

SVDP-USA YOUNG ADULTS

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA

"A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need."

WHO ARE WE?

We are young adult members in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, changing the world through our faith, service, and friendship through an international network of charity.

"It is our vocation to set people's hearts ablaze, to do what the son of God did, who came to light a fire on earth in order to set it ablaze with his love."

- Blessed Frederic Ozanam

DID YOU KNOW SVDP WAS STARTED BY COLLEGE STUDENTS?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was started in Paris, France in the year 1833 by a small group of college students. Challenged to show how they live their faith, they began gathering together to pray and serve their community. Nearly 200 years later, you can join in their tradition.

OUR FOCUS



FAITH

*Putting our faith into action.
Seeing Christ's face in those we serve.
Sharing, Reflecting, and Praying*



SERVICE

*Personal interaction with friends in need.
Empowering the voices of the poor.
Pursuing a charitable and just world.*



FRIENDSHIP

*Making meaningful, life-long friendships.
Encouraging and supporting one another
on our journeys in faith.*



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WHY SVDP

What makes the Society of St. Vincent de Paul different?

- **We are one of the oldest charitable organizations in the world.**
- **We are a Catholic Organization**
The ability to strengthen our faith through community and service work.
- **We are an International Organization**
153 countries worldwide. An International Family. Part of something bigger than ourselves.
- **We are Committed to the Poor**
Personal service and Advocacy.



Get started

LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Food Pantries
- Soup Kitchens
- Midnight Runs
- Poverty Simulations
- Immersion Experiences
- Advocacy
- Home Visits
- Fundraising
- Collections / Drives
- Community Events

NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- National Video Calls
- Annual Service Day
- Annual Assemblies
- Annual Pilgrimages and more...

"They [the poor] will appreciate your kindness and your love more than all else you bring them."
- Blessed Rosalie Rendu

TIPS FOR GETTING STARTED

- Identify leader or point person for the group
- Get permission from your pastor, campus minister, or activities coordinator
- Connect with local, district, & national Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Connect with SVDP Young Adults on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter
- Start with a small group, more will join once you get started
- Pick a day and time, and meet consistently
- Word of mouth is the key to getting more members
- Pray and have fun

"I want all young people with both head and heart to assemble for some charitable work."
- Blessed Frederic Ozanam

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

Do you have a young adult conference? Are you looking to Start one?

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SVDP FACTS



INTERNATIONALLY

153 countries
5 continents
800,000 members
30,000,000 served



NATIONALLY

100,000 members
4,400 communities
155 dioceses

SVDP PROVIDES

- Basic Necessities
(food, medications clothing, toiletries)
- Housing Assistance
(rent, security deposits, electricity, heating)
- Poverty Education
- Disaster Recovery
- Advocacy
- Friendship & Faith
and more...



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