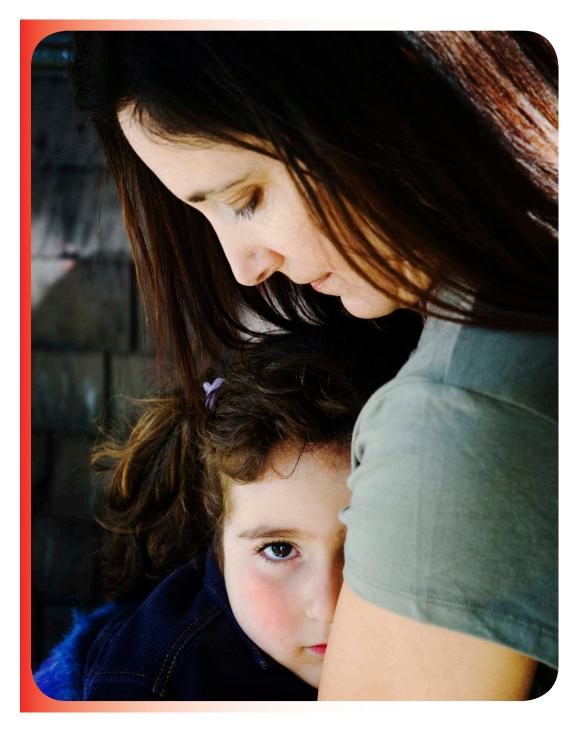
### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF MARIN COUNTY

# "You helped us."





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### You care for them.

Who cares about the infant, whose only home is the back seat of a car? Who worries about the elderly man who lives in a storage container? Who hurts for the businesswoman whose cancer diagnosis makes her terrified of becoming homeless?

#### You do.

In these eight pages live children who are no longer hungry, veterans who are no longer homeless, addicts who are living safe and sober lives, and thousands of others who no longer suffer, because you care about them.

For each dollar that you send, 93 cents goes directly to ending the cycle of hunger, homelessness, unemployment and poverty for people in Marin County.

Last year, your generosity changed the lives of 16,000 people in Marin. And there's more that you can do. When you fill out the enclosed envelope today, your gift will have a direct, positive impact on someone else who is **experiencing crisis right now.** 

Please give as generously as you can. I thank you for helping, for advocating, for supporting and for encouraging. **But most of all, I thank you for caring.** 

With heartfelt gratitude,

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Susan E. Daniloff

**President, Board of Directors** 

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## "You changed my fate."



When Mason joined the U.S. Military, he did so with pride. He never thought he'd end up back in the U.S., homeless and living on the streets like so many other veterans. He was deeply distressed to think that this was his fate. But you changed all that. When Mason asked the St. Vincent de Paul Society for help, your support meant that we could give him a job. And thanks to you, he spent his nights safely indoors for two winters at our Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (REST) program, saving his

money and getting his dreams back. This winter, Mason moved to Utah, found an affordable apartment and the promise of a new life, because you care.

"You even paid my way to Utah, so I could spend my savings on a rental deposit instead of a bus ticket. You did what no one else could do; you got this veteran off the streets for good!"

- 70% of the Society's current employees came to us first because they needed help. Thanks to you, we offered them a job and hope for a better future.
- Approximately 25% of those served in our REST shelter program are military veterans.

## "You fed me."



Darren and his wife both work full time, but paying for housing and food in Marin County is a constant struggle. When the end of the month comes, this young family is always grateful to know that they can eat as much as they need at the free dining room. The food is nutritious, and there is enough for everyone who needs it, because you care.

"Providing for my family is the most important thing in my life. I am grateful to know that my kids will always have enough to eat, even when times are really hard."

- The Free Dining Room served 201,681 meals.
- The Free Dining Room received donated food valued at \$1,136,215.

## "You listened to me."



Shana was 27 and thought she was all alone. She was exhausted trying to support herself and her baby with her office job. Then her hours at work were cut, and she had no way to pay her rent. Thankfully, Shana's neighbor told her to call the Society for help.

Answering her call, our home visit volunteers went to her apartment and saw Shana's eviction notice. Because of your generosity, our volunteers were able to pay her landlord that very day. You paid a month of Shana's rent, giving her enough time to secure an extra shift at work and stabilize her income. Today, Shana and her baby continue to live safely in their little apartment, because you care.

"Life still isn't easy, but every day I'm thankful to you for helping me and my daughter stay in our apartment and not get evicted. You are strangers, but you're the only family I could call."

- You helped the Society conduct 2,088 home visits.
- 33% of the people we help through our home visits program are children.

## "You cared for me."



Maureen grew up where preventive dental care was not emphasized or available. Unable to afford insurance over the years, she developed severe problems with her teeth. In constant pain, she hoped to get some help from the county dental clinic. She learned the treatment was too expensive. Her income barely covered her rent, utilities and food. Maureen panicked. Soon after, good news awaited her at the clinic: Maureen was told that the Society's donors might help. And that's what you did. Today, Maureen is awaiting dentures and living pain-free for the first time in two years, because you care.

"The people at St. Vincent's were so nice. When they told me that yes, their donors could help me, I actually started crying. I was embarrassed but so happy."

- You helped assist 44 vulnerable people with their critical dental needs.
- You provided prescription medicine aid to 78 people.

## "You rescued me."



Frankie was living a dead-end life, drinking away his depression and living under a freeway in Marin. When he received a ticket for drinking in public, Frankie came to the Society's Community Court, where a Marin Superior Court judge told him that he was out of options and it was time to change his life for good. He was sentenced to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and mandated to stay away from his friends who drink. Frankie told the judge that he would do as she directed. Six months later, Frankie is still attending his meetings and has not received any more tickets, because you care.

"You helped me get sober for me this time. Your court gave me another chance to do things right, and I'm proud to say I am a different man today."

 More than 500 people received a "second chance" at a better life as a result of attending the Society's Community Court.

### "You took me off the streets."

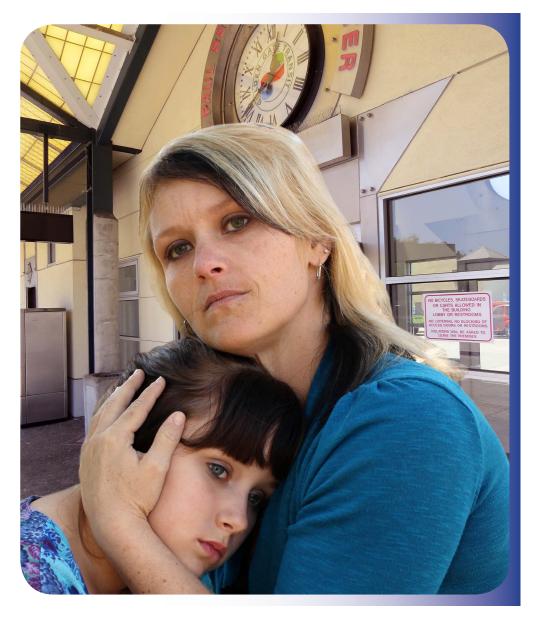


Kristin and Charlie are a married couple who both lost their jobs during the summer. After depleting their savings, they gave their landlord notice but had no idea what to do next. Kristin grew up in Marin and never thought she would be homeless. She and Charlie arrived at our REST shelter program with trepidation, but soon felt welcome and safe. They both slept well at night and looked for jobs during the day. After three months of REST, Kristin and Charlie found jobs and were soon back on their feet. Today, this young couple has a place to live without ever having to spend a night homeless on Marin's streets, because you care.

"You did not judge us; you just helped us. The amazing thing is that once we went to the Society's REST program, we didn't feel ashamed anymore. I don't like to think about what would have happened without your help."

- 93 women and 279 men received shelter this year in our REST program.
- 42 congregations and civic groups volunteered to make this program a success.

### Will you help more people like Janelle?



When Janelle left an abusive marriage, she went to a domestic violence shelter that helped her find an affordable, safe place to live. However, she needed a rental deposit in order to move in. Janelle panicked. She did not have the rental deposit money; she was all on her own, with nowhere to turn. Janelle came to the Society, desperate for guidance. You answered her call that day. You helped Janelle with her rental deposit and bought new beds for her children to sleep comfortably in their new home, because you care.

"You gave me the one thing I needed to give my children – a safe life. I don't know how you do it, but I do know that there are a lot of people who are like me, and who are praying for an angel like you."

Will you help someone who, like Janelle, is facing a crisis in Marin County today?

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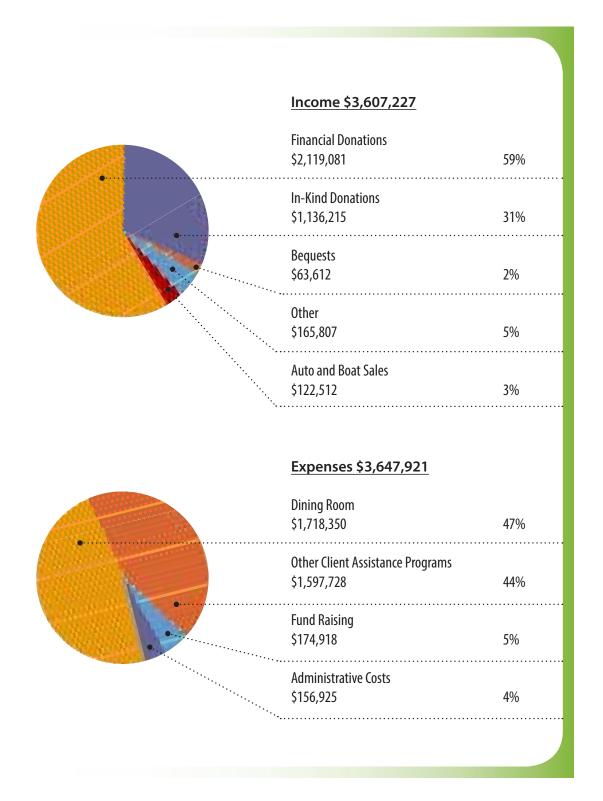
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