

Celebrating society volunteers

VOLUNTEERING

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OVER THE past two weeks, the *Yorkshire Evening Post* has been celebrating the volunteers of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP).

People will have read about the work being done by the St Vincent's Support Centre, St Jude's furniture store, and hundreds of volunteers in local parish SVP groups across Leeds to help people in need. Families suffering financial hardship, the homeless, refugees, isolated older people, and other margin-

alised people in Leeds all benefit from the work carried out by dedicated staff and volunteers.

St Vincent's Support Centre, St Jude's Furniture Store, and the St Vincent's community shops in Leeds are always looking for volunteers, either from the business community or from local people wanting to do something worthwhile.

Elizabeth Palmer, SVP CEO, said: "Our volunteers make a tremendous difference to thousands of people who for no fault of their own are having to go without on a daily basis. Volunteers in our SVP Community Support Projects like St Vincent's and St Jude's provide affordable second hand goods to



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Members visit the lonely.

people in need. Volunteers also provide essential services like counselling, debt advice, and immigration advice. Volunteer members of the SVP in Leeds parish groups visit and befriend the lonely and sick in their own homes or in hospitals, providing friendship, a listening ear and

the company we all need and depend on to be healthy, happy members of society."

To celebrate the contribution of the SVP's volunteers, a special evening was held at the Leeds Irish Centre earlier this month. The evening featured an award ceremony to recognise and cel-

ebtrate the achievements of all 14 SVP projects in West Yorkshire and 35 volunteers were given special recognition for making an outstanding contribution to the SVP. Visit www.svp.org.uk

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CONFERENCE RETURNS

EVENT: Conference, Educated Yorkshire, will return on Thursday, November 10 at Leeds United Centenary Pavilion.

The free one-day event will provide head teachers with the opportunity to come together and share their knowledge as well as listen to industry leaders. Visit www.educatedyorkshire.org

GRAB A BARGAIN AT BOOT SALE

ENJOY: People can grab a bargain at a boot sale which takes place on Saturday June 25. It is being held at St Andrew's Community Hall in Morley and features crafts, gifts and bric-a-brac. There is an indoor and outdoor sale at the event. It will be held in the hall, next to Dartmouth Park, from 10am to 3pm.

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