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### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL RECEIVES \$3,000 GRANT FROM THE J.A. & KATHRYN ALBERTSON FOUNDATION EDUCATION FUND IN THE IDAHO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

St. Vincent de Paul announced it has recently received a grant for \$3,000 from the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation Education Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation. This grant will be used to support general costs associated with its X-CEL program.

St. Vincent de Paul's X-CEL program is an after-school homework and tutoring club for homeless and at-risk youth to receive educational guidance and mentoring. The goal is to offer these children a positive, safe learning environment that engages them in academic achievement and increases their self-esteem. A strong emphasis is placed on the development of reading and writing skills by using literacy games and activities, which enhance and build literate students. Periodic fieldtrips are also arranged, both as learning tools and rewards for excellence.

Idaho Community Foundation's mission is "to enrich life's quality throughout Idaho." The Foundation does not define what that means, but invites communities across the state to submit grant applications and describe what is needed to make life better for the people in their area. To achieve their mission, the Foundation gathers funds from donors, helping them achieve their philanthropic objectives; grows the funds over time through a sound investment process; and grants the funds for a broad variety of philanthropic projects statewide.

Grantmaking from Idaho Community Foundation began in 1991 with a total of \$164,033 distributed. In their first twelve years of making distributions, over \$20 million was distributed to a wide variety of philanthropic projects.

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