

# WHY SHOULD I SPONSOR A SHAVEE?

Because we need your help and 100% of event proceeds are being donated to these two great charitable organizations:

In the last three years, the St. Margaret Mary Shamrock Shave, through the generous support of our shavee pledges, raised over **\$78,000** for needy families in our community and those suffering from cancer. This year, the recipients of all event proceeds will be (2) extremely worthwhile charities that will fulfill our mission of helping the needy in our community and those suffering from cancer. They are:



## St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Margaret Mary Conference

Founded in 1833 by six university students in Paris under the patronage of St. Vincent de Paul, today the Society includes almost 900,000 members spread among 46,000 confraternities in 130 countries on five continents.

The Society's purpose is to provide direct aid to those who suffer, and to help individuals reduce and even eliminate the causes of their suffering, themselves. A non-profit organization providing personal assistance with furniture, food, clothing, rent, utilities, transportation and companionship to people facing economic, emotional or spiritual crisis. An essential part of the Society's work is to provide help while conscientiously maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served. Society members use their own resources, sharing not only possessions, but the valuable gift of their presence.

As a non-profit charity, the Society relies almost exclusively on private individuals, businesses and organizations locally for support. The society is young and old, some are wealthy, some are financially poor, but all are blessed with awareness that their gifts of time, talent and treasure are to be shared with their brothers and sisters in need. They provide a source of Help and Hope.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Margaret Mary Parish is part of an international society of friends, united by a spirit of poverty, humility, and sharing nourished by prayer and fellow members. Energized by the awareness that service to their brothers and sisters in need is in fact an encounter with Christ, they are keenly aware that poverty, suffering and loneliness are present for a countless number of individuals in our community.

You do not have to be Catholic for them to serve you. They serve you because they are Catholic.

Visit [www.svdpalgonquin.org](http://www.svdpalgonquin.org) for more information.



Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation is a national organization whose mission is to eliminate pediatric cancer and to provide hope and support to those who are touched by it. It is certified as one of the best charities in America by the Independent Charities of America organization.

Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation, Inc. (BNPCFI) is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in late 1992 by Kathleen A. Casey, President. The foundation is named in memory of her eight year old son, Barrett "Bear" Krupa, who died after a courageous five and a half year battle with Wilms Tumor, a pediatric cancer.

Prior to his death on January 9, 1993, Bear and his mother discussed and planned the formation of BNPCFI. During his long stay in the hospital, Bear expressed more concern for other pediatric cancer patients than he did for himself. He and his mother learned of the many hidden needs of both patient and family members. Simple things like having games to play with would go a long way to lightening the heavy burden the children face. Likewise, support for basic family needs such as transportation and parking on the many visits to the hospital remove undue stresses on an already overwhelming situation.

Bear Necessities' three main programs are:

Bear Hugs

- Unique, immediate patient experiences and family services.

Bear Discoveries

- Annual research funding.

Bear Empowerment

- Annual information and support service grants.

Visit [www.bearnecessities.org](http://www.bearnecessities.org) for more information.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PLEDGE OR DONATION!

For details or to participate visit: [www.saintmargaretmary.org/shave](http://www.saintmargaretmary.org/shave)