



Press Release

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M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust of Vancouver, Washington, recently awarded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Southwest Idaho, \$195,000 to fund a new Executive Director position. The structure of this grant will fully fund the new position and associated costs during the first year, the grant funding then declines gradually over the following two years. This structure allows St. Vincent de Paul the opportunity to develop on-going funding for the position. St. Vincent de Paul of Southwest Idaho has grown rapidly over the past seven years and now needs a full time Executive Director to provide day-to-day management and leadership, improve volunteer support services, bring a professional approach to funding services and provide consistent direction and attention for future expansion of services.

About St. Vincent de Paul of Southwest Idaho

St. Vincent de Paul of Southwest Idaho is one of the largest direct help organization in Southwest Idaho. All services are directed at helping people in need on a person-to-person basis. We serve all who need help regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, etc. Our ten conference organizations, reaching from the Caldwell area through Nampa, Meridian, Boise and on to the Mountain Home, provide direct financial aid to assist with utilities, rent, medical expenses, transportation and together with our seven thrift stores, clothing and household goods. This aid is accessed through the St. Vincent de Paul Helplines. Additionally, St. Vincent de Paul operates five food pantries, a multi-night dining hall, Christmas voucher toy stores, the Thanksgiving Food Box project, a summer lunch program, assistance for recently paroled women and men, and a prescription medication assistance program. All of this is made possible through the dedicated service of more than 600 volunteers and 65 employees and generous financial contributions from many individuals, local corporations and charitable foundations.

ABOUT M. J. MURDOCK CHARITABLE TRUST

M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust, created by the will of the late Melvin J. (Jack) Murdock, provides grants to organizations in five states of the Pacific Northwest—Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. The mission of M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust is to strengthen the region's educational, cultural and social services base in creative and sustainable ways. Grants are awarded to a wide variety of organizations, including those that serve the arts, public affairs, education, scientific research, health and medicine, human services and people with disabilities.

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