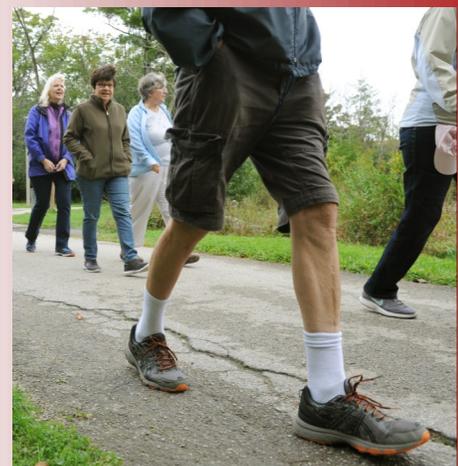




"Igniting the Fire"



*2019 Annual Report
St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee*

OUR HISTORY

In 1833, Frederic Ozanam, organized a small group of college students in France, in visiting the poor in the Paris slums. He chose St. Vincent de Paul as the patron saint of their endeavors, because of the saint's dedicated vocation to the poor. A decade later, several Milwaukee Catholic parishes established similar groups of volunteers, and a council was formed in 1914, legally incorporated in 1917. The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee now has professional staff members, and a large assembly of volunteers, who reach out through one-on-one visits with individuals, as well as facilitating meal programs, and other services that benefit the poor.

OUR PROGRAMS

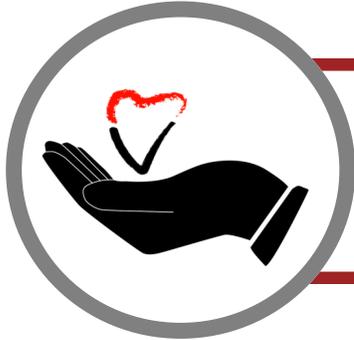
Back2Work: This new program will train and prepare the unemployed to pursue a career in the skilled trades. In partnership with ProjectReturn and Milwaukee Community Service Corps, we are eager for the growth of this transformational program.

Meal Program: The Milwaukee Council of SVDP operates a free Meal Program at two sites, five nights per week at Harambee Kitchen (2600 N. 2nd St.) and six nights per week at Crossroads Kitchen (931 W. Madison St.). Volunteers from Milwaukee and surrounding communities, of all ages and faiths, give of their time, talent, and treasures in helping to provide, prepare, and serve the meal for those who are hungry in our community.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Through home visitations, over 750 volunteers establish one-on-one supportive relationships with individuals and families who need basic necessities such as food, clothing, new beds and furniture. These volunteers also provide companionship, a listening ear and compassion. Additionally, volunteers in this program operate food pantries, and visit the sick, the elderly and the imprisoned.

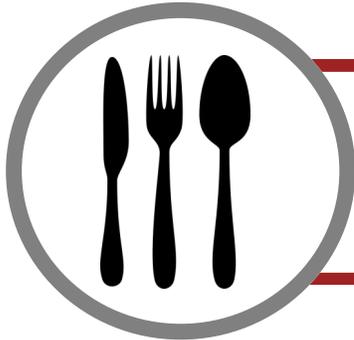
Thrift Stores: Through donated merchandise from the community at large, the SVDP thrift stores, located at 2320 W. Lincoln Avenue, in Milwaukee, and 4476 S. 108 Street, in Greenfield, benefit our friends in need in a number of ways, including, fulfilling certificates for clothing, new beds and household merchandise which are issued by volunteers during the Neighbors Helping Neighbors home visitations. In addition, the stores provide quality merchandise to budget-conscious, and low-income shoppers. Any program revenue generated supports other charitable works of the Society.

Last year, your generous support provided...



\$1.8 Million

Goods & services to people in need



66,610

Warm, nutritious meals served



11,843

Meals served to children



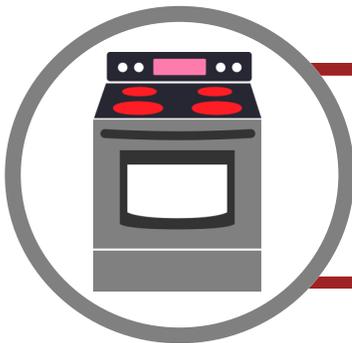
13,894

Home visits made to individuals
and families

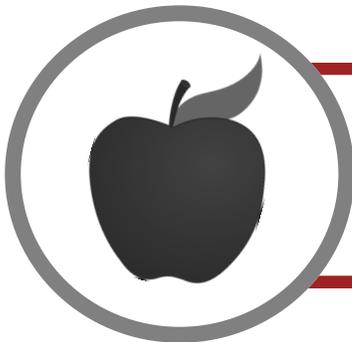
This year, your generous support will provide...



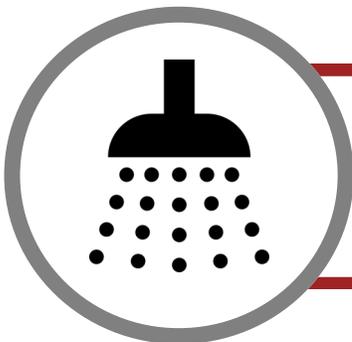
New mattresses for children and adults, many of whom have no other option than to sleep on the floor of their home



Repurposed stoves, refrigerators, and basic household necessities that increase food security



Nutritious meals for hungry individuals and families throughout Milwaukee County



“Healing Waters” Shower Program - at our SVDP south meal site location - offering hot showers to homeless neighbors

Meet Brenda

"MY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STORY"



My name is Brenda and I received emergency services from SVDP. This is my story...

"I was a parishioner at SS. Peter and Paul parish, newly divorced with a full time job and a toddler. I had decided to go back to school and finish my degree so I could support my son. My pay covered rent, insurance, and childcare but there was nothing left for groceries. When I went to apply for food stamps, I was told "Come back when you quit your job." I did not see that as an option.

I spoke to the late beloved Father Jack Kern, and he set me up with the SVDP Society at my parish. The couple who ran it were so kind. They gave me vouchers for milk and fresh fruit at the grocery store and brought frozen food over once a week for a year. We never knew what we were going to get but we sure were grateful. At Christmas time, they brought a gift, a little bowling set for my son. How he loved it!

Within a year I was back in college, and had gotten some grants and also was in the SHARE meal program so I could afford groceries. The sweetest thing was that the SVDP folks would stop by every so often just to make sure we were still doing alright, just in case. It mean the world to me.

I eventually finished both my bachelors and Master's degrees at UWM. I wrote the history of St. Mary's Hospital while still in grad school. I met a wonderful man when my son was in middle school, we married and bought a house in Shorewood. Our son got his degree at Loyola University and now works for the Milwaukee Bucks.

"My happy life and wonderful son are the direct result of the help I got from the SVDP Society."

I will never forget their kindness, and will support them for the rest of my life."

Vincentian Services

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

In 2019, our Vincentians made nearly **14,000** visits to individuals and families in need - providing food, clothing, furniture, and household appliances. Parish Vincentian groups operated food pantries and visited sick, elderly, and imprisoned members of our community.

Last year ...

- SVDP Milwaukee was supported by **639** incredible member volunteers
- Vincentians volunteered a total of **86,499** hours
- **13,894** visits to homes, senior care centers, prisons and other non-home locations were completed



Giving from the Heart



Meal Program

WARM MEALS FOR HUNGRY FAMILIES

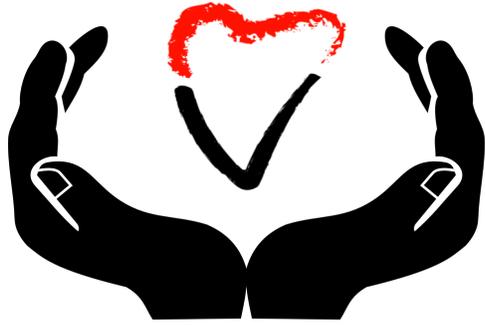
In 2019, SVDP Milwaukee's Meal Program was depended upon by more than **66,000** children and adults throughout Milwaukee County. Community volunteers and Vincentians cooked, prepared and served hot and nutritious meals.

Last year ...

- SVDP Milwaukee served **66,610** warm and nutritious meals to families in need at our two meal site locations
- **11,843** of total meals served were to children
- **6,826** hours were volunteered
- As part of our Healing Waters Shower Program at our south side site, **1,631** guests were provided with a hot shower, clean clothing and restored dignity.

Our program serves as one of only a handful of locations in Milwaukee where people, often experiencing homelessness, can take a free shower.





Giving from the Heart



Thrift Stores



AFFORDABLE MERCHANDISE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

The SVDP thrift stores catered to the needs of budget-conscious shoppers. Through our stores, people who were given gift certificates by Vincentians had access to high quality, donated clothing, new beds, furniture and household items.

Last year ...

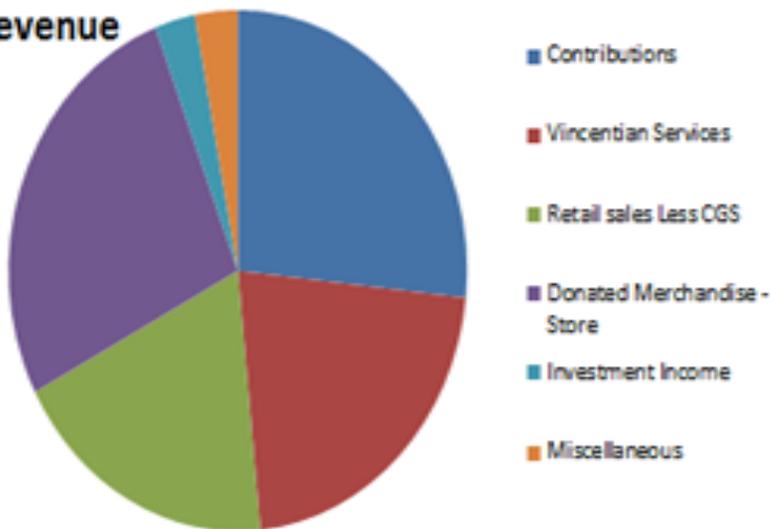
- SVDP Milwaukee's two thrift stores gave **\$64,393** worth of items to those in need
- **2,297** store gift certificate vouchers were redeemed
- A total of **5,921** store volunteer hours were completed



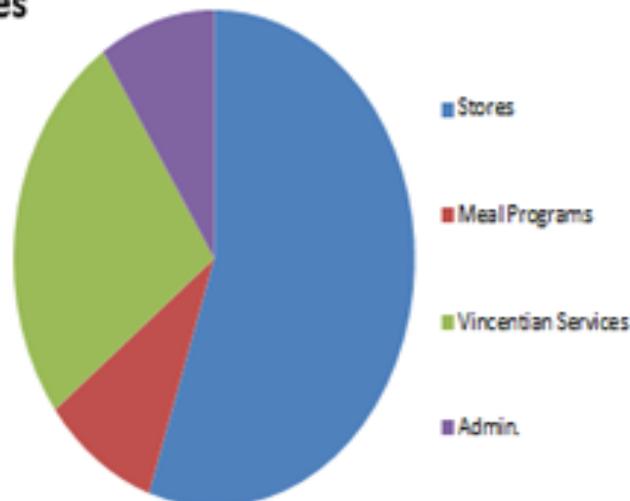
Financial Report

BALANCE SHEET			STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS			
Assets	2019	2018	Revenue	2019	2018	
Cash	\$641,658	\$454,347	Contributions	\$1,027,243	\$499,460	27%
Investments	3,172,972	3,063,628	Vincetian Services	838,437	745,012	22%
Accounts Receivable	31,998	2,988	Retail sales Less CGS	726,310	628,833	19%
Inventories	220,944	226,372	Donated Merchandise - Store	1,035,036	965,504	27%
Prepaid Expenses	40,326	51,284	Investment Income	109,333	180,468	3%
Property and Equip	3,611,568	3,831,729	Miscellaneous	<u>115,906</u>	<u>94,647</u>	3%
Other	<u>443,915</u>	<u>415,454</u>	Total Revenue	\$3,852,265	\$3,113,924	100.00%
Total Assets	\$8,163,381	\$8,045,802				
			Expenses			
Liabilities			Stores	\$1,882,725	\$1,678,365	55.28%
Accounts Payable	\$86,004	\$52,568	Meal Programs	316,499	292,032	9.29%
Accrued Liabilities	185,845	84,973	Vincetian Services	888,997	688,056	26.10%
Mortgage Payable	1,778,917	2,261,703	Admin.	<u>317,581</u>	<u>315,248</u>	9.32%
Other Payables	<u>484,980</u>	<u>465,386</u>	Total Expenses	\$3,405,802	\$2,973,701	100.00%
Total Liabilities	\$2,535,746	\$2,864,630				
			Change in Net Assets	\$446,463	\$140,223	
Net Assets	\$5,627,635	\$5,181,172				
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$8,163,381	\$8,045,802				

Revenue



Expenses



Meet Our Council Office Team

Natalie Bousquet

Administrative Specialist

Melanie Critton

Intake Coordinator

Deborah Duskey

Executive Director

Michelle Martin

Director of Finance

Rebecca Surges

Director of Development & Communications

Donna Wallace

Store General Manager

Maria Welz

Vincentian Services Coordinator

Peggy West

Meal Program Manager

Meet Our Board of Directors

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A Prayer to Ignite the Fire Within

O God, you provide us with light to guide us on our life's journey and to guide the St. Vincent de Paul Society (of Milwaukee). We recognize that light as an ember in our hearts and we ask for help to fan that flame to be a beacon of hope for the pathway of our brothers and sisters in need.

We ask for your wisdom, strength, and courage to open our minds and hearts as you did to ignite the servant leadership of our society founders. Help all of us to see where transformation in our own lives can bring us closer to You. Help us to know that growth occurs through transformation as well as the willingness to accept new challenges, ideas, and opportunities.

We also thank you for those called to use their gifts in this ministry of service, our Vincentians, as well as for those who support the SVDP Society.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

**Please consider volunteering or making a gift to further
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