



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

THE SOCIETY WORKS NOT ONLY TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF THE POOR AND SUFFERING BUT ALSO TO ADDRESS THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF THESE MISFORTUNES AND PROVIDE LONG TERM SOLUTIONS.

AT THE HEART OF THE SOCIETY ARE THE LAY WOMEN AND MEN WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME, TALENT AND ENGERGY SERVING THE NEEDY THROUGH ITS MANY PROGRAMS SUCH AS:

FREE DINING ROOM

THE DINING ROOM HAS SERVED OVER SIX MILLION HOT AND NUTRITIOUS MEALS SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 1976 TO THE LOCAL HOMELESS AND POOR. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS EACH YEAR SERVE MEALS ON A ONE-ON-ONE BASIS. BROWN BAG SUPPERS ARE PREPARED FOR SENIORS. THE SATELITE DINING ROOM PREPARES AND DELIVERS MEALS TO EIGHT OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE EAST BAY. THE HELP DESK PROVIDES CLOTHING, FOOD LODGING AND AN UPDATED LIST OF RESOURCES FOR THE NEEDY.

THE VISITATION CENTER

THE VISITATION CENTER PROVIDES A PLACE FOR MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN TO TAKE A SHOWER, DO LAUNDRY, AND ENJOY A PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE OFF THE STREET. THE CENTER ALSO PROVIDES A REFFERAL OFFICER WHO PROVIDES DIRECTION IN CRITICAL PROGRAMS SUCH AS HEADSTART, CHILD CARE, CLOTHING & HOUSING, AND DRUG ADDICTION COUNSELING.

CENTRAL FOOD LOCKER

THE LOCKER STORES BULK STAPLE ITEMS AND LARGE QUANTITIES OF FOOD THAT ARE BOTH DONATED AND PURCHASED. THE LOCKER DISTRIBUTES THESE FOOD ITEMS THROUGHOUT ALAMEDA COUNTY TO NEEDY PARISHES WHO IN TURN GIVE THESE GOODS DIRECTLY TO THEIR POOR.

THESE AND MANY OTHER PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE SOCIETY PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS TO REACH OUT TO THE NEEDY ON PERSONAL BASIS OR BEHIND THE SCENES AS A VOLUNTEER AND AS A FINANCIAL SUPPORTER.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS