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## **\$20,000 Donated by St. Mark's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church 2014 Cellar Classic to Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Circle V Ranch Camp**



**CAPTION:** Pictured at St. Mark's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church in Los Olivos, representatives of St. Mark's 2014 Cellar Classic presented the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Circle V Ranch Camp with a \$20,000 donation for "camperships" for Santa Ynez Valley children to experience this traditional summer camp. Left to right: Presenting the check from St. Mark's: The Rev. Dr. Randall Day, Priest & Rector, Cellar Classic Co-chair Stephen Pepe and Cellar Classic Associates Liaison Pat Fallin. Receiving the check for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Circle V Ranch Camp: Friends of Circle V founder Sally Corlett, St. Vincent de Paul Los Angeles Council Executive Director David Fields, Eleanor Fields, Camp Director Ray Lopez and Friends of Circle V & Camp Committee Chair Nadine Melancon.

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**Los Olivos, Santa Barbara County, California**— On Saturday, October 25, 2014, representatives of St. Mark's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church presented a \$20,000 donation check to staff and volunteers of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Circle V Ranch Camp. The donation was a portion of funds raised at the **5th Annual St. Mark's Cellar Classic: An Auction of Rare & Fines Wines** held on June 28, 2014, and designated for camp scholarships known as "camperships" to send Santa Ynez Valley area children to the Circle V Ranch Camp in the summer of 2015.

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The Rev. Dr. Randall Day, St. Mark's Priest & Rector remarked, "Our annual *Cellar Classic* raises funds to allow St. Mark's to carry out its role as a public institution that serves the Santa Ynez Valley very widely; and our donation to the Circle V Ranch Camp is one of more than 60 non-profit organizations and programs St. Mark's assisted this year. For the fourth year, on behalf of the Wardens, Vestry and people of St. Mark's, we are so pleased to be able to support Circle V Ranch Camp so Santa Ynez Valley kids can have the uplifting experience of this exceptional camp. It is no secret that your friends at St. Mark's hold your work at Circle V in the highest regard. You have, and you meet, an important challenge: compassionately instilling hope in children and youth. We hope that our support will grow in usefulness from year to year and that our friendship within the one Body of Christ will continue to strengthen. We are grateful that members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Friends of Circle V Ranch Camp donated wine and attended the Cellar Classic—and are pleased to present this \$20,000 donation in recognition and support of all the good you do."

David Fields, Executive Director of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Los Angeles Council, operators of the Circle V Ranch Camp expressed his gratitude, "We deeply appreciate the continuing support of St. Mark's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church and the Cellar Classic committee. On behalf of the Circle V Ranch Camp staff, counselors and most importantly, the kids; we are so grateful for this incredibly generous gift." Ray Lopez, Circle V Ranch Camp Director added, "This donation is such an incredible demonstration of faith in works—that allows us to share Circle V with even more children. God bless everyone at St. Mark's and the community that made this possible again!"

**About St. Mark's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church:** Formed in 1926 and serving the Santa Ynez Valley at its present location in downtown Los Olivos since 1979, St. Mark's practices a spacious Christianity and welcomes people of all faiths or none. St. Mark's is not only the home of a vibrant Episcopal congregation but also serves as a community center and meeting place for more than 60 organizations including the area's Jewish worshippers, as well as Santa Barbara County Food Bank, theater groups, Rotary, non-profits and 12-step recovery groups. The on-premises professional Preschool provides top-flight early childhood education. St. Mark's actively supports the arts with musical concerts throughout the year as well as hosting exhibitions of photography and painting. St. Mark's *Cellar Classic* annual auction of rare and fine wines supports all these community programs and outreach. The 6th annual St. Mark's *Cellar Classic* is scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 2015. For more information, visit [www.SMITV.org](http://www.SMITV.org)

**About Circle V Ranch Camp:** Founded by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Los Angeles Council in 1945, Circle V Ranch Camp has been located on 30-acres in the Los Padres National Forest in Santa Barbara County in the Santa Ynez Valley near Cachuma Lake since 1990. There are seven Circle V Ranch Camp summer sessions, each six days and five nights of traditional supervised fun for boys and girls ages 7 to 13. More than 1,200 campers annually enjoy activities including hiking, swimming in the pool, learning about nature, archery, arts & crafts, painting, photography, playing games of baseball, basketball, ping pong, foosball, soccer, miniature golf and of course, campfires, skits and songs. (There is no TV, radio or internet access to affect the experience.) Campers stay in cabins or traditional canvas tents. Three nutritious daily meals served family-style in the Dining Lodge offer not only food but also more camaraderie and fellowship. During autumn, winter and spring, the Camp is available for group rentals to other non-profit groups and organizations. For more information on the Camp and all of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Los Angeles Council programs, visit [www.circlevranchcamp.org](http://www.circlevranchcamp.org)

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