



**ST. VINCENT HIGH SCHOOL**

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## OUR MISSION

*To raise awareness and support for charitable organizations that promote compassionate support for the homeless and to support non-profit organizations which benefit underprivileged children.*

Established in 2005, the **Community Concerns Club** has worked hard to make a difference in our community. To date we have helped raise money, supplies and donated our time to support *Homeward Bound*, *Marin's Primary Agency for Homeless Services*, *Novato's New Beginnings Center (NBC)* and the *Fresh Starts Culinary Academy*, *San Rafael's Ritter Center Safety Net*, *C.O.T.S. (Committee on the Shelterless)* in Petaluma, *San Rafael's DrawBridge Art Program* for homeless children, and orphans in Kabul, Afghanistan and United States soldiers in Iraq.

**Here are a few of the things we have accomplished so far along with ongoing volunteer efforts and new events that are underway:**

Join us for the March 2010  
Community Concerns Club's Annual  
**St. Patrick's Day Cookie Decorating**  
With Children from Homeward Bound & DrawBridge  
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• **Blanket & Bedding Supply Drive** 2009/10

To benefit C.O.T.S. & Homeward Bound homeless shelters. Collected 200+ blankets plus towels, pillows, bedding & toiletries for two homeless shelters; more than \$400 raised to purchase add'l supplies for the shelters.

• **Bake Sales, Hot Chocolate & Hot Lunch Sales** 2005–10

Coordinated various holiday bake sales and other events; raised approximately \$3,000 to benefit Homeward Bound, C.O.T.S., the Ritter Center Safety Net, DrawBridge (Art Program for Homeless Children), and St. Vincent de Paul Church.

• **Spring Emergency Food Drive for C.O.T.S. Kitchen** (Committee on the Shelterless) 2009

Coordinated an emergency food drive to benefit seniors and the homeless in Petaluma.

• **Blanket Drive** 2008

To benefit Homeward Bound's *The Next Key* housing for homeless and low-income families and C.O.T.S. (Committee on the Shelterless) Family Services in Petaluma. Total of 221 blankets plus 88 towels, and boxes filled with more than 1,400 toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, shampoos, conditioners, soaps, body wash) were collected and donated to the shelters.

• **Toy & Baby Supply Drive** 2007

Organized Toy Drive to benefit C.O.T.S. (Committee on the Shelterless) Family Services and the Ritter Center Safety Net. Collected 409 items for children from homeless and low-income families.

- **Holiday Cookie Decorating Activities at the Homeward Bound Emergency Family Center** 2008, 2009, 2010  
Host annual St. Patrick's Day Cookie Decorating event with homeless children living at Homeward Bound's Emergency Family Center (EFC) and children from the DrawBridge Art Program for homeless children. Bake sales held with proceeds donated back to these agencies. Also sponsored a Valentine's Day cookie decorating at Homeward Bound's Family Resource Center and a gingerbread house decorating event for homeless children at the EFC shelter. (2007, 2008)
  - **"Cosmetic and Candy" Drive** 2008  
Donated 75 holiday gift bags to the women living at The Next Key, New Beginning's and the C.O.T.S. homeless shelters. Items donated by Mary Kay cosmetics, Sephora (Vintage Oaks, Novato) and club families.
  - **School, Toy & Medical Supply Drive for Orphans in Afghanistan** 2006-9  
Assisted with supply drive to send monthly Care Packages to orphaned children in Afghanistan. Raised funds for postage (distributed through the United States Nat'l Guard Camp in Kabul).
  - **Holiday Decorations for UCSF Pediatric Unit** 2008  
Raised funds to purchase and donate holiday decorations to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at UCSF.
  - **Nat'l Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week** 2007
    - Volunteered at New Beginning's Center fundraiser. Nine club members contributed more than 40 hours of volunteer support to the Cioppino Feed to benefit the homeless shelter.
    - HALO Truffle Sales. Sold Homeward Bound's Fresh Starts Kitchen's "Halo Truffles" at Northgate Mall—proceeds to benefit the New Beginning's Shelter.
  - **Back to School Supply Drive** 2006, 2007  
Organized two drives and collected approximately \$800 in supplies to benefit children from low- income and no-income families (distributed through Ritter Center Safety Net). Also assisted with sorting and packing back-packs for August "Back-to-School" Distribution Days for children from homeless and low-income families.
  - **Community Towel Drive 2005**  
Assisted with drive and collected 400+ towels plus hundreds of toiletries to Benefit Homeward Bound Homeless Services nine shelters.
  - **WARM WISHES Homeless Project -- Assembly & Distribution Day** 2006-9  
Helped stuff and deliver "Winter Survival Kits" (streetpacks) for the homeless. Delivered more than 700 "StreetPacks" containing winter survival gear to the C.O.T.S. Mary Isaac homeless shelter and to Homeward Bound's New Beginning's Center. Also distributed to homeless people in need on the streets.
  - **Food Delivery** Delivered donated food to Petaluma's Kitchen and C.O.T.S. Family Resource Center for the homeless.
  - Volunteered at the **Godmother's Pumpkin Patch** to benefit St. Vincent's School for Boys
  - **Serve food** to the homeless at Novato's New Beginnings Center Fresh Starts kitchen for the homeless.
- Ongoing—Care Packages for soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.** Help to collect candy, nuts, beef jerky, gum, magazines, cards and other items to mail to the troops.

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