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**Press Release**

**St Vincent de Paul Society NSW appoints new Chief Executive Officer**

The St Vincent de Paul Society National Council has appointed Graham West, former NSW Minister for Juvenile Justice and Minister for Youth and Volunteering as the new CEO of the NSW State Council of the Society.

"I am delighted to be able to announce this appointment," Mr Syd Tutton, National President of St Vincent de Paul Society said yesterday. "Graham has been a member of the Society since he was a boy, and brings to the role a passionate commitment to social justice and excellent working knowledge of the community sector of NSW.

As the former member for Campbelltown, Graham represented one of the youngest areas of the State and is deeply committed to St Vincent de Paul Society's Mission to stand with people who have been pushed to the margins," Mr Tutton said.

Mr West said he was looking forward to commencing the role in the new year.

"The St Vincent de Paul Society has long played an important part in the life of my family and many others in NSW.

Every year it helps thousands of families and individuals in need with food, shelter, support and friendship and provides a voice to the most disadvantaged in the community.

It has an unrivalled network of tireless volunteers who deliver these services throughout NSW, supported by a team of dedicated staff and I am looking forward to serving them in the role of CEO.

The St Vincent de Paul Society has given me so much over the years, and has shaped my desire to work in the community with those in need since I first got involved as a 17 year old. It is also where I met my wife Tanya, 18 years ago, at a St Vincent de Paul Youth Conference in Armidale.

This role is an opportunity to repay the enormous debt of gratitude that I owe the Society and its Members."

Mr West will take up his position as CEO of St Vincent de Paul Society NSW in early 2011.

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