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## **26th Annual Children's Charity Dinner honors longtime supporters**

St. Vincent de Paul Village – for the 26<sup>th</sup> year – will honor San Diegans who have spent at least the last quarter of a century helping our youngest neighbors in need – homeless children.

The 26th Annual Children's Charity Dinner – *An Evening Under the Big Top* – will be held on Saturday, May 16 at the Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa in Mission Bay. Proceeds from the event support children's programs at St. Vincent De Paul Village and the Toussaint Academy of the Arts and Sciences.

Receiving this year's Bishop Maher Award are:

- Three generations of the Finch Family of RCP Block & Brick, which started in San Diego in 1947.
- Dottie Cunningham, an original volunteer for the Village Ladies Guild when Father Joe Carroll was first assigned to the St. Vincent de Paul Soup line by Bishop Maher in 1982.
- Mother Antonia Brenner, the Prison Nun in Tijuana, Mexico, whose book "Prison Angel" tells her compelling story of how after a life of privilege living in Beverly Hills she turned to a life of service.

The St. Vincent de Paul Tapestry Award will be presented to Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis of San Rafael Parish in Rancho Bernardo. Msgr. Mikulanis was among those in 1982 who suggested Father Joe be given the job of running the St. Vincent de Paul soup line and has been a constant supporter ever since.

"It gives me great pleasure to honor these dedicated supporters who have, for more than 25 years, supported the successful programs and services we provide for homeless children," says Father Joe Carroll, president of St. Vincent de Paul Village and Father Joe's Villages.

Celebrating a circus theme of *An Evening Under the Big Top*, the event invites guests to let their inner child run free while enjoying the timeless fun of the circus from peanuts and popcorn, to three-ring performers and dancing to Rockola - San Diego's favorite classic rock cover band.

Tickets are available beginning at \$300 per Circus Guest. For more information, please contact Blair Amidei at 619.446.2134 or [blair.amidei@neighbor.org](mailto:blair.amidei@neighbor.org).

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