

Saint Vincent's Day Home

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Children's Choice Awards Dinner

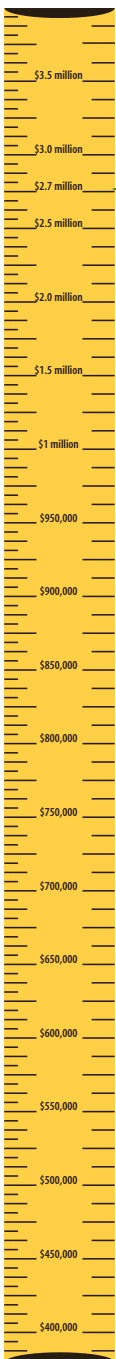
Honors Corinne M. Mohrmann's 25 Years of Service and Marks the Day Home's 90-Year Anniversary

Held this past November at Scott's Seafood Restaurant in Jack London Square, Oakland, many of the Day Home's friends and supporters gathered for our annual Children's Choice Awards Dinner. This year's event was particularly meaningful, as we honored Corinne M. Mohrmann for her 25 years of service as the Day Home's executive director. Corinne has been repeatedly honored in the field of early childhood education, and has built the Day Home into an internationally recognized center of innovation and excellence.

"For the past 25 years Corinne has been the heart, soul, and steadfast foundation of Saint Vincent's Day Home," commented Justice Carol A. Corrigan, president of Saint Vincent's board of directors. "The future of Saint Vincent's Day Home is bright and secure because of her tireless efforts and her wise leadership."

The annual awards dinner also celebrated the Day Home's 90 years of service to the children and families of Oakland. Proceeds from the event supported the Day Home's \$3.5 million capital campaign; "Building for Our Children's Future," which will enable 75 more children per year to benefit from the Saint Vincent's experience in a facility that is completely ADA accessible and enhanced by a full-service family literacy center.

See photos inside



What's in a name?

Adding your name on a wall of the Day Home is a very meaningful and lasting way for your generosity to be acknowledged.

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| • Victorian structure of the existing Day Home | The Corinne M. Mohrmann Wing |
| • First Floor New Preschool Classroom Wing | The Cutie Patootie Learning Wing (Rosie's For All Kids Foundation, Rosie O'Donnel) |
| • Family Literacy & Learning Center | The Hedco Family Literacy Center |
| • Children's Computer Center | Giannini Family Foundation Children's Computer Lab |
| • Children's Library | Corrigan Family Library |
| • Speech Therapy Room | Janis Kennelley Speech Therapy Room |

Nutrition Center, Main Playground, Tot Gym, Children's Garden, Classrooms, Board Conference Room

Your name here!

Please contact Sister Ann Maureen for more information on naming opportunities.

You've honored us with your unwavering support, now we want to honor you!

Join us on June 2nd for an Open House and Dedication of Saint Vincent's new wing. The day will feature tours, refreshments, and our sincere thanks to you for making all this possible! Watch the mail for your invitation and come see what you have created!

From the Director



Dear Friends,

In 1912 Lloyd Stone wrote a song that began, "This is my home, the place where my heart is; here are my hopes and my dreams..." A year earlier, the Sisters of the Holy Family had already begun to hum that tune, for they had a vision that children and families would have a place where dreams would be realized and hopes renewed. On October 16, 1911 the doors to possibility and promise opened for these families. For the next 90 years, Saint Vincent's Day Home has stood as a beacon of hope and stability to more than 30,000 children and their families. Your partnership with us reflects a community reaching out to children, giving them the best beginnings in life, so that they can succeed and help build future generations.

The chain of love and care that the Sisters began has not been broken. Your generosity has helped us to reach our own dreams of expansion. Now we can open our doors to even more children who need a nurturing start and expand services to meet broader family needs.

Thank you for ensuring that "as long as there is a Saint Vincent's, there will always be a place for a child to call home." Our Open House and Dedication will be June 2, 2002. We hope you will join us so we can thank you personally for making our dreams come true.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Corinne M. Mohrmann".

Corinne M. Mohrmann
Executive Director



"Saint Vincent's Day Home is one of the jewels in Oakland's crown."

Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown in his address to the audience.



As always, our Saint Vincent's children were the highlight of the evening.



With Board President Justice Carol A. Corrigan looking on, Senator Don Perata presents a resolution to Corinne for her 25 years of service and outstanding leadership.

Want to know more about Saint Vincent's?

Visit our Web site at www.svdh.org

From the Development Office



The Honorable John S. Herrington and the Honorable Martin Jenkins present a plaque to Corinne, honoring her 25 years of service at the Day Home. The plaque will be mounted on the Victorian portion of the Day Home, which has been named the Corinne M. Mohrmann wing.



Our building project is coming along beautifully. Every week there is significant change, and it has been so exciting to watch! We have not closed the program for a single day, so you can imagine the challenges. Working together, our staff, parents, children and the construction workers have turned this building project into a phenomenal experience!



Board of Directors member Maude Pervere shares a moment with Corinne.

You may have noticed that the goal number on our measuring tape keeps inching up. As the construction continues and the various inspections take place, we have more than once had to create and implement new plans in order to bring our 1863 building up to all the new codes. Fixing these "little surprises" has required us to raise additional funds, but the work is essential in ensuring that Saint Vincent's is a safe and special place for all who enter.

So, thanks to all of you friends and partners of Saint Vincent's Day Home, we have currently reached nearly 80% of our campaign goal of \$3.5 million. As we approach the June dedication of our new wing, we still have a little over \$800,000 to raise.

Please give me a call if you know through work or friends of any foundations, corporate giving programs or individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of children! Thank you for your commitment to the children of West Oakland, and for the generous support you have given in the past and continue to give. There wouldn't be a Vincent's without the dedication of friends like you.

Sister Ann Maureen



As our grand Victorian stands watch, the Day Home's new wing nears completion. An Open House and Dedication is slated for June 2.



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No Mountain Too High

Hedco Foundation presented the challenge: a \$238,630 grant to the Day Home if we could match it. And once again, you, our dear friends, rose to the occasion and met it!

Thanks to your generosity, we'll soon be opening the Hedco Family Literacy Center, which will offer reading, writing and numeracy, including financial literacy to help parents better manage their income. Parents will also be offered an intensive literacy and/or GED preparation program and school-age children can participate in an ability-based literacy skills and reading curriculum.

Save These Dates!

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| May 13, 2002 | Saint Vincent's Day Home Golf Tournament |
| June 2, 2002 | Open House and Dedication |
| September 27, 2002 | Children's Choice Awards Dinner |

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