Solano, Catholic Charities of the East Bay and others — and are still being conducted today.

Some of our services had to be adapted to the new restrictions. The SVdP free dining room, a partnership with Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa, switched to offer "grab-and go" meals, and expanded service to 7 days per week. This delivery method is feeding more people than ever. Our free medical clinic, a partnership with RotaCare Bay Area, limited in-person visits due to safety concerns. Utilizing Electronic Medical Records and Telehealth in 2020, the clinic now offers remote care (video and telephone), and has resumed in-person care.

In 2020, St. Vincent de Paul found ways to adapt and serve as never before. SVdP lives by a basic philosophy: "No act of charity is foreign to the Society of SVdP." Thank you for what you did to support us. We will continue to meet the ever-changing challenges to serve people in need as we meet them with compassion and dignity.

Sincerely,

Ron Costanzo, District Council President

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# **SVdP Branches**

#### Antioch

Holy Rosary 1313 "A" Street, Antioch 94509 Contact (925) 757-0941

#### Bay Point

Our Lady Queen of the World 3155 Winterbrook Drive, Bay Point 94565 Contact (925) 458-4718

#### **Brentwood**

Immaculate Heart 500 Fairview Avenue, Brentwood 94513 Contact (925) 634-4154

#### Byron

St. Anne 2800 Camino Diablo, Byron 94514 (925) 634-6625

#### Concord

St. Agnes 3966 Chestnut Ave. Concord, CA 94519 (925) 689-0838 ext. 250

Queen of All Saints 2390 Grant Street, Concord 94520 (925) 609-5944

St. Bonaventure 5562 Clayton Road, Concord, 94521 Contact (925) 672-5800 x2234

St. Francis of Assisi 860 Oak Grove Road, Concord 94518 Contact (925) 682-5491

#### Danville

St. Isidore 440 La Gonda Way, Danville 94526 Contact (925) 837-2122

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#### **El Cerrito**

St. Jerome 308 Carmel Avenue, El Cerrito 94530 Contact (510) 525-0876

St. John the Baptist
11150 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito 94530 Contact (510) 232-5959 x5

#### El Sobrante

St. Callistus 3580 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, 94803 Contact (510) 243-7501

#### Martinez

St. Catherine of Siena 1100 Estudillo St., Martinez 94553 Contact (925) 228-2230

#### Moraga

St. Monica 1001 Camino Pablo, Moraga 94556 Contact (925) 376-6900

#### Oakley

St. Anthony 971 O'Hara Ave, Oakley, CA 94561 Contact (925) 325-7424

#### **Pinole**

St. Joseph 2100 Pear Street, Pinole 94564 Contact (510) 691-1813

#### Pittsburg

Good Shepherd 3200 Harbor St., Pittsburg 94565 Contact (925) 432-6404 x25

St. Peter Martyr 740 Black Diamond Street, Pittsburg, 94565 Contact (925) 432-4771

#### Pleasant Hill

Christ the King 199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill, 94523 Contact (925) 682-2486

#### Richmond

St. David of Wales 5641 Esmond Avenue Richmond, CA 94805 Contact (510) 778-5576

St. Mark's 159 Harbor Way, Richmond 94801 Contact (510) 234-1495

Our Lady of Mercy 301 W. Richmond Ave, Pt. Richmond, CA 94801 Contact (510) 232-1843

#### Rodeo

St. Patrick 825 Seventh Street, Rodeo 94572 Contact (510) 799-4406 Parish Office – ask for SVdP

#### San Pablo

St. Paul's 1845 Church Lane, San Pablo 94806 Contact (510) 232-5931 x231

#### San Ramon

St. Joan of Arc 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd, 94583 Contact (925) 830-0600 x4

#### **Walnut Creek**

St. John Vianney 1650 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek 94598 Contact (925) 939-7911 x 110

St. Mary's I 201 Alpine Road, Walnut Creek 94596 Contact (925) 935-2817

St. Stephen
525 Madonna Lane, Walnut Creek 94596 Contact (925) 939-3826

# 2019-2020: SVdP's Response to the Pandemic

The need for emergency assistance has grown considerably in the East Bay, with many people seeking aid for the first time. Since April 2020, SVdP hosted over 30 large-scale food distributions feeding over 93,000 people.

These distributions continue, thanks to the generosity of our donors and the dedication of our volunteers.

The pandemic presented a great challenge for those without health insurance, and SVdP has been able to provide free medical services at the RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic at St.Vincent de Paul.We are proud to have been able to provide face-to-face healthcare to the underserved and uninsured.

As many lost work during the pandemic, many families faced eviction. SVdP has provided over \$990,000 in direct-aid, mostly rental assistance to those who have struggled - keeping families housed.

Along with rental assistance, our free dining room provided thousands with hot meals.

Although our neighbors were forced out of work, we have been here every step of the way to get them back on their feet.

#### **SVdP SERVICES**

29 Branches

752 Volunteers

70,516 Volunteer Hours

18 Food Pantries

Housing/Emergency
Assistance

Family Resource Center - Pittsburg

Free Medical Care
Free Dental Care
Auto Assist. Program
Paid Job Training
Free Food Pantry
Free Dining Room

3 Thrift Stores

Clothing/Furniture
Assistance

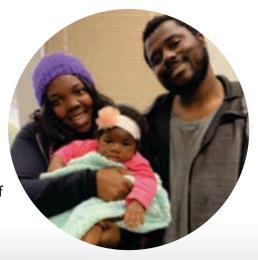
#### SERVING THE COMMUNITY

## HOW WE SERVE IN CONTRA COSTA

Through volunteerism and donations, we have been able to support our community for over 57 years. At St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County, we pride ourselves on being able to assist those in our community who need support. St. Vincent de Paul supports neighbors in need through the dedication of our 752 volunteers who operate from our 29 branches throughout the county, the Family Resource Center in Pittsburg, and three thrift stores.

#### **OUR IMPACT**

Inspired by Gospel values, we strive to build a more just world through personal relationships and service to people in need. The generosity of our donors and volunteers has continued to help as health and economic inequalities have hit our most vulnerable neighbors. St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County has delivered over \$1 Million of direct aid and \$1.7 Million of in-kind aid.



## **SVdP Impact**

21

Number of annual participants in the Workforce Development Program

80%

The percentage of participants that are placed in positions of employment

## Workforce Development

The program helps participants overcome barriers and find gainful employment.

The Workforce Development Program focuses on giving individuals experiencing barriers to employment the skills necessary to be successful in the workplace. Participants learn "how to fish," and provide for themselves and their families.

Volunteer community mentors help participants develop interview and life skills to find and keep gainful employment.

## Meet James

Finding

Employment



James joined the Workforce Development Program after a run-in with law enforcement. The program successfully helped him turn his life around in a positive way and keep a steady job.

"St. Vincent de Paul was kind of a last chance effort for me," James said. "I was looking at prison, I thought it was the end of my story.

They showed me I was just on the wrong path." - James

## Housing Assistance

During 2019-2020, there has been an explosion of need in regards to housing assistance.

With thousands out of work and unable to pay their rent, people in need of assistance turned to St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County.

SVdP works closely with renters and landlords to provide emergency housing and rental assistance, and from 2019-2020, we have helped more families & provided more housing assistance than ever before.

Lisa, a landlord, owns two beautiful homes in Pittsburg.

Due to a fire and COVID-19 restrictions, she found
herself homeless and living in her car
during the pandemic.

"I'm so grateful for all the kindness SVdP has shown me, knowing there are people helping is a relief" - Lisa

## **SVdP Impact**

1,800+

The number of people helped with housing assistance in 2019-2020

\$1,000,000+

The amount of direct aid, mostly housing assistance, distributed in 2019-2020, allowing families to stay in their homes



### **Meet Lisa**

Hope and Help to Find Housing

## **SVdP Impact**

93,000+

People fed at our large-scale, drive-through food distributions

\$1,497,935
Value of food distributed by our 18
neighborhood food pantries

# Feeding the Community Distributions & Pantries

As pandemic restrictions tightened and people in Contra Costa County lost their jobs, hunger became a quickly growing issue across the County. SVdP responded in a number of ways to make sure our neighbors did not go hungry.

Our 18 food pantries across the county never stopped helping their neighbors in need, and in April 2020, SVdP started hosting large-scale food distributions, which continue today.

## Meet Victor and Rosa-Maria

Feeding Our Neighbors



Victor and Rosa-Maria experienced job loss during the pandemic. Worried about how they would feed their family, they began attending SVdP food distributions.

"I'm usually the person donating to causes. I've never needed help before now. It is very difficult and humbling to ask for help." - Victor

# Free Dining Room

Hunger is a growing issue in Contra Costa County. At St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County, we have multiple ways of addressing this need and feeding our neighbors in the community.

SVdP's free dining room, a partnership with Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa provides hot meals to the hungry from SVdP's Family Resource Center in Pittsburg, CA.

## **SVdP Impact**

1,500+

The number of people served in the free dining room in 2019-2020

50,000

The number of hot meals served in SVdP's free dining room, in parternship with Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa

Jason Lucero lost his job as a plumber when the pandemic shutdowns went into effect. He said he is grateful for SVdP's free dining room, as they provide enough food to help him get by each day.

"Things are just easier when hunger isn't an issue" - Jason



## Meet Jason

Keeping Our Neighbors Fed

## **SVdP Impact**

670

Number of uninsured individuals provided with free medical care

**8 | 6**The number of patient visits provided

## Healing Our Neighbors RotaCare Free Medical Clinic

If 2020 taught us anything, it's that everyone deserves access to medical care. The Rota Care Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul, a partnership with Rota Care Bay Area, provides face-to-face and Telehealth medical visits for uninsured adults in Contra Costa County.

During the recent pandemic, our patients found comfort in knowing that they had free access to the clinic when it was needed the most.

## Meet Francisca

Finding Care



Francisca, a mother of two, began feeling dizzy & sick, but did not have medical insurance. She was worried about providing for her children. She was relieved when she found the free medical clinic at St. Vincent de Paul.

With Electronic Medical Records & Telehealth implemented, the clinic now provides medical visits via video and in-person

## 2019 - 2020 SVdP Financials

