

News in Brief

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MEMBRE DE LA SOCIÉTÉ
DE SAINT-VINCENT DE PAUL



REFOUNDING OUR SOCIETY

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

You may have heard how the National Council at the AGM in March resolved to immediately embark on a programme of Refounding the Society in New Zealand.

I am sure you are wondering just **what** Refounding is, and **why** is it necessary.

What is Refounding?

The first important part of the word here is **"Founding"**. Look at it in terms of, starting something. You have probably heard the word used when they talk of a religious order being *founded* by someone; e.g. St Ignatius of Loyola *founded* the Jesuits; Mother Aubert *founded* the Home of Compassion Sisters here in NZ. You could also say they "started" something.

And when you start something, you start it for a purpose. Our Society of St Vincent de Paul was "started" by Frederic Ozanam and his Companions for a "purpose". In other words, they **"Founded"** the Society.

Re-founding is a process of going right back to the beginning of the Society, finding out **why** it was started and beginning all over again in ways that are suitable for **today's world**.

It is not refreshing, not renovating or re-designing. Those words only deal with the outward signs (symptoms) of the problem; they don't tackle the root cause. We go back to the very beginnings of why the

Society was started and the story (reasons) behind its beginning/founding.

For us, our Foundation story is the Parable of the Good Samaritan; the story that Jesus gave us in response to the question "What must I do to gain eternal life?" The answer! "Love God and Love your neighbour". That is the Mission. That is the "why" we do what we do.

Why is it necessary to Refound?

Because the Social, Legal and Religious environments have changed greatly since Frederic Ozanam's time.

- We are dying – since 2018 membership has fallen by nearly 70% and the number of Conferences is down by 25%
- We are seen as "welfare" society
- We have lost sight of our Mission to love
- We have lost our way

Therefore, we must start again; rediscover **why** Frederic and his companions started the Society and find radically **new ways** of putting it into action in **today's** world.

We have been given a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in people's lives – let us grab it with both hands!

Every blessing,

Gerry Stevens

– National President



Twining Report

June 2025

By Arthur Schultze, NZ Twining



2025 SRI LANKA VISIT

MONDAY MAY 5TH

Met with new president Erajh Alahakoon, new twinning coordinator Dilshan Fernando, past president Cherryl Silva and past twinning coordinator Carmen Silva.

Discussion was centered around the current level of support and where we may be able to grow it. NZ is now the sole donor country for Sri Lanka. We also spoke of the 64 year relationship and how we will ensure it continues.

We spent considerable time on discussing how best we may be able to grow our contribution. I have indicated to them I will analyse the current support. I have also an updated report on the active conferences.

Communication is to be reviewed with selected areas sending reports on their activity in relation to twinning funds received.

We will be visiting a project site on Tuesday and will be reported on separately.

Assist a Student documentation will be distributed in May. I have advised that NZ will be the sole supporter, 200 students.

The Alligambay water supply project will be forwarded to CGI for inclusion in the news website.

Funds sent to a bus project in Batticaloa have not been utilised due to the local community being unable to raise the balance of funds needed. After discussion the funds will be directed into projects for the same area and where possible support the home for street children and the mentally disabled. Separate project applications will be processed.

The national president Erajh had requested travel funding to attend an Asia presidents meeting, date and location to be confirmed. Cost cNZD\$600.00.

I visited the national spiritual advisor Father Jude Raj Fernando with national president Erajh. A committed spiritual advisor who has the Society very much at heart. He thanked NZ for their contribution which has spanned many years.

TUESDAY MAY 6TH

We travelled to the Chilaw region. On the way there we called into the Dimuthu Foundation located at Pambala, Kakkapalliya. This is an orphanage where there are 47 children, aged 5 to 16 years. Father Jude Nicolas Fernando and his team are supported by the surrounding community.



Father Jude Nicolas Fernando with children from the orphanage.



We then travelled to the village of Sewwanthivu north of Puttalam on the west coast. The visit was to evaluate the support of proposed projects of which there are two. The first is the finishing of a communal facility which will provide support for education, community needs, mass and during storms refuge for families as the area is prone to flooding. More detail will be provided in the application process. The second is housing. I am waiting for budget guidance and the project application. This project may fall into the CGI Favim Homes programme. Advice will be sought at a meeting in June.



Sewwanthivu village north of Puttalam



Some of the villagers

WEDNESDAY MAY 7TH

NZ High Commission meeting with the deputy high commissioner Ms Gabrielle Isaak. The high commissioner David Pine also spent time with us. Historical and current involvement of the society was discussed. They were also given a breakdown on our structure and how we operate as donor country with our members in Sri Lanka. We were complimented by both on this work and the involvement with the community projects.

I will communicate with the deputy high commissioner on our work and our relationship with the Sri Lanka. They are prepared to visit project sites to fully understand and support our work.

THURSDAY MAY 8TH

National Council meeting

There was general discussion on the current twinning funding process and why it was implemented. We are fortunate that Sri Lanka distributes funding as per the ITC policy. We also discussed the need for some reports on the funding use. There are 3 councils that receive little or no funding.

They are Manaar 19 active conferences which receives some funds, Katana 9 active conferences and Pamunugama 7 active conferences. I have indicated to them I will review current support of support for all councils with the intention to set a minimum % level of funding.

Funding that they are receiving they are managing well and it's reaching those in need.



Pictured above back row L to R: Sister Sudharshani Fernando, Brother Emil Culas, Brother Malcolm Edema, Sister J. Mariyanayaki, Sister Surangika Fernando, Sister Rexila Perera. Front row L to R: Brother Robert Kennedy, Brother Arthur, Brother Erajh Alahakoon. Brother Erajh is the National President and for Napier Area Council and Conference members Sister Surangika is President of our twin Colombo North.



PLIMMERTON CONFERENCE

A tribute to Margaret Warmington on her 90th

Recently Margaret Warmington celebrated her 90th birthday. Margaret has been in St Theresa's Parish, Plimmerton, for over 60yrs and has been a member of the St Vincent de Paul Conference (Plimmerton) for 45yrs. In both cases, active involvement has been her way of life alongside nurturing a growing family.

She was the Area Council President for the National Board of SVdP, and Conference President who worked with the group to establish the Porirua Vinnies Shop. She is a prolific visitor (including in the early days, visits to Porirua Mental Hospital), but once the Hospital closed and moved people into the community, she continued her connection with the residents living in sheltered care at Ribbonwood (now a MASH Trust facility). Margaret has been involved with Refugee Settlement, Prison visiting, and with her late husband Gavin, a strong supporter of the Church in Tonga. Margaret and Gavin took their children to Tonga for a stint when Gavin was doing volunteer work there.

Margaret has given so much of her energy and time to others less fortunate than herself. Our grateful thanks and prayers, along with our best wishes, are with her. Thank you, Margaret, for all that you've done and continue to do for our community.



Margaret and Gavin in Tonga, 1975

UPDATE FROM VINNIES HOKITIKA

Busy times, new tools & fresh ideas

FACEBOOK PAGE – We now have a container for storage of furniture and household items. To assist with the sale of these, we have set up a Facebook page. If you are thinking about it, you just need to ensure you have the official logo.

ONLINE BANKING – We can now offer our clients online banking and this is working well. Guidelines were drawn up to assist us all, in this process. Having such a long official title we chose not to offer this to clients but allow them to put in what suits them. This shows as an alert, but this can easily be by-passed to enable the transaction to go through.

APRONS – Just last week we were very excited to get our aprons! An option for everybody, with just over half the volunteer staff taking the opportunity at this stage. It helps with identification and offers some hygiene. Purchasable from: Hawkes Bay Embroidery & Print. Apron \$20 Print \$10 approx.

BAGS of RAGs and RAG BAGs – The re-purposing of pillow cases. (PC) There always seems to be a surplus. We sell a 1/2 PC, BAG of RAGs for \$3 and a PC, RAG BAG for \$2. Depending on your pillow case pattern, you can have the opening facing the front or back, for ease of re-loading. Cut an access hole of any shape and wherever you fancy.



Visit our facebook page by searching 'Vinnies Hokitika'



LEAGUE, LOYALTY & LIFTING EACH OTHER UP

How Vinnies Auckland West is backing young players, their families, and a future full of kindness

I saw a lady crying at League training when dropping some things to my daughter. Asked if she was ok and she told me League training had kept her son off the streets where he was hanging out with boys she didn't like but they couldn't afford to keep him in.

I spoke to my daughter who said it was sad but there were 7 kids in their team struggling financially and team was fundraising to help them.

So Auckland West sponsored their whole teams gear, fees, and we did a drive for boots which we got for those who needed it. My daughter picks up, up to 8 kids each weekend because petrol costs are also an issue.

By sponsoring, it not only saved the dignity of the families we wanted to help but the kids feel like a family. They love it. The kids use their bags for school and their training gear (t-shirt and shorts) and hoodies are worn everywhere! Our logo is on all the gear and they proudly wear it. The exposure around Auckland has received great feedback and generated lots of enquiries.

So far, we have 6 new members, 4 Associate members and 2 new shop volunteers.

Part of the deal was for the kids to pass on an act of kindness, and as a group we are cleaning up a rest home. The boys (10 year olds) said they also want to do a project where they can sing for the elderly so we are planning that now.

We have recently been invited to have a stall at the Club's Family Day where all teams play at the same fields throughout



Above: The Marist Saints under-10s in their new Vinnies-sponsored gear. Left: Vinnies and Marist Saints logos side by side on the team's backpacks used for both school and sport.

the day. There will be around 600 players with their families at the grounds. I've downloaded all the Vinnies brochures from the Website and these will be displayed within our branded gazebo, with our flag out front.

We're also holding a free sausage sizzle for the kids. The exposure is gold!

Paula Betham
Auckland West Area Council President

PAPANUI CONFERENCE

A Small Miracle

Today I ran into a neighbor who I was familiar with from seeing him walking his dog around the neighborhood. He was at Church and seeking the next Mass. On greeting him He told me that a few weeks ago he had passed by the local Vinnies store and seen a couple of books about Jesus and Mary in the free bin outside. He picked them up and took them home and saw them as a sign that he should return to the practice of the Faith that he had neglected after a career of working on Sundays. He did come to Mass, went to Confession for the first time in many years, and plans to continue.

So, a small miracle occurred the day when those books were tossed into the free bin at Papanui Vinnies... that led to a return to the Faith.

We should not under estimate our Society's shops as a means of spreading the good news even if we appear to be operating in a spiritually parched social environment. In this case God was working even though our shop volunteers did not realize it. Deo Gratias.



Cardinal Dew: The one word that changed a life

One word. One word, which changed the life of one cardinal.

I knew I was going to hear a word – one word only – but I still waited with bated breath to hear it.

There had already been immediate applause as we cardinals counted the votes in the ballot on the afternoon of May 8. The counting had not been completed, but as it became clear that Cardinal Robert Prevost had enough votes to become the new Bishop of Rome, the applause that filled the Sistine Chapel was as deafening as it was enthusiastic.

We all knew that we had a new Pope, but protocol called for the voting process had to be completed.

Cardinal Prevost was then formally told that he had been elected and asked if he accepted the will of the gathered Cardinals.

Then came the one word: **“Accepto.”**

I found it a very powerful moment. This man was one of us; yet, to me, it was very clear that this was the work of the Holy Spirit. With that one word, he was prepared for his life to be dramatically changed. He knew that this was to be his way from then on – to give his life in love and in service, both to the Church and the wider world.

With humility and gratitude, he accepted a calling which meant that his whole life would be public and would never be the same again.

Pope Leo’s “accepto” calls us to pray for him and support him daily with our prayers. He is a man of deep holiness.



Pictured above: Pope Leo XIV with Cardinal John Dew (NZCBC)

Indeed, his knowledge of who he is in God’s eyes enabled him to make his acceptance response.

This was now a renewed response to the original invitation he heard from Jesus many years ago when he heard the call of Jesus: “Follow me.”

We will pray for him in every Mass that is celebrated, but please look for other ways to support him with your prayer as he faces what will be challenging decisions, but ones that he knows will be guided and driven by the Holy Spirit.

Only about 45 minutes after he had spoken his “accepto” and told us that he would be known as Pope Leo XIV, we each had the opportunity to greet him. I told him that I would pray for him in a special way every day. Please join me in that prayer of support for him.

Spirit-filled moments in Rome

I will never forget hearing that one word – “accepto” – but there were several other moments of those days which were also powerful and Spirit-filled. The day of the funeral of Pope Francis, the days of prayerful

mourning for him, the fact that 70,000 people visited his tomb the day after his burial; all of these spoke deeply of how much he was loved and respected.

Then there were the days leading up to and including the actual conclave. One of the most memorable moments for me was the procession from the Pauline Chapel into the Sistine Chapel for the beginning of the conclave. As we began to move, we also began to join in the singing of the Litany of the Saints. It was a prayerful and a powerful time.

As I heard the Litany, I realised that it had been extended and now included by name all the Popes who have been formally canonised. To hear their names and to know that the cardinals of today were doing what had started in the Sistine Chapel with the first conclave to take place there in 1492 was mind boggling.

The Litany concluded and was then followed with the singing of *Veni Creator Spiritus*, pleading for the presence and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. I was very conscious of the fact that this was not just a matter of writing down a name; we made a solemn oath that we would be voting for the one we truly believed was the man chosen by God. We renewed that oath each time we put our ballot paper into the container, all unfolding in front of Michelangelo's famous painting of the Last Judgement. This could not be done any way other than prayerfully.

Accompanied in prayer

While we were singing the Litany of the Saints, I was very aware that we were being accompanied in prayer by many people in New Zealand whom I had invited to pray the Litany of the Saints as we prepared to elect a new Bishop of Rome. I was overwhelmed by the generosity of people who responded to that invitation to pray to all the Saints, imploring their prayerful intercession. I knew that there were individuals, families, diocesan staffs, parish groups and many people who accompanied us with that powerful prayer. I take this opportunity to say, "Thank You".

As 133 of us processed into the Sistine Chapel, accompanied at that stage by the Sistine Chapel Choir, I was filled with gratitude and with the awareness that we were not on our own. The Spirit of God was guiding us, and many millions of people around the world were supporting us.

The Good Shepherd

When I was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Wellington, Cardinal Tom Williams asked me if I had a bishop's ring. I didn't, of course.

He showed me some rings that had belonged to previous bishops, including one with the Good Shepherd on it which had belonged to Cardinal Delargey. Cardinal Delargey had ordained me on Good Shepherd Sunday in 1976, so I said I thought that would be an appropriate ring to wear.

I wore it for about five years until one day a priest commented and told me he thought I had a real cheek wearing a cardinal's ring. I had no idea at all that cardinals were given special rings. I stopped wearing it at once – until I was entitled to wear it when I became a cardinal in 2015.

My own ring, the one presented to all cardinals appointed by Pope Francis, has an image of Sts Peter and Paul. However, as I was hurriedly preparing to leave for Rome, I decided to take the Good Shepherd ring with me. I did not wear it, but every day during the meetings, and during the conclave itself, it was safely in my pocket.

I touched that ring often, reminding myself that we were looking to elect someone as the Bishop of Rome, as the successor of Peter and someone we would all be hoping and praying whose life would be modelled on the Good Shepherd.

That ring was a powerful reminder to me of what we were about. I believe that, with the help of your prayers, we have elected a man whose life has been shaped and formed completely by Jesus, that Good Shepherd.

A Life of Service: Frances Grey's Story



Frances Grey has lived a life defined by compassion and commitment to others. Born in 1926 in Ōtāhuhu, she grew up in a household where helping the less fortunate was simply a way of life. Her parents, deeply devoted to their community, instilled in their children that supporting those in need was not optional - it was a duty.

"I came from a very charitable family. My father, especially, was known for helping immigrants in our neighbourhood."

From a young age, Frances was aware of the good works of the St Vincent de Paul Society, an awareness that would grow into a lifelong connection.

After completing her education at St Mary's College, Frances joined the Catholic Youth Movement, founded by the late Cardinal Delargey, and began her early involvement with St Vincent de Paul. This connection would deepen through her 32 years of dedicated work at Catholic Social Services (C.S.S.), where she regularly partnered with the Society to provide essential material support to struggling families.

Frances fondly recalls one particularly meaningful case: a young 18-year-old refugee from Sudan who came to C.S.S. seeking help. Thanks to the support of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, the young woman received accommodation assistance while she studied, eventually becoming a qualified nurse. Today, she works back in Sudan, helping displaced people in refugee camps.

"It was one of the highlights of my life that I was able to be involved in helping her."

A Quiet Force for Good

In addition to her work at C.S.S., Frances played a foundational role in the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC), established in 1970 by Dr Pat Dunn and Professor William Liley. As a founding member and



Pictured: Frances Grey and Michael Kerridge, serving at the counter at the Onehunga Vinnies Op Shop

sometimes committee secretary, she often relied on the quiet but powerful support of St Vincent de Paul, which helped many women choose life during difficult times.

For the past 15 years, Frances has been a much appreciated volunteer at the Onehunga Vinnies Op Shop. Retirement didn't slow her down, instead, she saw a need and naturally stepped in to help. *"I was always aware of the St Vincent de Paul organisation,"* she says, *"and it was a natural progression for me."*

What she enjoys most about the shop is the people, meeting them, helping them, and sharing in their stories. One memory stands out: a woman who had been through a traumatic family situation came into the shop for support. Drawing on her C.S.S. experience, Frances was able to guide and assist her. That woman remains in touch to this day, a testament to the lasting impact of kindness.

Frances is the longest serving volunteer at the Onehunga Vinnies shop and has seen the shop evolve over the years. *"It's improved greatly, and you can still find marvellous bargains,"* she says with a smile. But it's the people, the volunteers and customers alike, who bring her joy.

A Humble Legacy

When asked what keeps her motivated, Frances points to her upbringing. Volunteering, to her, simply means *"being useful to people."* It gives her a deep sense of purpose and worth.

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"Vinnies helps people quietly. We don't advertise what we do, but we help a lot of people."

Through her time with Vinnies, Frances has learned invaluable life lessons about the quiet power of service.

In March 2024, much to her embarrassment, Frances received the **Vincentian Cross** as recognition of the quiet work she has been doing to help others for so many years. Frances is a humble and inspirational person, who with kindness and compassion just gets on with what is needed to make a difference.

For those considering volunteering, Frances is encouraging:

*"Be involved! It's very worthwhile work.
The more people we have, the better."*

Looking ahead, Frances hopes that young people will step up and become not just volunteers, but active members of the charity's future.

"Join a society or charity that helps others. Don't just volunteer - get involved, help with decision-making, and keep the mission alive."

When asked to sum up her experience, Frances simply says:

"I have a feeling of contentment and fulfilment that I have been able to help both at Catholic Social Services and the St Vincent de Paul Society."

And her secret to a long, meaningful life?

"A happy family, and not being afraid of hard work."

THE ENGINE ROOM – WE'RE AT YOUR SERVICE

What is the difference between the **National Council** and the **National Office** of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in New Zealand?

The National Council serves as the primary decision-making body for the Society, setting policy, making strategic decisions, and providing governance oversight.

The role of the National Office, on the other hand, is to be the administrative arm that carries out the wishes and decisions of the National Council, handling day-to-day operations, coordination, and support services for Councils and Conferences across the country. In a nutshell the National Office exists to serve.

All financial resources and assets are held in Area Council and Conference bank accounts and managed in accordance with the needs of local communities and the mission of the Society. The annual consolidated accounts tabled at every AGM belong to Area Councils and not to the National Office. The only source of income National Office receives is through levies and the occasional Bequest or donation.

What do your levies support nationally? Levies fund national compliance services that keep the Society running effectively and enable Councils and Conferences to focus on their mission and service to those in need. Those services include national resources, communications, branding, IT, accounting and consolidation, insurance, centralised policies, legal advice and national campaigns, all helping to achieve consistency nationally, ensuring all parts of the Society have the tools and support they need to serve effectively.



"Charity must never look to the past, but always to the future, because the number of its past works is still very small and the present and future miseries that it must alleviate are infinite."

– Frédéric Ozanam



Farewell to a great supporter



Remembering Bishop Owen Dolan – a man of deep faith, practical compassion, and joyful service

The Society of St Vincent de Paul lost a strong advocate and supporter with the passing of Bishop Owen Dolan, Coadjutor Bishop of the Palmerston North Diocese, at the age of 96.

Our sympathies go out to members of his extended family, his brother bishops and priests, and to his many friends.

Bishop Owen was a vital part of the Society for 20 years and was the Society's spiritual advisor for many years. It was a role he cherished and we were the beneficiaries of his wisdom, discernment and deep spirituality.

He attended the International Assembly of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, held in Rome 3-5 June 2016. There were National Presidents from well over 100 countries present at the Assembly.

Bishop Owen was much loved and respected by members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. As many Vincentians will know, he was a bright, cheerful man with a ready sense of humour who didn't take things too seriously. Grim-faced, rule-based Christianity was not for him.

His brand of practical Christianity, applying the Catholic faith to everyday situations and challenges, fitted well with the mission and spirit of the Society. He was always willing to roll his sleeves up and help out. He was available to anybody who needed him.

His great gift was his humanity and openness which he brought to the challenging role of being a bishop. You could talk to him easily. Nothing seemed to shock him. We were very fortunate to have him, not just as a fellow Vincentian, but as a mentor and spiritual guide for so many years.

Bishop Owen was ordained a priest in 1954 and his first appointment was to Petone parish as a curate. As a schoolboy in Petone, I remember him coming to the parish. Everybody thought he was the bee's knees – a young man with energy, enthusiasm and a fantastic memory. I met him again some 50 years later and he



Bishop Owen Dolan meets Pope Francis during his 2016 visit to Rome.

could still tell me where we lived in Petone.

He went on to work in a number of parishes and served as a missionary in Peru for five years from 1973-78. His work as a missionary among people suffering extreme poverty profoundly impacted and shaped his priestly life.

On his return to New Zealand he resumed parish life and was made Vicar General to Cardinal Tom Williams.

In 1995 he was appointed Coadjutor Bishop to the Diocese of Palmerston North.

Bishop Owen will be remembered as a man who thoroughly enjoyed his priesthood of more than 70 years, going on to be the oldest priest in New Zealand. He said his experience of growing older "has been a happy one, a peaceful one – no distressing things at all."

His life was one of priestly dedication and compassion. To us in the Society, Bishop Owen has been an ongoing inspiration as well as a fellow traveller.

May he rest in peace.

Gerry Stevens – National President, Society of St Vincent de Paul New Zealand

BISHOP OWEN DOLAN 30 September 1928 – 28 April 2025

Rest in Peace

Patricia Ann (Pat) Cairns

RIP 30 May 2025

It is with a very heavy heart we acknowledge the death of our dear Pat Cairns.



Pat has been a stalwart of St Vincent de Paul and committed parishioner of St Mary's Blenheim for many years. She took on the job as Shop Manager, was President of the local Conference of St Vincent at least twice and was a committed Vincentian. Pat willingly gave up her time to visit those in need, was a compassionate straight talker, with great common sense. A wonderful supporter of the Marlborough Foodbank her energy seemed boundless. Our sincere condolences are extended to Stephen and Rachel, Warren and Kat and Alana, her grand children, great grandchildren and especially her sister Margaret and other siblings. Pat, your charity, humour, infectious smile and sound advice will be sorely missed. Rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon you.

Lorraine Walker

Marlborough Area Council President

Kevin Anthony Willis

31 December 1962 - 13 April 2025

Kevin was a member of the St Benedict's Conference for many years before it went into recess.

At times he was just as much a client as a member as his very generous heart often got him into difficulties better avoided. His compassion was expansive.

May he rest now in peace and arise in glory.

Therese Cecilia McAra

RIP April 2025

A long-time member of St Patrick's Conference, Napier, a past president of our conference and volunteer at our Vinnies shop, Therese passed away suddenly during April.

Therese had the ability to reach out and give assistance to those in need in our community with grace and a smile. Through her work at the Vinnies shop, Therese was the welcoming face behind the counter. She came into contact with people from all walks of life, some coming in on a regular basis for a chat because they had no-where else to go.

They always seemed to know what days she worked and her cheerful demeanour would help brighten up their day.

Therese was non judgemental, generous with her time and always willing to go that extra mile.

Therese will be sadly missed as a valuable member of our conference and Vinnies volunteer.

Arthur Joseph O'Leary

RIP 22 June 2025, Plimmerton

Arthur O'Leary passed away peacefully on 22 June 2025.

Arthur's life was defined by love for his family and commitment to those whose lives he touched. His quiet strength and warmth will be remembered fondly by all who knew him. Arthur was a great supporter of the Society. May he Rest in Peace.



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"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

- Helen Keller