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# The Vincentian Word

## From the Directors Desk...

I have some wonderful news to report this month — the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust has approved a \$100,000 grant to support St. Vincent de Paul's renovation project. We should receive the grant funds in July, and we hope to have our renovation completed by September.

When our project is completed, we will offer the first public restrooms in downtown Billings, and we will double our laundry service capacity for the needy. We will also be expanding our offices to offer financial planning and other classes.

Harry Merchant, who retired in January as executive director, got the ball rolling by submitting the original grant application with the Murdock Charitable Trust, so we can say "thank you" to Harry and to Dave Coleman, program director with the Trust, for this great news.

The Murdock Charitable Trust is located in Vancouver, Washington, and is one of the top 100 private trusts in America.

Thinking of our renovation project brings to mind the need for volunteers around our Charitable Works Office and Thrift Stores, and this might be a good time to remind our donors of the volunteer possibilities at St. Vincent de Paul.

We have many opportunities for volunteers in our Charity Office, staffing the front desk, picking up bread and pastry donation from various businesses and delivering them to the Charity Office, and delivering food boxes to our homebound friends. We also have friends who need rides to medical appointments and other trips.

We have talked many times of opening our Charity Office on the weekends, so we could especially use some volunteers who would be willing to staff the office on Saturday.

If you are handy at sorting various metals, we could use you in our recycling program. We could always use some volunteers who are handy with a mop and a broom!

We could also use assistance stuffing and mailing our newsletter the first week of the month.

The Payee Office is looking for volunteers to help write checks for payee clients to pay their bills at the beginning of the month.

Our thrift stores need volunteers to greet customers entering the store, assist customers with shopping needs, hang clothing, and making sure the cash register is attended at all times.

In the warehouse we could use volunteers to help pickup donations, make deliveries from the store to customers, and to test the washers and dryers that are donated to make sure they work.

Volunteers are an important element of the SVDP and our programs could not be maintained without the help of our volunteers. We thank you for all you do and we look forward to hearing from you soon. Call me at 406-252-1855 ext. 301.

— Agnes B. Samples

## In Honor Of...

**Mallory Real Bird**

by: Michael & Jacquelyn Ayers

**LaVerne Frank**

by: Nancy Englert

**Sue Hart**

by: Mary Kay Latta

**David Sletta**

by: Dawn Sletta

**Cletus J. Walsh**

by: Kathleen & Bill LaMeres



Blessed Frederic Ozanam

## In Memory Of...

**Cletus Good Bird**

by: Timothy Murphy

**Wally Carlson**

by: Eugene Eggebrecht

**Robert Dell**

by: Tom & Cindy Ann Dell

**Stan Fredenburg**

By: Celestine Fredenburg

**Sue Glatt**

By: Lawrence Glatt

**Elizabeth Grass**

by:

Charles & Patricia Beach

Julie Blakeslee

David Grass

**Jim Huck**

by: Hilda Huck

**Jackie Hurick**

by: Dorman Hurick

**Edward Kammerer**

by: Teresa Lechner

**Kenneth Lucien**

by:

Greg & Marilyn Schell

Jean Sullivan

**Mike & Eunice Mueller**

by:

Patrick Byorth

Maribeth & Robert Dietrich — Haybeck

Marge & Gil Ficek

Ann Hefenieder

Irene Hefenieder

Ron & Maggie Jacobs

John & Joanne Larson

M. Leligdowicz

Sheila McKay

Donald & Susan Mueller

Lelah Ritz

Henry & Agnes Samples

Marion Schaaf

Ralph J. & Cemie Studer

**Jack Padon**

by: Don & Patricia Kelly

**Rick Rigg**

by: Don & Patricia Kelly

**Ted Ritz**

by: Lela Ritz

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By: Kay M. Larsen

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by: Marion Schaaf

**Betty Schock**

by: Eugene Eggebrecht

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by:

Patrick Byorth

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by: Don & Patricia Kelly

**Bertha Zumbrun**

by: Richard & Rosemary Wenger

**Lou Zygmund**

by: Marilyn Zygmund

## In Memory of Eunice Mueller

### Charity Office Update...

Our seven-month long partnership w April 30<sup>th</sup> marked the 6 month period since we closed the food room at Saint Vincent de Paul.

I have to admit that at first I wasn't so sure that it would work, along with a lot of volunteers. The first couple of months after we closed it, the volunteers that used to work in the food room would call me up or stop by. They would ask me if it stopped working and when they could come back and work in the food room again. And every time they would ask me this, I would have to say, "No everything is going well!" And they would sigh and roll their eyes.

As much as I miss my volunteers, and I would do anything to have them back, the food voucher program has been a tremendous success. I hear from our friends that they like going through the food bank because they have more choices and more food. Thanks to the Billings Food Bank, this is possible. — Felicia Lehman

### Volunteer of the Month



Joseph Krasowki is our Volunteer of the Month. Joe is a Scientist who use to help determine if prescription and over-the-counter medicine was safe for us to use. He and his family moved to Montana and settled in Hardin when his wife received an opportunity to practice dentistry. Joe also has four daughters and he brings one of them to Billings every day. Joe was approached by Eunice Mueller to start volunteering at SVDP and anyone who knew Eunice knew it was almost impossible to tell her no, so now Joe works in our Payee Office as a check register balancer. This job isn't easy when you have 92 bank statements to look at and make sure the checks are right, the register is right, and the client spreadsheets balance, not to mention deciphering my handwriting. Joe makes it look like a piece of cake and we appreciate him choosing our office to volunteer at!

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