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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TO SPONSOR LOCAL HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS EVENTS FOR FIFTH YEAR

St. Vincent de Paul in Coeur d'Alene is sponsoring its fifth annual week of events as part of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, which runs the 11th through the 17th of November. To kick off the week, the Knights of Columbus are helping by hosting a "Dinner by Donation" on Saturday, November 10, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., with the proceeds going directly to St. Vincent programs that help people in need. The dinner, which is being held at the St. Thomas Center located at 10th and Indiana in Coeur d'Alene, will feature a delicious spaghetti meal, information on St. Vincent programs, dinner entertainment, and gift basket raffles.

Other scheduled events:

- a Candlelight Vigil on Monday, November 12 at 5:30 p.m. in front of St. Vincent's Coeur d'Alene Thrift Store.
- St. Vincent de Paul tours from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to on Tuesday, November 13 at the Coeur d'Alene Thrift Store.
- an open house from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at St. Vincent's Transitional Housing Center at 1425 N. 1st in Coeur d'Alene will be held on Wednesday, November 14.
- "Dare to Bare the Cold" is sponsored by Lake City High School's Key Club and will be held on Thursday, November 15. Students who choose to participate will sleep outside to experience what it would be like to be homeless.

Also for the first two weeks in November, donation boxes will be placed in local area businesses to collect non-perishable food and personal care items for St. Vincent de Paul homeless shelters.

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, co-sponsored by National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger & Homelessness, is a national endeavor to promote education, action, and awareness about hunger and homelessness.

For more information, please call St. Vincent de Paul at 208-664-3095.

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Please see the attached flyers regarding these events. Thank you!