

*Providing Hope*



*2006*

**St. Vincent de Paul (1580-1660), believed  
that only love for our fellow man could  
open the way to a new and better world.**



**It is in this spirit that we pursue our mission to be a good neighbor, not only lending a friendly hand when help is needed, but teaching others to help themselves.**

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide charity organization  
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*St. Vincent de Paul Salvage Bureau*  
*St. Thomas Conference*

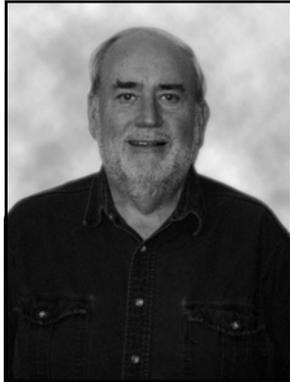
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## Messages from the Board of Directors President & Executive Director

Your local St. Vincent de Paul continues to help people in need throughout Kootenai County. I encourage you to peruse this annual report to learn more about the many facets of your community's St. Vinnies, which has been in business since 1946, under the sponsorship of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

We are here to assist those in need and to teach them how to help themselves. While our principal focus is on various forms of housing assistance, we also provide outreach in many other ways, as the following pages demonstrate. Through our employees, our volunteers and our patrons, we serve the needy in our county on a daily basis. We cannot be successful without your continued support. We appreciate your donations of clothing and household goods, and your patronage of our Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls stores.

Our community's help is essential, and for your continued support, we are eternally grateful.



*Michael*  
Mike Anderson  
Board President

2006 was another successful year here at St. Vincent de Paul. Much of that success happened only because we continue to receive your generous contributions of time, money, and quality donations. Thank you to all who have given to and supported our organization. You have not only helped us, but you have helped many people in need achieve great things in their lives.



Although it was with regret that we said goodbye to our Board President of six years, Mr. John O'Brien. He was a dedicated volunteer with a big heart. Whenever a problem arose, he took it in stride and believed "the Chief" would take care of us. He was truly a calming force for myself and staff and provided much expertise to our Board of Directors and our organization as a whole. We thank him for all his commitment and hard work!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynn Peterson".

Lynn Peterson  
Executive Director

## 2006 Board of Directors St. Thomas Conference

St. Vincent de Paul is fortunate to have many caring and knowledgeable people who donate their time and skills to our organization. Included in these volunteers are men and women who serve on our various boards. These volunteers, with their invaluable expertise, help us make better policies, sound planning strategies, as well as help us maintain the financial stability we need to remain successful in the future.

### Conference Board

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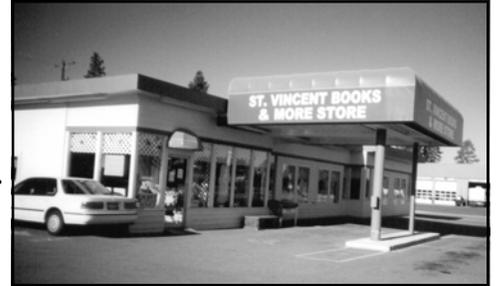
John O'Brien, President  
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### Art on the Edge Board

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Kristi Rietze, Member

## 2006 Year in Review

In 2006, both our thrift stores, Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls, generated a combined total of \$1,282,935.50 in gross revenue which was a slight increase over 2005. Besides this revenue, we also were able to give over \$50,000 worth of quality donated goods back to people experiencing the most need in our community.



Our thrift stores saw some change this past year. After more than sixteen years as the Coeur d'Alene Thrift Store Manager, Margaret Lightfoot, retired. There was also a change in management at the Post Falls store. Denise Braden, another long-time store employee, took over the manager position and now oversees both stores. Merchandise increased on the sales floors and even the front counter at the Coeur d'Alene store moved, leaving the store feeling more open and inviting.

Located in the front of our Men's Emergency Shelter is St. Vincent's small Social Service Office, which helps thousands of clients each and every year with information, service referrals, as well as emergency and homeless prevention services. Over 6,400 people received assistance for rent, utilities, medical emergencies, and household goods and 348 meals were given away through our Social Service Office in 2006. As part of our Emergency Shelter Program, another 19,000 meals were served in our two shelters through Social Services. 2006 also saw the start of our soup kitchen, Bologna Bob's. Started by one of our men's shelter managers, and using food from the local food bank, we started providing evening-time meals several nights a week to both emergency shelter guests, transitional housing residents, and even our surrounding neighborhood. Word quickly spread about the great food being served at Bologna Bob's so we made it available to everyone needing a delicious and nutritious meal. Soon, a Sunday morning breakfast started to be served, and by the end of 2006, almost 5,600 meals had been served, all for free!



Always willing to help, our Social Service Office services are free for low-income and homeless clients in need of assistance. It is run solely on generous community donations, volunteers' time and skills, grants, and proceeds for our two thrift stores.

For individuals and families that are already homeless, St. Vincent de Paul owns and

## 2006 Year in Review



operates two short-term emergency shelters as well as longer-term transitional housing. Unfortunately, in programs where we like to see a decrease in client intake, our shelter programs continued to see many people experiencing a housing crisis. Over the past year we provided **XX bednights** to 286 men, 248 women, and 149 children in both our emergency shelters and transitional housing. over the course of the year.

While most of our existing programs remained consistent, there was one change in 2006 with our Transitional Housing Program. At the start of the year, we owned four transitional housing facilities; however, one of these properties, St. Vincent's Gateway, was located in Wallace, Idaho, almost 50 miles east of our transitional housing administrative offices. This distance, and the "retirement" of our volunteer manager for Gateway, made it hard to provide the needed services t to residents hat make this program successful. After much discussion, it was decided by the Board of Directors that St. Vincent's would be better served by selling this property. With the sale, the grant that was received to originally acquire this property was paid back to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle and a long-term CD was purchased with the balance of funds, allowing us to build interest on this money until we can reinvest it into more housing programs.



For our Affordable Housing Program, we continue to own and operate 48 units of senior/disabled apartments and 22 units of family housing, and managing another 20 senior units in Post Falls. However, with the need still strong for more lower-income apartments in Kootenai County, we began the purchase process on the first of three sections of the Ross Point Apartments in Post Falls in the fall of 2006. These units were scheduled to expire from the Rural Development 515 affordable housing program and would have been sold to a developer for condominiums. The total Ross Point property consists of three sections of 24-unit apartments each, which we also plan to acquire in the future. This first sale is possible through a transfer of the existing Rural Development loan along with a HOME loan through Idaho Housing and Finance Association.



## Overview of Programs

**Thrift Stores:** St. Vincent de Paul's Coeur d'Alene Thrift Store and St. Vincent's Books & More Store in Post Falls accept and use donations of quality used items, recycling them back to the community and using the proceeds to fund our various social service programs. Thousands of used clothing, furniture, and other household goods are reused and kept out of our local landfill.

**Social Services:** As the starting point for our housing programs, our Social Service Office provides individuals and families with basic needs such as: clothing, blankets and household goods, emergency food, transportation assistance, personal hygiene items, short-term assistance with rent and utilities, as well as acts as a information and referral service.

**Emergency Shelter:** For people experiencing an immediate housing crisis, St. Vincent de Paul owns and operates two emergency shelters, one for men and one for women and children. The shelters are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and guests are allowed to stay up to 30 days. Guests have up to 7 days to find employment and must remain drug and alcohol free. Two meals a day are provided to the homeless staying in our shelters.

**Transitional Housing:** Transitional housing is available for up to 2 years and provides a more stable, structured living environment so residents may learn how to become self-sufficient. There are facilities available for individuals or for families only and all residents are expected to participate in case management meetings, life skills classes, and remain drug and alcohol free. Residents must also have a steady, verifiable source of income.

**Affordable Rental Housing:** We offer subsidized, low-income apartments for senior/disabled clients as well as families and individuals in Post Falls, Tensed, Plummer, and Clark Fork, Idaho. Applicants must meet income limits established by federal regulations.

**Bologna Bob's:** St. Vincent de Paul's "soup kitchen" provides healthy, delicious dinners for free to anyone within the community that needs a good meal.

**Art on the Edge:** A free art program for all youth ages 6-18 where they are given the opportunity to express themselves through different art processes. Provides classes after school as well as a summer camp and various other activities throughout the year.

**Child Care Food Program:** A program of the USDA, we work with daycare providers to ensure they offer meals and snacks that provide the vitamins and minerals children need by providing reimbursement for the cost of food.

**X-Cel:** A tutoring and mentoring club for the children staying at our Transitional Housing Center.

**Fashions For Your Future:** A two hour free class that gives women entering or reentering the workforce the resources they need to get off on the right foot with a potential employer. Each participant receives interview tips and career counseling as well as free cosmetics (along with advice on how to use them) and up to \$100 in free clothing from our stores.

**Legal Link:** A weekly clinic where clients who need legal assistance but cannot afford it may receive free legal consultations by local attorneys who volunteer their time and expertise.

## Some Client Successes

Here's just a sampling of the many successes our clients have experienced over the course of 2006 while using our services and housing:

- \* When one of our veteran tenants moved into our Kamps Transitional Housing, he had been recently divorced, was still in school, and found himself without a home. His son, a severely autistic nine-year-old boy was not receiving the help he needed. When they moved in, he and his ex-wife agreed to share custody so they could each further their own lives. While he was at St. Vincent's, he finished his degree and found a great job in Kellogg. He was also able to save enough money with the help from us and the VA to move into a great apartment in Wallace.
- \* Coming to us with a few outstanding fines in others states, having no license, and in the middle of technical school, a mother and her son moved into one of our transitional housing facilities. After about a year, she has finished all but three of her school tests, has paid off her fines, is now a legal driver in Idaho, and now ready to move on to more permanent housing.
- \* Another client came to us for shelter with a past history of drug use, possession charges, and jail time. She had her four children taken away by the state and was on probation. She faithfully met with her probation officer, case manager, and attended drug and alcohol counseling. In just a little over a year, she regained custody of her children, completed her probation, and left our program to move into a permanent place of her own.



# St. Vincent de Paul Financials

## December 31, 2006

### Statement of Financial Position:

#### ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 176,022
Prepaid expenses	6,118
Accounts receivable:	
Grants	87,509
Note receivable:	200,000
Total current assets	469,649
Other noncurrent assets:	
Restricted deposits:	
Reserve accounts	178,376
Security deposits	16,335
Total restricted assets	194,711
Investments	8,612
Land, building, and equipment:	
Land	574,899
Building	4,828,635
Loan fees	12,156
(net of accumulated amortization of \$4,350)	
Equipment	341,847
	5,757,537
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,572,340)
Total land, building and equipment	4,185,197
Total assets	4,858,169
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	14,110
Accrued liabilities	56,069
Accrued payroll	20,746
Current portion of long-term debt	107,598
Total current liabilities	198,523
Restricted liabilities:	
Security deposits	16,335
Long-term debt, less current portion	3,683,583
Total liabilities	3,898,441
Net assets:	
Unrestricted	959,728
Total net assets	959,728
Total liabilities and net assets	\$4,858,169

### Statement of Activities:

#### UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Support:	
Store sales	\$ 1,284,379
Less: cost of sales	(12,644)
Net sales	1,271,735
Businesses, estates and individual donations	131,042
Federal financial assistance	1,060,122
State financial assistance	130,922
Churches	9,333
Interest	12,556
Rental income	201,740
Management fees	24,026
Program income	13,887
Fundraising	13,393
Gain on sale of asset	99,395
Miscellaneous	58,061
Total unrestricted support	3,026,212
Expenses:	
Program services:	
Social services	254,112
Kamps transitional housing	52,190
Transitional housing	256,619
Store	1,158,964
Childcare food program	482,640
Low income housing and development	499,574
Special lodging	34,423
Star Haven Transition Housing	78,726
Supporting services:	
Management and general	38,378
Total expenses	2,855,626
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	170,586
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	846,631
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	(57,489)
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 959,728
Audited results by Magnuson, McHugh & Company, P.A.	

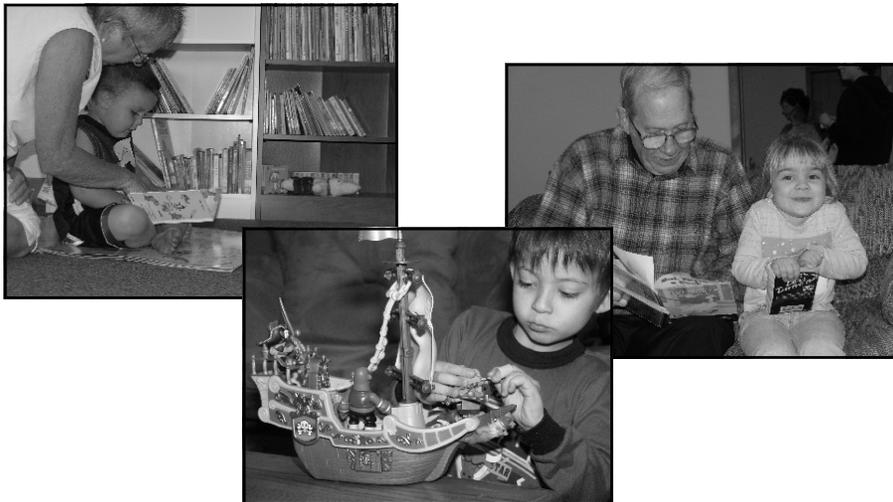
# A Very Special Thank You...

All of us at St. Vincent de Paul would like to extend a special thank you to our

**Grantors, Donors, Volunteers, and Supporters**

for giving their time, talents, and financial donations this past year. It is only through this generosity that we are able to continue serving our local community with needed social services to our low-income and homeless clients, giving us the opportunity to provide empowerment and hope to those most in need.

**You make our organization what it is!**



**St. Vincent de Paul cannot survive  
without community support.**

We encourage you to:

- ◆ Shop in our stores.
- ◆ Donate household goods, money, food, and clothing.
- ◆ Share your time and talents as a volunteer.
- ◆ Remember our clients when you speak with local and state policy makers.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store  
108 E. Walnut  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814  
208-664-3095

Post Falls Books and More Store  
210 W. Seltice  
Post Falls, ID 83854  
208-773-6836

St. Vincent de Paul believes in personal, compassionate involvement  
without judgement or regard to race, nationality, or religious preference.

Questions regarding this annual report  
can be directed to St. Vincent de Paul's  
Executive Director at 208-664-3095.

If you or your group would like a tour of our facility, please call 664-3095 to arrange a date.