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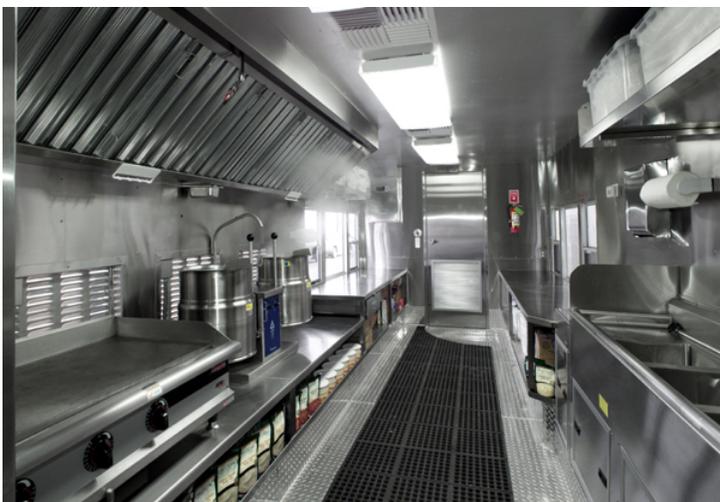
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Provides HOPE to Disaster Victims

Whether it's a fire, a hurricane, an earthquake, or a flood, when the next disaster strikes, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will offer HOPE.

HOPE stands for Help Our People Eat. It's a 42-foot-long, state-of-the-art mobile feeding kitchen, donated to the Society by Bear Creek Country Kitchens, a leading manufacturer of dry soup mixes. HOPE's first deployment will be to the Gulf Coast, to serve persons suffering the lingering effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



Mobile feeding services – the provision of meals and distribution of water, ice, and recovery supplies – are among the most valued assistance provided in the wake of a disaster. With a full stainless steel kitchen, HOPE can feed 10,000 people per day anywhere in the continental United States. It can operate on its own generator and carries a full complement of mass-care feeding needs: water, juice, sandwiches, soup, coffee, etc. HOPE can also act as a distribution center for essential personal care needs, such as toothbrushes and shaving kits.



HOPE will operate under statements of understanding with FEMA, the American Red Cross, and other disaster-relief/mass-care agencies. Rolling into disaster-affected communities, HOPE can function in a stand-alone mode, or be connected to community water and electrical systems. With the addition of telecommunications, computer, and satellite connections, HOPE can also serve as a mobile office for emergency services, the initiation of case work, and the coordination of other disaster relief organizations.

In non-disaster times, HOPE will be a traveling resource center for an ongoing Disaster Planning and Awareness Campaign. Stocked with authoritative print and audiovisual materials from experts in the field, HOPE will tour the country raising awareness among the Society's membership and the general public about the need for disaster planning and the steps to be taken when a disaster occurs.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking sponsors to offset the cost of outfitting and maintaining HOPE. Interested parties should contact the Society at 314-576-3993, ext. 211.

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