



## SVdP Recognizes Outgoing Board President Jim Noe's Outstanding Service



*Jim, center, is a regular volunteer in the dining room created under his leadership.*

At the end of September, St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County's Board President Jim Noe will step down after two terms of exceptional service to our community.

A retired financial professional and longtime executive at Wells Fargo bank, Jim previously served as Board President of Shelter, Inc., as a longtime Vincentian volunteer in his conference at St. Joan of Arc. We are incredibly grateful that Jim brought his wealth of knowledge and passion for community service to lead our St. Vincent de Paul.

Under Jim's leadership, SVdP grew and expanded its services to meet needs Jim recognized in our community, including:

**Creating the St. Vincent de Paul Free Dining Room** with Loaves & Fishes of Contra Costa County; **launching the**

**RotaCare Pittsburg Free Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul** with RotaCare Bay Area; **revamping and updating our Workforce Development Program**; **developing a new, fresh looking website** and social media channel for outreach online, and much more.

We are touched by his generosity and thankful for his tireless leadership in the interest of serving the poorest of the poor in our community.

Although he is retiring as board president, Jim will stay on as a board member.

Thank you, Jim!



*Jim Noe (center) with his wife Leanne and grandson meeting young Vincentian volunteers from St. Agnes last Thanksgiving.*



## Introducing Incoming Board President Ron Costanzo



*On October 1, 2014, St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County will officially welcome its new board president, **Ron Costanzo**. Ron, a dedicated Vincentian volunteer who has devoted countless volunteer hours and his wealth of experience to helping further develop our Workforce Development Program, among many other projects.*

*We are excited to begin a new chapter with his leadership!*

*Before his election as President, he spoke to us about his goals for the position. Excerpts follow.*

I am passionate and truly committed to Vincentian work and the folks that SVdP serves. I have spent much of my time in retirement working with SVdP. I am encouraged by Vincentian friends to use my experience as conference president, on the board of directors, executive board and

committees, my learning from attending several years of national and regional meetings, and leadership experience to help the Contra Costa County Council.

After reading and studying recommended books and materials about Vincent and Fredric and the people that we serve, I believe we are doing the work that we are called to do. I'm familiar with the concept of servant leadership and will do my best to try to apply that in every way possible.

We need to approach our work as St. Paul writes in First Corinthians: "If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love ... if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, if I give away everything I own ... but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury."