



ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

ST. RITA CONFERENCE

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WARM CLOTHES STILL BEING COLLECTED.

Thanks to your generosity we have collected and distributed over 400 coats, jackets and sweaters to needy people here in our parish and community, to guests in the REST program and to agencies and shelters in San Rafael. In addition, we'll continue to distribute donated socks, scarves and gloves throughout the winter

If you haven't been able to donate as yet, we will leave the "Warm Clothes" bin in the vestibule **for one more week**. You still have a chance to clean out the closet and help someone who needs your help.

THANKS AGAIN TO LOCAL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR DONATED FOOD!

We were overwhelmed by the amount of food collected for our pantry at Drake High, Whitehill Middle School and Branson. The pantry has never been as well stocked. This unexpected bounty, along with the food collected each weekend in baskets after Masses, allows us not only to take an increased quantity of needed food and toiletries on home visits we make to help people but it also allows us to target families we know need our help with food on a regular basis. We were truly astonished by the amount of food collected and we are most grateful to you and to the students who give us constant support.

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS TO HELP!

The local conference of the St Vincent dePaul Society could use your help. Right now, we have 15 very active volunteers, mostly parishioners, who help with visits to the needy, answer phones, keep records, coordinate events, help with fundraisers. We're busy and can use any help you may have time to give. Especially needed is a Spanish speaking woman to help answer calls and make visits.

If you do wish to help out, call 415 454 6420 and leave a message.

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TENTH ANNUAL MARIN COUNTY FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP IS COMING ! SAVE THE MORNING OF SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10!

The St Rita conference of the St Vincent dePaul Society is one of the busiest in Marin County and one of the very, very few to do it's own community fundraising.

The Marin County Free Throw Championship was initiated ten years ago to support the efforts here in the parish and the community. It has proven to be a most effective fundraising vehicle and, perhaps even more importantly, a great community event for families and individuals. Each year hundreds of participants and observers assemble at the Drake High, in both gymnasiums, to take part in the fifty or so different contests that occur..or just come to visit and enjoy the raffle and silent auction.

Last year, we had participants from 18 months old to 85 years old!

There's individual competition for age levels and each school grade level as well as for family groups and friends who may form teams.

Come on down! You'll enjoy it! February 10 from 8:30am to 12noon, Drake High.

THANK YOU FOR THE HUNDREDS OF GIFTS DONATED TO THE GIVING TREE!

Thanks to you and to the work of volunteers led by Barbara Maloney, we were able to distribute over 400 gifts to local children who would not have had gifts at Christmas and also take gifts to the Canal Welcome Center, The Canal Alliance and two other agencies in Marin County that serve children and their families.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY DESIGNATED FOR THE ST. RITA CONFERENCE FOR THE ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY.

Father Weare, and other pastors in Marin, designate four or five collections each year to support the work of local conferences in helping the local poor and needy. These collections are absolutely vital to the work we do here as volunteers helping disabled individuals, needy seniors, struggling families and others in need. Father Weare has scheduled one of these collections for next weekend.

Any amount you feel you can give is most appreciated and very much needed.