



**Message from
Michelle Ward,
CEO**

Dear Friends,

As we began planning for the new 2007 Corcoran Awards, we were amazed at the correlations between the life's work of our dear friend and founder, Monsignor Lawrence Corcoran, and the impact that St. Vincent Family Centers is having in the community today. Monsignor Corcoran's life work has been devoted to impacting the community through education, mental health services, children's causes, social justice, and the work of the Church. In whatever position he served, including his current work at Holy Family Church, Monsignor has brought hope and help to many in need.

The award winners being recognized this year represent the ripple effect of the efforts of Monsignor Corcoran and others like him in the community. We believe that Deaf education and education for special needs children, serving the poor and destitute of the inner city, advocating for the mentally ill and feeding hungry children represents work that follows naturally from our own. As Monsignor Corcoran did during the civil rights protests of the 1960's, St. Vincent Family Centers stands arm in arm with these professionals as together we strengthen our community.

We congratulate Edward Corbett, Margaret Burley, Ruth Beckman, Sandra Stephenson, and Dianne Radigan on all their achievements. But mostly we thank them for the impact they are making in our community because of their passion for their work. They are an inspiration to us all.

Sincerely,

Michelle H. Ward
President and CEO



*Strengthening our Community
One Family at a Time.*

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St. Vincent Family Centers Offers Bricks from the Historic St. Vincent's Church

Completed in the late 1880s, St. Vincent's Church was built to accommodate the growing community at St. Vincent's Orphanage. Over the years people from the surrounding communities worshiped at the church along with the nuns and children.

The church was a recognizable landmark at the corners of East Main Street and Kelton Avenue for more than 100 years. The congregation eventually outgrew the little church; a new near East side church was constructed and St. Vincent's reverted to a chapel for the nuns and children.



Historic St. Vincent's Church

Last May, the historic church was razed. The church had not been used as a place of worship for more than a generation. In honor of the church's rich and important history, bricks from the structure are now available to the public.

A limited number of commemorative bricks are available for \$50.00 each, with proceeds benefiting the children and families served by St. Vincent Family Centers.

Bricks may be purchased by contacting Susan Black at 614-252-0731 or sblack@svfc.org.

St. Vincent Family Centers offers Note Cards Featuring the Stained Glass Windows from St. Vincent's Church

Just before St. Vincent's Church was razed, the stained glass windows were photographed and then removed for use in another church. Framed photographs of the windows will adorn the halls and walls of St. Vincent Family Centers for years to come.



St. Vincent Window

A limited number of St. Vincent stained glass window note cards are available for \$15.00 per set (plus \$2.00 for shipping and handling). Shipping is free when cards and bricks are purchased as a set.

Note cards may be purchased by contacting Susan Black at 614-252-0731 or sblack@svfc.org.

Deaf Services Program Honored

St. Vincent Family Centers' Deaf Services Program was recently awarded the "Corporate Partnership Award," which recognizes businesses or agencies that actively recruit and retain Deaf/Hard of Hearing employees. The Community Services Awards are presented by the Hearing, Speech and Deaf Center of Greater Cincinnati. The Deaf Services Program serves Deaf and hearing children of Deaf adults throughout the state of Ohio. The staff is comprised of ASL fluent, hearing and Deaf clinicians providing a broad array of mental health services to children and families.



Southwest Regional Center staff accepts Community Service Award

Congratulations to the Deaf Services' Southwest Regional Center and the entire Deaf Services team!

2007 Corcoran Awards

On November 12, 2007 the inaugural Corcoran Awards were presented to what has been described as an "amazing class" of honorees, during a luncheon at the Ohio Statehouse. The awards, named for Monsignor Lawrence Corcoran, were presented in the five areas of work for which the Monsignor has worked and ministered.

The 2007 Corcoran Award winners and their categories are: **Ruth Beckman**, Director of Join (Joint Organization for Inner City Needs) - Catholic Causes; **Margaret Burley**, Executive Director of the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities - Children's Causes; **Dr. Ed Corbett**, Superintendent of the Ohio School for the Deaf - Education; **Dianne Radigan**, Chief Operating Officer of the Children's Hunger Alliance - Social Justice; and, **Sandra Stephenson**, Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health - Mental Health.



(From left to right:) Honorees Margaret Burley, Dr. Ed Corbett, Ruth Beckman, Sandy Stephenson and Dianne Radigan

Thanks to 2007 Corcoran Awards Sponsors

We are so grateful to the companies, organizations and individuals who sponsored the inaugural Corcoran Awards Luncheon on November 12 at the Statehouse Atrium. At the event, guests heard a heartfelt call to action from our keynote speaker, Donna James. Ms. James appearance was made possible by support from AEP. Other sponsors included:

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Volunteers Bring the Buckeye Spirit!



The children in our Residential Program experienced the Buckeye Spirit first hand in September as students from The Ohio State University hosted a Beat Minnesota Tailgate Party at St. Vincent Family Centers East Main Street.

The volunteers and children played Tailgate toss, painted faces, cooked out, and snacked on vegetables as well as chocolate and peanut butter buckeyes. Thanks to our volunteers for bringing the Buckeye Spirit to St. Vincent Family Centers!

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Community Care Day



Our friends from Hexion Specialty Chemicals helped spruce up our East Main Street Campus in September as part of the United Way of Central Ohio's 16th annual Community Care Day. Throughout Central Ohio, more than 5,000 volunteers from nearly 200 local companies and state agencies worked at over 300 project sites, including St. Vincent Family Centers.

Request a Speaker...

As a leading provider of mental health services for children, we welcome the opportunity to speak to civic and professional organizations about the work we do and the services we provide.

If you would like to request a speaker for a group or gathering, please contact Jill Frost at 614-252-0731 or jfrost@svfc.org, at least three weeks before your meeting or gathering.

Mission Statement

St. Vincent Family Centers provides a continuum of high quality, specialized services to children with behavioral health needs to help them realize their full potential. By helping children and families, we are **strengthening our community one family at a time.**

