

# Press Release



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## **Sister Margaret Keaveney, D.C. Named Executive Director of St. Vincent's**

*Santa Barbara, CA* – Sister Margaret Keaveney, D.C. joins the 152-year tradition at St. Vincent's in the role of Executive Director. A seasoned hospital administrator with over 26 years of management experience, Sister Margaret comes to St. Vincent's from her previous position as Chairperson of the Daughters of Charity Health System. She holds an outstanding record of achievement in advocacy for Disproportionate Share Hospitals with proven effectiveness in creative solutions to urban social problems and unemployment.

Sister Margaret also served as Visitatrix of the Daughters of Charity, Province of the West from 1999 to 2008. As former Chairperson and Corporate Member of St. Vincent's, Santa Barbara, she was a visionary leader in the development of the area's largest Affordable Housing Program for families and seniors that opened in late 2007 on St. Vincent's campus.



Sr. Margaret Keaveney

"I am delighted to be here in Santa Barbara where the first Daughters of Charity came in 1858 to provide service to the most vulnerable," said Sister Margaret.

"I am privileged to be able to walk in the footsteps of the great Sisters, co-workers, and benefactors that have served St. Vincent's over the last 152 years."

St. Vincent's is a ministry of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, a Roman Catholic Community of Sisters. It is Santa Barbara's oldest, continuously operating non-profit social service agency. Since 1858 the foundation for St. Vincent's services is to respond to the changing needs of the population. Today, St. Vincent's important works strengthen the whole family.

St. Vincent's offers solutions to homelessness, poverty, and abuse through programs in affordable housing, education, and childcare. Key service programs include PATHS residential program for single mothers and their children, Casa Alegria Children's Center for infants through preschoolers, Vincent's Heart food and supply pantry, and the Affordable Housing Program for seniors and families. These programs serve the basic needs of almost 600 low to extremely low-income individuals each day. Through comprehensive campus-based services every individual is encouraged to develop the necessary skills to lead a productive and full life in a safe and nurturing environment.

St. Vincent's continues its 152-year commitment to serving the needs of the most vulnerable in Santa Barbara. For more information or to support the vital community programs at St. Vincent's, contact Kelly L. Stark, Director of Development at 805-683-6381 ext. 107 or log onto [www.stvincents-sb.org](http://www.stvincents-sb.org).

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*Since 1858 the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Vincent's have provided valuable services to break the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse for the most vulnerable and needy of Santa Barbara County. Through educational and personal growth opportunities, St. Vincent's is committed to helping our sisters and brothers who are poor realize their full potential as children of God with dignity and respect. St. Vincent's Institution is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization supported by private donations and grants.*