



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
SOCIETY OF MARIN

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June 2021

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2020 is finally behind us, and it is time to look forward and celebrate the incredible accomplishments of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Marin during this unprecedented pandemic. This year marks Vinnie's 75<sup>th</sup> year of service to the most vulnerable among us in Marin. It is our 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee – now that is something to celebrate! Please join us on **Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021** for our annual gala, Pennies from Heaven, at the exclusive Meadow Club in Fairfax.

Last year, St. Vincent de Paul Society made quick pivots to continue serving our clients during the pandemic. We served 548 meals per day, seven days a week – that is **200,000 meals last year** for hungry families in Marin, and we did not close our food kitchen a single day!

In 2020, Vinnie's distributed more than **\$1 million** for emergency rental assistance to prevent homelessness, and we assisted **50** homeless people with financial support to "return home" to housing in other areas. In the last five years, SVdP, along with our Marin collaborative, has permanently housed **329** chronically homeless individuals and they are remaining housed at a **94% success rate**, higher than the national average of 85%.

**This year, one of our key goals is to end veteran homelessness in Marin.** We know we can do this! Together, we are ending hunger, poverty, homelessness, and isolation for struggling children, adults, and seniors in Marin.

With these goals in mind, we look forward to reconnecting with you at our **75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee** edition of **Pennies from Heaven**. As you peruse our silent auction, enjoy fine wine and spirits tasting, a caviar bar by **The Caviar Co.**, as well as passed hors d'oeuvres. Our gourmet dinner will be paired with award winning **Emeritus Wines** and **Peter Paul Wines**. Our carefully curated live auction promises to feature unique experiences, both local and abroad. After dinner, enjoy our fabulous **Telford's Cigar & Cognac Lounge** and dancing.

We are thrilled to announce our grand sponsors to date: **The Saul Zaentz Foundation, Brice Cutrer Jones/Emeritus Wines, Harbor Point Foundation, Peter Paul/Headlands Foundation, Isobel Wiener/Sotheby's, Kenneth Frank Accountancy & Valley Memorial.**

To ensure that your generosity is recognized in our event invitation, event program, printed materials, our website and social media, please respond by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Thank you very much; we are incredibly grateful for your steadfast support.

Please be assured that the health, safety and wellbeing of our benefactors, clients and staff is of the utmost importance to us. We will be following Marin County COVID guidelines, and safety protocols will be in place for Pennies. We are SO excited to finally be able to gather in person – see you at Pennies from Heaven for our Diamond Jubilee! We are so proud of our work....

With gratitude,

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