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Dear Friend,

April 2026

We warmly invite you to join us for St. Vincent de Paul's signature gala, Pennies from Heaven, on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at the exclusive Meadow Club in Fairfax. This year, we celebrate a significant milestone—our 80th anniversary serving Marin County. We would be honored if you would consider sponsoring our event, as we commemorate eight decades of compassion, dignity, and hope.

Since 1946, the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Marin has provided essential safety net services to those experiencing poverty and homelessness in our community. What began as a volunteer effort offering meals and emergency aid has evolved into a comprehensive organization that provides rental assistance, housing navigation, and wraparound services. Every day, we meet individuals in need of a helping hand and because of your support, we offer them the hope, encouragement, and resources they require.

For the last forty-seven years, SVDP has been serving 200,000 free, warm, and nutritious meals annually to our hungry neighbors. In 2025, we distributed more than \$1.1 million in rental assistance and direct aid to prevent homelessness. We also successfully housed 145 families, individuals, and veterans, as well as seventeen chronically homeless individuals. Through our Marin collaborative, since 2016, we have housed more than 950 chronically homeless individuals at a housing retention rate of 95%, saving hospitals and taxpayers millions annually. Our commitment to this cause remains ambitious, and your generous sponsorship is crucial in continuing this life-changing work, especially as first-time homelessness rises among seniors. Your support provides hope and security when it is most needed.

With these goals in mind, we look forward to hosting you at Pennies. As you peruse our fabulous silent auction, we invite you to enjoy fine wines and spirits, our Hog Island Oyster bar and passed Hors d'oeuvres. Our beautifully curated live auction promises to feature unique experiences, both local and abroad! After dinner, enjoy our Telford's Cigar Lounge and dancing. Pennies is an elegant evening voted "Best Nonprofit Gala in Marin"!

We are thrilled to announce our grand sponsors to date, including Bank of Marin, Marin Community Foundation, BioMarin, Harbor Point Charitable Foundation, Richard and Linda Tarrant, Rich and Jean Gallagher, Valley Oak Wealth Management, and Sharon and Greg Doyle.

For many years, Pennies from Heaven has been voted the "Best Nonprofit Charity Gala in Marin" by both Marin Magazine and the Marin IJ's Readers' Choice Awards. This year, SVDP was voted "Best Nonprofit Organization in Marin," "Best Food Assistance for Food Insecure," "Best Homeless Support Services." We take immense pride in our work, and we so value your partnership.

To ensure that your generous support is recognized in our event invitation and collateral materials, please respond by May 15, 2026. Last year our event sold out in weeks! Thank you for being a vital part of our mission.

Warm regards,

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